

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

May 11, 1998

Wilson Room
Tohono Chul Park
7366 North Paseo del Norte
Tucson, Arizona 85704

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Jim Doyle, Chair
 Jim Tripp, Vice-Chair
 Herb Johnson, Member
 Sam Ray, Member

Board Members Not Present: Martha Cramer, Member

District Staff: Mark R. Stratton, General Manager
 Joyce E. Osborne, Recording Secretary
 Lisa Chase, Legal Counsel

Regular Session

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Jim Doyle called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Jim Tripp, Mr. Herb Johnson and Mr. Sam Ray were in attendance. Ms. Martha Cramer was not in attendance.

II. Presentation to Board of Award from the Arizona Water And Pollution Control Association

Mr. Mark Stratton, General Manager, presented the AWPCA award for outstanding contribution for the District's distribution system for mainline replacement undertaken through the central Tucson area. The award was given to Chris Hill, Utility Superintendent, at the Arizona Water and Pollution Control Association (AWPCA) conference in Chandler, Arizona earlier this week. Mr. Stratton applauded the work of the Utility Division and acknowledged staff for the work that they have done.

III. Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes - April 13, 1998 Board Meeting.**
- B. Approval of Minutes - April 24, 1998 Joint District and District Municipal.**
- C. Property Corporation Board Meeting.**
- D. Ratification of Billing Adjustments.**
- E. Approval of Water Service Agreement - Sterling House Assisted Living.**
- E. Approval of Agreement of Services with Barbara's Interiors and Workroom for New Office Building.**

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. General Business - Items For Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Tripp requested that all agenda items A, D & I requiring action be discussed first since he had to leave the meeting early.

- B. November 3 Election.**
 - 1. Resolution 1998-2 - Approve and Authorize an Election for the Purpose of Electing Members of the Board of Directors to Fill the Seats currently held by Martha Cramer, James Doyle and James Tripp to be held on November 3, 1998.**

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve Resolution 1998-2 to authorize an election for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors to fill the seats currently held by Martha Cramer, James Doyle and James Tripp to be held on November 3, 1998. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 2. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for Conducting the Election.**

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for conducting the election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ray and it passed unanimously.

C. Approval to Increase Security Deposit for Fire Hydrant Meters.

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve the increase of the security deposit for fire hydrant meters from \$500 to \$1,500. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey on the Lower Cañada del Oro Basin Aquifer Storage Change Monitoring Project.

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to contract between the United States Geological Survey and the District for a survey on the Lower Cañada del Oro Basin Aquifer Storage Change Monitoring Project for a time extension until September 30, 1998. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

F. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with URS Greiner for the La Cholla Transmission Main (M-96-13) Design

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with URS Greiner, Inc. for the La Cholla Transmission Main (M-96-13) Design for a new expiration date of August 28, 1998 at no additional cost. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

G. Approval of Purchase of Tandem Axle Dump Truck and Back Hoe Trailer.

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve the purchase of a tandem axle dump truck and backhoe trailer from I-10 International and authorized the District to enter into a 4-year lease-purchase agreement for the amount of \$1,869.76 per month. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

H. Ratification of Lease-Purchase Agreement of Four District Vehicles.

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve a lease-purchase agreement with GMAC for 4 District vehicles at a cost of \$2,390.13 per month. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

J. Resolution 1998-3 Participation with the Tucson Regional Water Council to Provide In-Kind Services for the Regional Effluent Planning Partnership.

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve Resolution 1998-3 to participate with the Tucson Regional Water Council to provide in-kind services for the Regional Effluent Planning Partnership. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ray and it passed unanimously.

At this point in the meeting agenda items A, D & I were addressed and discussed.

A. Financial Report.

There was no discussion regarding the financial report.

Mr. Tripp left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

D. Presentation of Findings from the Cañada del Oro Recharge and Recovery Project Feasibility Report.

Mr. Mark Myers, Consultant to the District, gave a brief summary of the various studies that were done for the feasibility report for the Cañada del Oro Recharge and Recovery Project. He explained that through the feasibility study, the District achieved certain goals including gaining information on the CDO water shed that did not exist prior to 1992, discuss a viable long-range renewable strategy, build regional cooperation, and enhance the credibility of the District as a viable regional and statewide player. After three years of studies, the CDO project seems to be a viable one from all perspectives including habitat, environmental, recreational, regulatory and legal. More technical work is needed to examine the impact of the Ft. Lowell formation on recharge. A augmentation grant proposal to the Arizona Department of Water Resources is to address those concerns. A major concern that needs to be analyzed is how the make up of the groundwater will change over time due to the introduction of the CAP water. The governing bodies will need to determine from public participation, economics, and technical issues how to proceed with this project.

I. Discussions with the City of Tucson regarding Effluent.

Mr. Stratton reported that he had met with the City of Tucson Staff regarding the District wanting to obtain right of ownership to effluent generated from the District. The City is wanting to obtain a compensation for effluent based on its interpretation of the 1979 intergovernmental agreement between the City and Pima County. Mr. Stratton asked if the Board would like him to continue discussions with the City.

Mr. Ray asked what impact the proposed Casas Adobes incorporation would have on the effluent issue. Mr. Stratton explained that if Casas Adobes incorporates, the Town could enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County for sewer service. The Town would then make decisions on how to deal with effluent.

Mr. Ray recommended that the General Manager pursue whatever avenues were available and bring back the needed information to the Board for approval so that the Board can be kept abreast of all issues and facts concerning the effluent issue.

K. Legislative Update

Mr. Stratton explained that there is not much happening but that Bill 2307 did pass and a letter was sent by the District's lobbyist encouraging the governor to sign.

VI. General Manager's Report

Mr. Stratton said he had nothing additional to report under the General Manager's report.

VII. Legal Counsel's Report

Ms. Lisa Chase, Legal Counsel for the District, reported that the Central Arizona Water Conservation District approved the transfer of the CAP allocation from the City to the District. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation then must approve the transfer. Once completed, the Superior Court approves the settlement. Legal Counsel will ensure that all the process and review periods are properly completed.

Ms. Chase reported that Pima County Board of Supervisors met in executive session to pursue the delinquent tax issue and stated that by law the lien was extinguished against the District. However, the Board of Supervisor's also authorized the pursuit of monies that were not paid to the County. This may involve the District being named in the lawsuit, though it is already known that the district did not receive the monies.

VIII. Future Meeting Dates: Future Agenda Items:

The next regular scheduled Board meeting will be on June 8, 1998


VIII. Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



James O. Doyle, Chair of the Board

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board