

**MAYER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
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**Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Session
February 14, 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:

Pat made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2013. Kevin seconded the motion. The Board voted, Pat and Kevin for, Rita opposed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Frank Soto, Oak Road, said the Lucas well situation has brought out a lot of situations in the water district. He said he was very disappointed. He said he came to the office and was denied access. He said Mr. Hackett came to him and said the District spent money on his situation. He said that the Board should resign and the District should not be giving the wells away. He said he was disappointed the Board did not reprimand the employee. He also made a comment about a dog sniffing up ladies dresses.

Margie Good stated that on the action item of changing the rates that she had the well reports to show what the wells are pumping. She also stated that the district should be checking the amperage in order figure out what they really are pumping. The District needs to take the measurements on what the gallons are pumped. She said there was nothing to prove an unstable water table. She also was asking for the immediate resignation of Joe Mish and Pat Champion.

Ethel Barnum stated she has been a water user for over 20 years. She said it was like the District has two boards. The original one was doing a fine job. And then there is Rita Macdonald's board.

Joanne Coe said that the whole well situation is out of hand. She said that dealing with Mr. Hackett and the lawyer's fees were not transparent and should have not been in closed office. She said that the District finances were not good and also asked for the resignation of Joe Mish and Pat Champion.

Pat Champion said she was going to respond to the criticism. She said in regards to the well, the lawyer is working on the situation.

Richard Hackett stated that he had information on getting a water meter put in on Wilderness Hill. He said he had a contract stating he could get a meter. He told Joe that Joe had cost the District all the money on the settlement.

Kathy King said respectfully, she has attended the meetings for the past year. She said the board meetings have a process. She does not approve of the Board members talking before and after the meetings. She does not approve of the agendas being posted 24 hours in advance of the meetings as she works in Camp Verde and she cannot get to the post office before 6:00 p.m. She asked the Board how do you expect "us" to trust you? Kathy wants the minutes on the web site up to date.

Margie Good stated that in regards to item # 12 on the agenda there should be a policy in place. She said that the Manger should show a better attitude-a reflection to show that he understands his position.

Gloria Croissant , 12805 Hill St., said she has lived here for years. They had a renter that was behind in their water bill and would appreciate it if the water district would tell the property owner when the tenets are behind on their water bill. She said she is asking for the late charge to be taken off the bill.

BOARD REPORTS:

Rita stated that she thought there was transparency on the board and that was not happening.

Kevin said it would be a good idea to put a board outside of the fence and have the agenda posted there. He said that he hoped we could all work in a positive manner. He said he has seen this drought go on for 14 years and would like to address the situation. He would like the community to work together on this. He said he appreciates the input from the community.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manger's report: Casey said that he repaired 3 leaks. They did 2 meter change-outs. He said the Jacobs tank fill line froze up and broke. They repaired that this week. The Terrell #1 line from the well froze and it took 6 days to thaw out. The sand-filter was frozen for three days. Casey said that 5 customers froze up with leaks on their side. It was mostly absentee owners. There was a total of 280,000 gallons of water which equals almost 3 tanks full, or about 4 days of production. He said it was hard to keep the tank full. Casey said Mark and Michael had finished enlarging the Gate and Cliff pump-houses for the arsenic treatment system. Rita made the comment to Casey that his reports were not detailed enough. She said from now on she wants to know everything he does except go to the bathroom. She said she also did not appreciate seeing Casey and his men trimming the trees at the Elder's center. She said that he should do that on his own time. Casey replied that she was only one board member. She replied that she is the only board member asking questions and that she is the only one who is transparent. Kevin made a motion to accept the Manager's report, Pat seconded the motion. Rita was opposed.

Financial report: Pat made a motion to accept the financial report. Kevin seconded the motion. Rita said she was disappointed in the review, that it was awful. She opposed the motion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Will wait until all members are present.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Rate restructure for emergency rate increase due to unstable water resources.

Pat said that the Daily Courier just printed an article on the drought situation. Rita said she wanted a professional opinion. Pat said that the District needs to be proactive in managing the water situation. The topic of the Lucas well was brought up and Joe said that it would not be talked about as it was in the hands of the attorneys. Rita said that the citizens need

transparency. Pat said that the District needs to realize that there is an issue. Kevin recommended doing a study on the drought issue. Maybe to have the hydrologist that was here before come back out. Joe said to put this issue on next month's agenda.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Sheri Sheply Whitehorse, water bill due to leak: Ms. Whitehorse was not present. Rita asked what the period of time was for the leak. Casey said it was after the last meter read and happened after the last freeze. Kevin said if need be, put a lien on the property.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Richard Croissant, outstanding water bill left by tenant. Kevin voted to waive the late charges but that the water bill must be paid. Pat seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor.

DISCUSSION: "All board members and public need to be informed of issues concerning the Mayer Water District in an open meeting."(Rita) Rita said that the meeting time for the upcoming meeting was an inconvenient time for most people. She said the District was still not being transparent. Kevin said that the meeting was a learning experience and that the Board would be able to pass on the information.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Consultation with the Mayer Water District attorney needs to be approved by the Chairman or the Clerk of the Board: Pat said that the attorney commented that she had been put in an awkward position by Rita calling her and asking for advice. Rita said she would like to meet with the attorney and the whole Board together.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: The Mayer Water District watershed. Kevin said that he has been working on the cleaning up of the watershed for the past two years. He would like to see the community come together and clean up the garbage in the creeks. He would like to see the chemicals from years ago cleaned out of the watershed also. He is hoping that someone in the community who has a teaching background will step forward and help educate the public.

MOVE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION- A.R.S. 38-431-03(A)(1)-Personnel Matters: According to Rita Macdonald and audience member Joann Coe this item was not properly put on the agenda. Pat asked Heather if she would like to have this item brought out in open meeting. Heather said fine. This item was in regard to the Lucas well issue in which Rita claimed that Heather was sneaky and underhanded and gave away the Lucas well. Rita said that Heather should have been fired. Pat asked Heather to explain what she did. Heather told the Board that she did down load the ADWR form for Carol O'Bresly. Heather said she did not sign the form which is what Rita is accusing her of. Kevin stated that he has known Heather for seven years and does not believe she did anything malicious.

The employee will say that this item should not actually have been discussed because if it was not properly put on the agenda for executive session then it was not put on properly for regular session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Pat made a motion to adjourn. Rita seconded the motion. The Board voted, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.