

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MAUMELLE
SUBURBAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 500, A/K/A MAUMELLE WATER MANAGEMENT**

**October 12, 2010
4:30 p.m.**

Commissioners present

Dave Kaufman, Chairman
Ralph Kearney, Secretary

Managers present

Barry Heller, General Manager
Tina Richardson, Bus. Manager
Todd Crook, Wastewater Manager
Bryan Smith, Water Manager

Attending

Vaughan Hankins, MWM legal counsel
Fred Oswald, Consulting Engineer
George Glenn, City Liaison
Mayor Mike Watson
Alderman Jamie Stell
Alderman Burch Johnson
Peggy Cromwell, Citizen

Call to order/ Roll call

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Commissioner Peyton and City Liaison Randolph Polk were absent.

Approval of Minutes

After review, Chairman Kaufman motioned to approve the Minutes of the September 14th meeting as written. Commissioner Kearney seconded the motion, and motion passed.

Financial report

The Board next reviewed and discussed the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period ended September 30, 2010 with explanations of various items given by Mr. Heller. Mr. Heller stated that the WSP&D fund will be significantly reduced next month as he is purchasing the remaining well valves needed to complete the well rehab project.

Manager's report

Water Plant Update

Electrical Rehab

Mr. Heller stated that the electrical improvements have been completed.

Treatment pilot study

Mr. Heller stated that the alternate treatment study will begin on Tuesday of next week.

Wastewater Plant Update

Hydrogen sulfide readings

Mr. Heller stated that the hydrogen sulfide levels are still lower than 5 ppb.

Southwest Section of the AWW&WEA Conference

Mr. Heller than announced that the conference will be held October 31st in Hot Springs if any of the Commissioners were interested in attending.

Old Business

Mayor Mike Watson – Rate Ordinance

Mayor Watson explained to the Board that at the city council meeting of September 20th, the city council deferred voting on the ordinance due to certain citizen and council member concerns such as; 1) there are no term limits for Commissioners; 2) the process of how Commissioners are appointed to the Board; 3) the number of Commissioners on the Board. Mayor Watson said that the citizens of Maumelle do not feel that the water commissioners are accountable to anyone.

After in depth discussion, the Commissioners agreed to meet with the city council to discuss these issues and to work with them to try to resolve their concerns within the legal boundaries that govern the District. Mayor Watson will try to set a meeting date in late October or early November and he will appoint a facilitator for the meeting.

Mayor Watson stated that when the District came to the city council back in the spring with the last rate increase request, the council only approved a portion of the rate increase and said that it would readdress the remaining portion of the request after the summer months. Mayor Watson assured the Board that the city will address this issue at its next council meeting.

Audit Review and Questions

This item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Odor Control Update

On May 25, 2010, at a meeting with residents who live in the Country Club of Arkansas development in Maumelle who were experiencing wastewater odors in their area, Mr. Heller informed them that the District would research other possible treatment processes that could possibly help the odor situation.

Mr. Crook traveled to Dallas, Texas, and toured wastewater facilities that are using a “Bio-Filtering” process to help dissipate sewer odors at their treatment plant facilities. Mr. Crook, Mr. Heller, and Mr. Oswald believe this process could help the District with its odor problems as well. Mr. Crook will research the cost of this process.

New Business

Short and Long Range Capital Improvements Plan

Mr. Heller informed the Board the current five year plan has expired, and due to changes on both the long and short range plan, he is revising the plan and hopes to have a finished report available at the next regular meeting.

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will be meeting in the near future to review the District’s current rate structure and financial needs. The Board stated that they would like the city to appoint a member of their choosing to also sit on the committee. Mayor Watson stated the city council would do so at its next council meeting.

Bond Requirements discussion

This item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Engineer’s report

Meeting with NLRWW

Mr. Oswald and Mr. Heller have a meeting scheduled with representatives of North Little Rock Wastewater to discuss some possible boundary issues and other things.

Water Treatment Plant Pilot Study

Mr. Oswald said that he will be submitting information to the Arkansas Department of Health concerning the District's desire to begin the pilot study program for treating the District's water with Sodium Hydroxide rather than the current lime treatment. Mr. Oswald does not want to change the treatment process without the health departments consent.

Attorney's report

Verizon Lease Termination Negotiations

Mr. Hankins reported that he has received a draft Lease Termination Agreement from Verizon's attorney accepting the District's counter proposal of a \$6,250.00 termination fee, and conveyance of the generator and transfer switch to the District.

After discussion, Mr. Hankins will not respond to Verizon until Mr. Heller has inspected the generator and transfer switch to make sure they are in working order, and coordinate with Verizon's representative on how the decommissioning of the site will be handled.

Property Exchange Agreement – West Maumelle Limited Partnership

Mr. Hankins stated he has received revised draft documents from WMLP for the easement which was a condition of the District's agreement for the property exchange. Mr. Hankins will distribute the documents to the Commissioners for review.

At the District's last meeting, Commissioner Peyton stated she had no objection to the property exchange; however, she did not want to close on the exchange until all improvements on the property had been completed and a final plat had been submitted and approved. The Board passed a Resolution stipulating this condition at that meeting. WMLP is requesting the District reconsider this decision and allow the closing to happen as soon as possible as they are wanting to start development on a portion of the property.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Kaufman stated he did not want to change any part of the Resolution since Commissioner Peyton was absent and could not be a part of the discussion.

Mr. Hankins will distribute revised draft documents and contact Commissioner Peyton to discuss WMLP request.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kaufman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kearney seconded the motion, and motion passed.

Approved this ___ day of November, 2010.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Tina Richardson
Assistant Secretary

Dave Kaufman, Chairman

Mary Peyton, Vice Chairman

Ralph Kearney, Secretary

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