Mayer Water District

Regular Board Meeting
Date: November 21, 2024 **Time:** 6:00 pm

1.0 MEETING OPENING

1.1The meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m. by Chair, Kathy King.

Roll Call: Kathy King - Present, Shasta Guthrie – Present via Zoom, Keith Francen - Present, Kevin Jones – Present, Trish Pittman - Present

Staff Present: Bob Hanus and Carrissa Anderson

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 No public in attendance

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Guthrie requested to amend meeting minutes from September 26th. King moved these to the agenda as item 5.2.

Jones moved to accept the September and October 2024 financials and October 8th Special Meeting Minutes.

King seconded the motion.

The motion passed: 4/0

3.0 ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFF REPORTS

3.1 Chair Report – King reported that she enjoyed having the booth at Mayer Daze and interacting with customers and informing them about EyeOnWater. She attended RWAAZ Conference, which was very informative. The new bathroom part is in and Rick will install soon. Started breaking ground this week on the ARPA Grant project. We have more information on the WIFA Grant and Flood Control reached out to us. They have more money for us for projects.

3.2 Field Administrator Report – Hanus reported on sampling for the month and quarter are complete. The crew is working on finishing up winterizing the sites and the Badger meter replacements. Hanus also included a water quality summary in his report.

3.3 Business Administrator Report – Anderson reported on the continuing customer audit. The office and field crew are working to follow up on Beacon alerts for backflows and leaks. Anderson is also working with Beacon to help make the system more efficient with notifications.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEM

4.1 Executive Session (*Executive session per A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03 (A)(1)) discussion with District Attorney regarding Board Meeting Procedures.

The Mayer DWID Board reserves the right to move into Executive Session on any agenda item pursuant to A. R. S. § 38-431.03(A) for consultation or legal advice with the attorney of the public body.

Approved by the Board on _____. Signed by _____.

King moved the Board enter Executive session. Jones seconded.

Motion Passed 4/0

Board entered Executive session at 6:17p.m.
Board exited Executive session at 6:56 p.m.

4.2 Discussion and possible action to nominate Board Clerk
King nominated Kevin Jones as the new clerk. Francen seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3 Aye: King, Francen, Jones /1 Nay: Guthrie

4.3 Discussion and possible action on WIFA Grant Resolution #112124

King clarified the Board had already voted to apply for the WIFA Grant. This is the next step to sign the resolution.

Guthrie moved. Jones seconded

Motion Passed 4/0

4.4 Discussion and possible action on independent contractor agreement for Chief Operating Officer

King proposed that the District accept a one-year contract for AJT Solutions/Jerry Postema as Chief Operating Officer and displayed an organizational diagram to the Board stating it would provide stability and minimize micromanaging and chain of command issues with Board members and staff. King pointed out; it is really an extension of his services not a new position. This is the responsible action to take as AJT Solutions has extensive experience, is already being paid by the grants as our Grant Coordinator and with minimal district funds we can try out this organization model, fill in gaps, and stabilize our operations.

King moved to hire Jerry as the COO contingent on Legal Counsel's approval.

Guthrie asked permission to make a statement.
"The sudden proposal to create an unbudgeted position and contract with anyone to serve as COO has not been discussed by the Board as a whole.

The duties or services to be provided also need to be discussed and agreed to by the Board. The services proposed in the draft contract are apparently in Exhibit A, which was not provided so there has been no opportunity for the board or our attorney to review or discuss. An incomplete contract should not be voted on.

It is usual and customary to post jobs and contract opportunities, and to interview top candidates.

The contract that Jerry has proposed names AJT as the contractor, not Jerry. In section 11, he clearly provides for one or more other individuals to perform some of all the services at his sole discretion."

King responded he cannot hire anyone without Board approval.

Motion Passed 3 Aye: King, Francen, Jones/1 Nay - Guthrie

5.0 OLD BUSINESS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEM

5.1 Update on Lucas Well litigation. (*Executive session per A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03 (A)(1))

No update at this time.

5.2 Amendment of September 26th minutes.

Guthrie moved to amend the September 26 minutes, item 4.2, to reflect discussion that the District cannot run raffles, needs to buy their own supplies like candy and publicity, and that Board members aren't to donate to District operations.

No second. Will be added to the next agenda.

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 December 19. 2024 at 6p.m. will be the date for the next Regular Board Meeting.

6.2 January 18, 2024 at 10am Budget Work Session

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Jones moved to adjourn. King seconded.

The motion passed 4/0

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Approved by the Board on _____. Signed by _____.