

**MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
12994 CENTRAL AVENUE
MAYER, ARIZONA 86333**

**Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Session
May 9, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

Joe Mish, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Joe Mish, Kevin Jones, Pat Champion and Rita Macdonald were present. Gordon Nelson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Rita made a motion to accept the minutes of April 11, 2013. Pat seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Paul Coe said he had left a letter with Board members at the last meeting and assumed the matter was taken care of. He also wanted to know if there was a bidding process to go through for the work being done if it was over a certain amount and how the District goes about it.

Kathy King said she would like to request posting the agenda on a Friday, not the Wednesday prior to the meeting. She said there is one regular meeting a month. She said that she knows legally that it is 24 hrs. but feels that employees should stay the extra two hours on a Friday and get the agenda put out. Joe responded that the reason it doesn't go out on Friday is because there are always last minutes changes to the agenda.

Elizabeth Davison said she feels that 24hrs is sufficient, otherwise she wouldn't be on the agenda today.

Joanne Coe said that the agenda can be revised as many times as you need. Can always put revised on the agenda so people would know that it has been changed. She also had a question on item #11-hiring Alex Cohen for the audit. She said there was no dollar figure and wondered if that would be discussed.

Frank Soto asked the Chairman what his policy was on employees using the company vehicle for personal use. He said he understood that Casey had a little accident awhile back and had a head injury. His concern was regarding the company insurance. He also said that maybe that's what keeps his eye blinking all the time.

BOARD REPORTS:

Pat said that Shiela has turned in the report to ADWR to get the CAP funds. She said there should be a release soon.

Joe said the project is coming along really well. He said that he and Casey met with the County for the next phase on the Jefferson project. Joe said the County had plans to repave the road and Joe asked if that could be put off and they said no, this project had to be completed by the end of May. He

said the County said we could just add to the Main St. project and that way the District wouldn't need a new permit. Joe said that this project was costing about \$40 to \$50 per foot. Pat pointed out that if the job had been put out to bid it would be closer to \$100 per foot. Pat said in answer to Paul Coe's question; by doing the work in house the District doesn't have to go out to bid.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager's report: Casey said they repaired 3 leaks but that most of the energy has been spent on the Main St. project. He said out of 2300' they have 300' to go. He said by the time they are done they will have 7 hydrants in.

Office report: Heather said the budget will be ready within the next two weeks. She said the accountant came in that afternoon and was finishing tying in the accounts.

Pat made a motion to accept the Manager and office reports. Kevin seconded. The Board voted, all in favor.

Financial report: Rita wanted to know why Stephen O'Bresly was being paid mileage. She said she had a problem with that seeing the conflict that is going on with him right now. The Board tabled the financial report until the budget was done.

Shiela Schmidt's opinion on the Lucas well: Pat said this issue was supposed to be on last month's agenda. Pat said that Rita had issues and didn't like the way she had voiced her opinion. Rita said the paperwork wasn't done properly. Pat said that Shiela had to backtrack due to the way the paperwork was done for the sale of the property/district. Pat said that the contracts that were written were not specific. Pat said Rita looked up David's well and it still in Mayer Water District's name. There was some discussion that there were actually three wells on the O'Bresly property. Pat made a motion to accept that the Lucas well belonged to Mayer Water District according to Shiela's report. Rita seconded. Kevin was opposed. Motion passed two to one. Rita said that the well has always been called the Lucas well and that Mayer Water District has the water rights to the whole property.

Item #8 tabled.

Status of bookkeeping training and cost of: Heather said so far for the accounting to straighten out Quickbooks it has cost \$700. Heather said that the accountant was in today do more updates. The accountant did say that even though not all accounts were in the right category, all the dollar figures were right. Rita made a motion to accept the report on the accountant. Pat seconded. The Board voted, all in favor.

Tour of the wells with the public and the Board with Casey (Rita): Joe said he had a serious problem with taking the public out onto private property only because it opens the District up to a lawsuit if someone tripped or something else. Rita said she would like to go out and see where the wells are. Casey said he and another employee would take her out when she wants.

Hiring Alyx Cohen for the audit of 2012/2013: Pat said she has an issue with starting another audit while going into a new accounting system. She would like to have a full year under our belt before the next audit. Rita said she doesn't have a problem as long as she can come into the office any time she wants. Rita made a motion to hire Alyx Cohen. Motion died for lack of a second. Item tabled so the Board could look at this further.

Addressing the letter that was mailed out to Mayer Water District customers, Elizabeth Davison would like to speak: Elizabeth Davison from Poland Junction introduced herself and said she had some

questions regarding the letter that was sent out to the District's customers. She said it was brought to her attention and she would like the truth from the Board. Elizabeth said she is a very private person, she asked other people's opinions on if she was a private person. She then asked the Board members and staff "who is Stephen O'Bresly?" Rita said he was the landowner. Pat said that she has been on the Board for 5 years and that it was always assumed that Mr. O'Bresly was the well owner. Joe said that he was a water user and a property owner. Kevin said he is a property owner where the Lucas well is located and that he has always been a volunteer. Casey said he is a friend and that he is a volunteer and does a lot for the District. Heather said he is a volunteer and has always been there for the District. Elizabeth proceeded to ask Heather if she was sorry for her actions in assisting in filling out the form. Heather said yes. Pat said that no one was giving away any wells and no one was giving away any assets. Pat pointed out once again that ADWR was just a registry and that anything more would have to be done legally. Rita continued to go on about Heather and the well. Pat and Joe said that the Lucas well situation had been rectified but Elizabeth said that Heather still should have been punished. Rita said she should have been fired. Next, Elizabeth said that she has 12 properties here and she wants to make sure that it will still be okay to live here and the water system will be updated. She said according to the paper there is a deficit to water and income. Joe said the current Board has done more and gotten more work done. Joe said when he first started there were no attorney bills. Now there are attorney bills due to the CAP fund from when the District sold the water rights to Scottsdale. He told Elizabeth that at one time there was a Board member that had the annuity in her name. Joe told Elizabeth that there are plans for the CAP monies such as the arsenic treatment, a new tank and the pipe line. Elizabeth asked about the financial report that showed a deficit of 16%. Heather told Elizabeth that the District has been in the red before, such as 2003, 2004 and 2005. Elizabeth brought up the violations stated in the letter. It was pointed out to Elizabeth that the copies were not \$25 per page, but rather \$1 per page and \$25 per hour, which was voted on by the Board. Elizabeth again stated that it was in her best interest to ask questions. She said the Board was ultimately responsible for the betterment of the District. She asked everyone how seriously they took their positions and all replied that they took them very seriously. She questioned the 'No Trespassing' signs. She was told that they were there for after hours and when the gates were open people knew they could come in. She thanked the Board for their time.

Ralph Stone had a water leak on his side, wants the District to split the bill: Mr. Stone said his was disappointed about the false accusation of having a water leak. Said it was brought up that it could have been stolen. He brought up that he is retired military and said he is always home. He said it was mentioned that his toilet might be leaking. He said no. He said his property has many shut off valves but he only has one valve open to the house. He said again that he is retired military. He said he made the offer to pay half the bill. Pat said she has sympathy for his situation but doesn't feel it fair that the public should pay for it. She said that as a courtesy the District came out to help him look for his leak. She said that what goes thru the meter is the customer's responsibility. Paul Coe interrupted and said this was ridiculous and said he would pay the other half. Kevin asked Casey what kind of meter it was. Casey said it was mechanical. Mr. Stone was offered the option to have the meter pulled and tested but if the meter turned out to be functional he would have to pay \$75.00. Pat made a motion to deny paying half of the bill. Rita seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Pat made a motion to adjourn. Rita seconded. The Board voted, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.