

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

**March 9, 2010  
4:30 P.M.**

**Commissioners present**

Dave Kaufman, Chairman  
Mary Peyton, Vice Chairman  
Ralph Kearney, Secretary

**Managers present**

Mike Thomason, General Manager  
Barry Heller, Asst. General Manager  
Tina Richardson, Business Manager  
Bryan Smith, Water Manager  
Todd Crook, Wastewater Manager

**Attending**

Stuart Hankins, MWM Legal Counsel  
Fred Oswald, Consulting Engineer  
Randolph Polk, City Liaison  
George Glenn, City Liaison

**Call to order/Roll call**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. with all Commissioners present.

**Approval of Minutes**

After review, Commissioner Kearney motioned to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Motioned was seconded by Commissioner Peyton, and upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.

**Financial Report**

The Board then reviewed and discussed the financial report for the period ending February 28<sup>th</sup> with explanations of various items given by Mr. Thomason. Mr. Thomason stated that Tank and Well Repairs were approximately \$30,000 dollars over budget due to several wells needing repair, plus it includes the treatment of wells 1 and 2, and the water tank inspection.

Mr. Thomason pointed out that the company's health insurance premiums were lowered by 3% for the 2010 year.

### **Manager's report**

Mr. Thomason next updated the Board concerning the ongoing projects, i.e. the Water Treatment Plant structural repairs, and the Sludge de-watering operations.

### **Old Business**

#### *Vac-Con truck bid*

Mr. Thomason stated the District was outbid on the Vac-Con truck.

#### *Policy regarding theft of services*

Mr. Thomason explained that a Memorandum was found that was sent to builders and contractors in September of 1999 explaining the District's policy regarding connections being made to the system without being paid for. However, Mr. Thomason stated that no record could be found showing Board action concerning this issue. After further discussion, Mr. Thomason recommended, and the Board agreed, that the District's legal counsel research what the District's recourse could be and to work with the General Manger to develop a policy to bring to the Board for review and approval.

#### *Rate Workshop*

Mr. Thomason next led a discussion about the rate workshop he had with four of the city council members. Mr. Thomason informed the Board that the Mayor requested Mr. Thomason to make the same presentation in a public forum. Mr. Thomason also stated that he was also going to make the presentation to the industries of Maumelle.

Mr. Thomason informed the Board that he had received a telephone call from the Mayor, just before the District's board meeting, advising Mr. Thomason that the city aldermen were contacting him (the Mayor) telling him that they are getting a lot of calls and emails from their constituents and that they cannot possibly support three 5% rate increases. The Mayor then requested Mr. Thomason to ask the District's board to consider one 5% increase now, and revisit the issue in the fall after the summer months.

After discussion, the Board agreed unanimously, that due to the District's low funds availability, the dire need for capital improvements, and the need to build reserves, the District needed to move forward with the current requested rate increase.

**New Business**

All new business was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

**Engineer’s report**

Mr. Oswald stated he had nothing to report at this time.

**Attorney’s Report**

Mr. Hankins informed the Board that the District’s liability insurance carrier has appeared on the District’s behalf and has filed an answer in the Kevin and Iris Hunter sewer backup case. Vaughan asked Stuart to inform the Board and staff, that if they are contacted by an attorney with the District’s liability insurance carrier, to direct them to Vaughan.

Mr. Oswald asked Mr. Hankins the status of getting all of the District’s properties identified. Mr. Hankins stated that he has obtained a stack of title searches but he has not had the time to review them.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Commissioner Peyton seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

**Approval**

*Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010*

**Respectfully submitted**

**Approved**

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**Tina Richardson**  
**Assistant Secretary**

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**Dave Kaufman, Chairman**

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**Mary Peyton, Vice Chairman**

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**Ralph Kearney, Secretary**