

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

**June 8, 2010
4:30 P.M.**

Commissioners present

Mary Peyton, Vice Chairman
Ralph Kearney, Secretary

Managers present

Barry Heller, Interim G.M.
Tina Richardson, Business Manager
Todd Crook, Wastewater Manager
Bryan Smith, Water Manager

Attending

Vaughan Hankins, MWM legal counsel
Fred Oswald, Consulting Engineer
George Glenn, City Liaison (Arrived at 5:05 p.m.)
Mayor Mike Watson, City of Maumelle
Jamie Stell, Maumelle City Alderman
Greg Rayburn, Maumelle Monitor

Call to order/Roll call

Commissioner Peyton called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Kaufman was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of the Minutes of the May 11th meeting were tabled until the next regular meeting as Commissioner Kearney was not present at that meeting, and Commissioner Kaufman was currently absent.

Financial report

The Board next discussed and reviewed the financial report for the period ended May 31, 2010 with explanation of various items given by Mr. Heller. Commissioner Kearney wanted clarification as to why the Liability insurance cover was 46% over budget. Mrs. Richardson explained that when the policy renews each year, the company is required to pay a 20% down payment for the current year coverage. That amount has not been included in the budget figures in the past. Mr. Heller stated he would include this figure in all future budgets.

Manager's report

Mr. Heller then updated the Board on the rehabilitation of the wells; the electrical rehab and remodeling of the water treatment plant; the sewer sludge dewatering and hauling process; and advised the Board that he is currently working on plans for needed lift station repairs.

Mr. Heller also informed the Board that he and Mr. Oswald are going to review the District's current "Short and Long Term Plan" and create new priorities to bring back to the Board for review and discussion.

Old business

Sewer Surcharge Out-side City Limits

At the direction of the Board at its last meeting, Mr. Oswald surveyed how other municipal utilities establish service rates for customers outside of their City limits. After discussion, and based on Mr. Oswald's research, the Board agreed that the surcharge of \$8.00 per month for outside of city limits customers appears to be more than fair. (Copy of Mr. Oswald's memo attached as Exhibit "A").

Mike Thomason Memorial

After discussion, the Board approved the renaming of the training facility building to the "Mike Thomason Training Facility Building". The staff will also look into the cost of a memorial fountain.

Odor Meeting

After meeting with 25 to 30 residents of the Country Club of Arkansas area that have been affected by sewer odors emanating from the wastewater plant, Mr. Heller and Mr. Oswald reported that the District is going to set up monitoring sites in the area and purchase a portable monitor to record concentration levels. The results of the monitoring levels will be posted on the District's web site for the customers. According to Mr. Heller, as treatment processes improve, the odor should subside, and the District is looking into planting some sort of vegetation, i.e. bamboo, etc. to create a buffer between the treatment plant and the affected areas.

Liaisons on Web Site

Mr. Heller is still working on a narrative that will be reviewed by Stuart Hankins before it will be posted to the web site.

Hiring of General Manager

Since Chairman Kaufman was absent, this item was tabled until all Commissioners can be in attendance.

New Business

Media Interaction

Commissioner Kearney stated that he has concerns that the harmonious relationship the District has had with the media over the last several years is eroding due to, according to the District, some inaccurate statements that have appeared in the media lately. Commissioner Kearney suggested that the media might want to confirm information with the District, when something is being reported concerning District affairs.

Greg Rayburn, reporter with the Maumelle Monitor was in attendance. Since Mr. Rayburn was new to the District's meeting, Commissioner Peyton introduced all of the individuals attending the meeting to Mr. Rayburn.

Engineer's report

Mr. Oswald reported that there has been no progress made since the last meeting on the water treatment plant third floor improvements. He stated that a letter has been sent to the contractor stating that they have until June 26th to complete the project before liquidated damages will be assessed. Mr. Oswald stated he does not think it will come to that.

Attorney's report

Mr. Hankins stated that Stuart has met with Maumelle city attorney, JaNan Davis regarding the District's financial situation as it relates to the city's Ordinance #271 rate increase issue. As soon as Mrs. Davis meets with the Mayor, she will get back with Mr. Hankins.

Other business

The Chairman recognized Mayor Watson.

Mayor Watson stated that he has met with Mrs. Davis and briefly discussed the rate increase issue. The Mayor and Mrs. Davis will meet again to have a more in-depth discussion and Mrs. Davis will contact Stuart with the outcome.

Mayor Watson next stated that West Maumelle Limited Partnership is going to submit a revised preliminary plat of the Osage Terrace Addition to the City Planning Commission in July and

requested someone from the District to review the plan to make sure everything has been properly surveyed and accurate concerning the District's future tank site area. Commissioner Peyton stated she would review the plat.

At this time Mr. Heller thanked the Mayor and Mr. Stell for attending and their participation in the District's meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peyton adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Respectfully submitted

Approved

Tina Richardson, Asst. Secretary

Mary Peyton, Commissioner

Ralph Kearney, Commissioner