



1                                   **MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
2                                   **of the Board of Directors**  
3                                   **Marana Domestic Water Improvement District**  
4                                   **of Pima County, Arizona**

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6                                   May 11, 2009  
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8   The Board of Directors of the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District of Pima  
9   County met in regular session on May 11, 2009 at the District Office, 16560 West El  
10   Tiro Road, West Building, Marana, Arizona.

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12   **1.       Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

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14   Ms. Cummings:       Welcome to our regular monthly meeting of the Marana  
15                                   Domestic Water Improvement District. The date is May 11,  
16                                   2009; the time is 7:03 p.m. and we'll call the meeting to order.  
17                                   Please stand. Mike would you like to honor the Pledge of  
18                                   Allegiance?  
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20   The Pledge is said.

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22   **2.       Roll Call**

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24   Ms. Cummings:       Lisa, roll call please?

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26   Ms. Sieglaff: Ms. Ball-Cummings?

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28   Ms. Cummings:       Present.

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30   Ms. Sieglaff: Mr. Tony Sostarich?

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32   Mr. Sostarich:       Present.

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34   Ms. Sieglaff: Mr. Don Peetoom?

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36   Mr. Peetoom:       Present.

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38   Ms. Sieglaff: Mr. Mike Young?

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40   Mr. Young:       Present.

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42   Ms. Sieglaff:       Mr. Gary Kendrick is absent tonight. Sig Danielson, our System  
43                                   Manager is here, Mrs. Danielson is here and Mrs. Sostarich is  
44                                   here and I'm Lisa Sieglaff the Board Clerk.

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46   Ms. Cummings:       Thank you Lisa. Number 3.

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48   **3.       Consent item – approval of April 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

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2 Ms. Cummings: Does anyone have any additions or corrections?  
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4 Mr. Peetoom: I make a motion that we approve them.  
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6 Mr. Sostarich: I'll second.  
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8 Ms. Cummings: The motion's been so made; call for roll call please?  
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10 Mr. Peetoom: Have a roll call.  
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12 Ms. Sieglaff: Mr. Sostarich?  
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14 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.  
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16 Ms. Sieglaff: Mr. Peetoom?  
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18 Mr. Young: Yo.  
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20 Ms. Sieglaff: The Minutes are approved as written.  
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#### 22 **4. System Manager's Report**

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24 Ms. Cummings: Mr. Danielson?  
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26 Mr. Danielson: We have a major problem with the El Tiro well. Your Board of  
27 Directors' packets contains e-mail correspondence with the  
28 Weber Group and a thing by Thom Martinez. We need to  
29 replace the top motor bearing, re-shim the wellhead and inspect  
30 the shaft below the wellhead. I have a drawing here that  
31 explains this repair, however, most of you have seen it. If you  
32 want me to I'll go through it again.  
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34 Mr. Sostarich: I've seen it.  
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36 Ms. Cummings: And I've seen it.  
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38 Mr. Danielson: Okay. If anybody wants to I can go through it afterwards.  
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40 Ms. Cummings: Thank you.  
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42 Mr. Danielson: We are looking for a backup motor for use in an emergency and  
43 this morning we had a gentleman volunteer who is  
44 knowledgeable on motors and has a lot of troubleshooting  
45 equipment. He has offered to come over and check the motor  
46 for us and the price is absolutely reasonable. It is free.  
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48 Ms. Cummings: Great.

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Mr. Peetoom: Who is the gentleman?

Mr. Danielson: Tom Hall. He works for El Paso Natural Gas. Okay April billing included 144 late notices, which is average, and we did 3 shut offs in April for non-payment, which is much lower than average.

Accounts payable	\$39,441.22
Accounts receivable	34,004.81
Gross/Loss	(5,436.41)
Balance brought forward	
MDWID balance at Pima County	5,516.59
WIFA Reserve account	20,474.21
RD General account	201.86
RD Reserve account	14,048.41
O & M account	9,036.31
RD Replacement account	7,640.57
RD Bond account	32,977.39
Bills pending balance	2,422.80

That concludes the Manager's Report. And I will make the comment is the reason we are negative \$5,400.00 for last month is because it was a three payday month in April and the payroll every two weeks amounts to \$5,800.00 for the staff.

Ms. Cummings: Thank you Sig.

Mr. Danielson: Okay. May I interject one other thing? You've got a Memorandum in that packet from me. I was questioned at the last Board meeting about the January fringe benefits in the office. You can see we – where the fringe benefits were paid. Social Security retirement, life insurance, medical was two months, the Social Security which is – the Social Security and Medicare, that payment is made the week after the last payday for the month so - and then the retirement is paid the week after each payday and the remainder are invoiced by the insurance carriers. So it's entirely possible for us to pay three pay periods worth of benefits, at least Social Security and retirement, in one pay period and one the next month. And that's something that's been going on and actually drives me nuts at times because it's hard to do. Then the other thing is the office traffic – and I gave you the June numbers, which were 40% by mail, 27% by drop box and 33% by mail. Theresa Hicks reminded me this morning that we already redid that survey in December. And I said okay and looked at it and mail was 38%, down 2%, drop box was identical, 27% and 2% more people coming in to the pay window. That concludes the Manager's report.

1 Ms. Cummings: Thank you very much. All right. Mr. Martinez...  
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3 Mr. Danielson: Is not present.  
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5 Ms. Cummings: That's number 6, number 5 excuse me. May we give him a little  
6 time or what do you think?  
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8 Mr. Danielson: I can try calling him.  
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10 Ms. Cummings: You want to try calling him?  
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12 Mr. Danielson: If you want to continue on.  
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14 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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16 Mr. Danielson: Let me run out the door and see if I can give him a call and see  
17 if he's hung up somewhere or what.  
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19 Mr. Sostarich: Do you want to move on to item 6?  
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21 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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23 **6. Discussion and possible action concerning Personnel**  
24 **Policy Manual**  
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26 Ms. Cummings: We need to take a vote on to go back to May of 2005 since the  
27 new one that the past Board Members did was with the lawyer  
28 and the financial situation is like it is I think that we should just  
29 go ahead and go back with the 2005 and then later down the  
30 road we can get back on it if we would like to. That's up to the  
31 Board.  
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33 Mr. Sostarich: I haven't read the 2005 one myself. I thought we were going to  
34 vote on this draft here whether to adopt it or not.  
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36 Ms. Cummings: That's the 2009?  
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38 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah. Have you read this?  
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40 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
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42 Mr. Sostarich: Don?  
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44 Mr. Peetoom: Yes.  
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46 Mr. Sostarich: The only thing I find that is outside what we discussed was the  
47 office hours.  
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1 Mr. Peetoom: We spent six months to try and get it.  
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3 Ms. Cummings: Well I want the 2005 and it's less than what that is there. I'd like  
4 to see it.  
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6 Mr. Sostarich: I don't think we have time to go through this whole thing.  
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8 Ms. Cummings: Well no but just glance at it. It's relatively – the 2005 Personnel  
9 Policy.  
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11 Ms. Sieglaff: Would you like me to lend him mine?  
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13 Ms. Cummings: Yeah if you want to. I've got mine right here. I mean it's – you  
14 know. And I still have the 2009 so – have you read the most  
15 current one Tony?  
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17 Mr. Sostarich: Kind of.  
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19 Ms. Cummings: Kind of. Okay.  
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21 Mr. Sostarich: I'll tell you I like the 2005 better and I haven't even read that  
22 one.  
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24 Ms. Cummings: Yeah. Like I said, we can always, you know, make changes.  
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26 Mr. Peetoom: The 2005 one keeps the holidays the same. They took three of  
27 them out in 2009.  
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29 Ms. Cummings: And then not paid either.  
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31 Mr. Peetoom: And they're not paid.  
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33 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
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35 Mr. Peetoom: And there's a dress code in 2009 that 2005 don't have.  
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37 Ms. Cummings: Yeah. Well there's a few things...  
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39 Mr. Sostarich: I think – I did read the dress code and I think we should keep  
40 that idea.  
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42 Ms. Cummings: Pardon?  
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44 Mr. Sostarich: I said I did read the dress code in the 2009 one and that sounds  
45 like something any place should adopt in this day and age.  
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47 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
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1 Mr. Sostarich: So if we keep the 2005 one we should insert the dress code.  
2  
3 Ms. Cummings: We could do that. That's correct. Yes. That's why I said, we  
4 can always, you know, redo it with what we would like, you  
5 know. And of course they also took away the sick days from 12  
6 to I think it was 7.  
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8 Mr. Sostarich: Are you saying that – and I wasn't here when this one was being  
9 assembled – is it the work of you know who?  
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11 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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13 Mr. Peetoom: The vote was three to two.  
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15 Mr. Sostarich: Well I'll trust your judgment on this. But the dress code I think is  
16 an appropriate thing to have in this day and age.  
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18 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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20 Mr. Sostarich: And it does meet standards of decency.  
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22 Ms. Cummings: Yes. I agree. There's nothing wrong with that. That's correct.  
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1 Mr. Sostarich: I'm trying to find the page – the holidays in here...  
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3 Mr. Peetoom: It's in the annexes.  
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5 Ms. Cummings: Yeah in the back. Towards the back of that one – retirement...  
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7 Ms. Sieglaff: It's on page 23 Tony.  
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9 Mr. Sostarich: Worker's Comp...  
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11 Mr. Danielson: You're going the wrong way Tony.  
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13 Ms. Cummings: Is that it?  
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15 Mr. Danielson: No he's still going the wrong way.  
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17 Ms. Sieglaff: What version is he looking at?  
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19 Mr. Peetoom: 4A.  
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21 Mr. Danielson: It's Appendix 4A.  
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23 Ms. Cummings: There's 4C, okay.  
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25 Mr. Sostarich: District Approved Holidays. New Year's Day, President's Day,  
26 Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day...  
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28 Mr. Danielson: All of the holidays.  
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30 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, all the ones that the government have.  
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32 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah, I think the only thing that they added here was Martin  
33 Luther King, which was an unpaid holiday.  
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35 Ms. Cummings: But they wanted to take it away.  
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37 Mr. Sostarich: No, I mean in the 2009 version they had – I think they did not  
38 have Columbus Day or President's Day.  
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40 Ms. Cummings: Yeah. No, they took that away.  
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42 Mr. Sostarich: How do you feel about that? What...  
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44 Mr. Danielson: Well, by State law we are supposed to be closed Martin Luther  
45 King Day, President's Day...  
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47 Mr. Sostarich: Civil Rights Day.  
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1 Mr. Danielson: ... or Civil Rights Day whatever. And what's the third holiday  
2 that was removed?  
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4 Ms. Cummings: Columbus Day.  
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6 Mr. Danielson: By State law we are supposed to be closed those days.  
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8 Mr. Sostarich: Well I don't want to break the law here.  
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10 Mr. Danielson: And they decided well all right we're going to be closed those  
11 days but we're not going to pay the employees.  
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13 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, that was the way they would have liked to have done it  
14 but we were going by the way the County does it and...  
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16 Mr. Danielson: And the way the County does it is they observe the same ones  
17 as the State does which includes those three holidays.  
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19 Mr. Sostarich: So in order to be safe then it would be best to go with what the  
20 State does.  
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22 Ms. Cummings: Exactly, exactly. Yes.  
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24 Mr. Peetoom: Those are federal holidays.  
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26 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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28 Mr. Danielson: Yeah.  
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30 Mr. Sostarich: Okay well with that being said...  
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32 Mr. Danielson: The County of course – in the County Personnel Policy Manual  
33 and Merit System Rules they have some special cases for the  
34 Sheriff's Department, etc. etc. that are normally working – for  
35 instance, Easter Sunday which is not a holiday for anybody but  
36 the Sheriffs get that as a holiday and one other day as a holiday  
37 that is always a Sunday holiday and I can't remember which one  
38 it is.  
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40 Mr. Sostarich: Well they probably pay their employees double time that are  
41 serving during these days when they have to serve, right?  
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43 Mr. Danielson: Yes.  
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45 Mr. Sostarich: We can't not have police ...  
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47 Mr. Danielson: Right. Right. And we pay our employees double time on a  
48 holiday also.

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2 Mr. Sostarich: Double time if they're called out?  
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4 Mr. Danielson: If they're called out, yes.  
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6 Mr. Peetoom: There's only two, right?  
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8 Mr. Danielson: Yes.  
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10 Ms. Sieglaff: Madam Chair may I ask a question?  
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12 Ms. Cummings: Yes, you may.  
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14 Ms. Sieglaff: Is someone going to make a motion; are we going to vote on the  
15 holidays we'll be receiving?  
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17 Ms. Cummings: When Tony finishes.  
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19 Mr. Sostarich: Well I already made my comments on that subject. Sig said it's  
20 against State law and everybody here agrees that we should  
21 abide by State rules, right?  
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23 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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25 Mr. Sostarich: Okay. Well I would say that we should abide by State rules so if  
26 you want to take an official vote on that...  
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28 Ms. Cummings: That's what I say.  
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30 Mr. Sostarich: I guess the question being – there was a question put forth.  
31 Should I make a motion on this?  
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33 Ms. Cummings: Yes, you should make a motion.  
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35 Mr. Sostarich: Okay. I hereby move that we abide by the State rules and  
36 regulations on this subject.  
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38 Ms. Cummings: I second.  
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40 Ms. Sieglaff: All in favor?  
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42 **AYE 4 NAY 0 ABSTENTIONS 0**  
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44 Ms. Sieglaff: It's unanimous.  
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46 Mr. Sostarich: The '05' version has the office hours of 8:00 to 4:00, right?  
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48 Ms. Cummings: Correct.

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2 Mr. Sostarich: But the employees arrive at 7:30 we learned last week. And  
3 that's the only difference other... I'll read this next Sunday the  
4 one that I've got at home.  
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6 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, that's the only difference. There was only just a few more  
7 things that they wanted that they added to this one that wasn't in  
8 that one.  
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10 Mr. Danielson: One of the problems I've had with that since I've been back is –  
11 Lisa was off for a period of time on bereavement leave and we  
12 have some people taking vacations this summer and they're  
13 working part weeks and taking part of one week and the  
14 following week off and that type deal. And my biggest problem  
15 with the 2009 version is, is if you sit there and read the  
16 vacation/sick leave/bereavement policy it contradicts itself about  
17 three different times in two and one-half pages. So you don't  
18 really know what the heck you're supposed to do.  
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20 Ms. Cummings: Where the old one just...  
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22 Mr. Sostarich: Well if somebody needs to take care of arrangements during the  
23 family crisis of that magnitude I think it's only a matter of  
24 decency to let them go and take care of those issues.  
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26 Ms. Cummings: Correct.  
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28 Mr. Sostarich: I mean they're not fit for work anyway if they just lost their  
29 mother or something.  
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31 Ms. Cummings: That's right. Their mind isn't on the job.  
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33 Mr. Danielson: Here's my problem with it. The 2005 version says if an  
34 employee takes – can take up to five days off for bereavement  
35 leave. And I'm going off the top of my head. That time is  
36 chargeable against sick leave. The 2009 version, in one  
37 paragraph it says it's chargeable against sick leave and the next  
38 paragraph, or four paragraphs later says – does not mention  
39 that it's chargeable against sick leave. It's just time off. It's three  
40 days time off not chargeable against sick leave. So the thing is  
41 contradicting itself as you go through it. And I've been a little  
42 busy with a few other things.  
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44 Mr. Peetoom: Reports.  
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46 Mr. Danielson: Yeah the annual reports that I have not had a chance to sit  
47 down and read it through and look at the contradictions. You  
48 know. That's just the first place I look, you know, regarding an

1 incremental vacation for one of the employees and the  
2 bereavement leave for Lisa when she lost her father in law. You  
3 know, the thing's contradicting itself. So ...  
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5 Mr. Sostarich: Do you think it might be a good idea to table this issue until next  
6 time? That way we can vote...  
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8 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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10 Mr. Sostarich: ...now that we see that there's a difference here I mean? I like  
11 the dress code here. I didn't read this...  
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13 Ms. Cummings: Okay. That's no problem we can do that. Sure we can table it.  
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15 Mr. Sostarich: I mean, that was one of the few things I found palatable out of  
16 the whole thing. I mean this is – this appears for the most part –  
17 and I didn't do a detailed meditative type study. I read it  
18 completely through every word on it. Most of seems to be  
19 standard, run-of-the-mill sort of thing that you find anywhere in  
20 any workplace which...  
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22 Mr. Young: Well now you have something to compare it to.  
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24 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah I didn't realize that's what we were...  
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26 Ms. Cummings: I should have told you about that Tony. I mean that's my  
27 problem. You know, I should have spoke to you about that and  
28 I apologize.  
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30 Mr. Sostarich: It might be a good idea to have Gary here and see what he says  
31 on some of these issues that we're talking about. So I move  
32 that we table this until next month.  
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34 Ms. Cummings: All right, so lets...  
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36 Mr. Danielson: Madam Chair?  
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38 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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40 Mr. Danielson: Mr. Vice Chair we do have of course the Pima County Merit  
41 System Rules and Regulations which is basically their  
42 Personnel Policies. That's available in the office if anybody  
43 wants to look up and see how the County handles a particular  
44 issue, but it's about that thick.  
45  
46 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, I've gone through it.  
47  
48 Mr. Danielson: It's a book 2" thick so.

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2 Ms. Cummings: So we'd like to table this until next month's meeting, June 8<sup>th</sup>?  
3 Table it until June 8<sup>th</sup>. Is everybody okay with that?  
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5 Mr. Peetoom: Okay for June 8<sup>th</sup>.  
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7 Mr. Sostarich: So now we don't have a Personnel Policy?  
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9 Mr. Danielson: We'll still operate under the 2009.  
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11 Ms. Sieglaff: 9?  
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13 Mr. Danielson: That's the one that is in the lawyer's office.  
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15 Mr. Sostarich: Was that officially adopted?  
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17 Mr. Danielson: It was officially adopted and the way it was worded  
18 Is this will stand and if the lawyer has any problems with it we'll  
19 change it at a later date but it's effective immediately. And that  
20 was the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.  
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22 Ms. Cummings: That was the three Board Members that okayed that, so.  
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24 Mr. Sostarich: There's nothing in there that's going to cause any problems  
25 between now and June 8<sup>th</sup> is there?  
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27 Ms. Cummings: No, I don't think so.  
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29 Mr. Danielson: I don't believe so. If I need guidance I will consult the Chairman  
30 or the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chair.  
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32 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, June 8<sup>th</sup>.  
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34 Mr. Sostarich: Time flies.  
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36 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
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38 Mr. Sostarich: Well I made the movement earlier if you want to take a vote out  
39 of it and this was your copy?  
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41 Ms. Cummings: Correct.  
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43 Mr. Sostarich: I haven't taken out the trash yet so I'll know where to find mine.  
44 I streamlined things last night.  
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46 Ms. Cummings: Yes, that's okay, that's all right.  
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1 Mr. Young: Could we go back to the 2005 Personnel Policy until he gets a  
2 chance to read it. Vote on the 2005 policy until Tony gets a  
3 chance to read it and we'll discuss it at the next meeting. So we  
4 do have a Personnel Policy.  
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6 Ms. Cummings: Yes, we can do that. We can make the motion...  
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8 Mr. Sostarich: But doesn't that contradict what Sig just said?  
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10 Ms. Cummings: No, because the Board can do whatever they would like  
11 according to the Open Meeting Laws.  
12  
13 Mr. Sostarich: All right.  
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15 Mr. Young: So there will be a Personnel Policy in place.  
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17 Ms. Cummings: Exactly. So would we like to stay with the 2009 or take a vote  
18 on the 2005 and that would be in effect.  
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20 Mr. Sostarich: I second Mike's motion.  
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22 Ms. Cummings: Okay, Lisa?  
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24 Ms. Sieglaff: We've already voted and passed on it. Tony made the motion,  
25 you seconded it and everybody voted...  
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27 Ms. Cummings: 2005, correct?  
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29 Ms. Sieglaff: ...to keep the 2005...  
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31 Ms. Cummings: Okay, then 2005 will stand until June.  
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33 Mr. Peetoom: June 8<sup>th</sup>.  
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35 Ms. Cummings: All right. Are we all set?  
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37 Ms. Sieglaff: May I ask a question?  
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39 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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41 Ms. Sieglaff: Has the 2009 version been in effect since the Board passed it  
42 until tonight when we're going back to the 2005. Is that correct?  
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44 Mr. Danielson: Yes.  
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46 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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1 Mr. Sostarich: So the name of that tune officially is to move the bombs and put  
2 on the torpedoes.  
3  
4 Ms. Cummings: That's right.  
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6 Mr. Sostarich: Did Sig say whether Thom Martinez is going to come out?  
7 Mr. Danielson: I got his voice mail on his cell phone so I assume he's  
8 unavailable.  
9  
10 Ms. Cummings: Okay. So we can still move on and then he might possibly...  
11  
12 Mr. Danielson: Just move on. If he shows up fine otherwise we'll table it until  
13 June.  
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15 Ms. Cummings: Number 7.

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17 **7. Discussion and possible action concerning Financial**  
18 **Assessment Committee report**  
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20 Ms. Cummings: Mike and Don that will be your Agenda item.  
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22 Mr. Peetoom: Mike?  
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24 Mr. Young: Well, I wish the other Board Member was here.  
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26 Mr. Sostarich: Everything we said has already been recorded.  
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28 Mr. Young: Well I was going to bring up that you and I won on the recall by  
29 a landslide decision. That the people of the community  
30 evidently spoke their voice loud and clear and I think there's  
31 been enough problems created by the past Board Members and  
32 now I'm saying let's work together as a team and solve  
33 problems as new Board Members as a team to move forward  
34 for the community on a positive note. And on our Financial  
35 Assessment Sub-Committee I wish that the other Board  
36 Member was here because I had some questions for him. But  
37 other – one of the major overspendings that occurred has been  
38 through the attorney. As of March we have overspent by  
39 \$12,250.00 and still approximately have \$6,100.00 to be paid.  
40 And my question is I don't see anything justified for the  
41 misspending. Whenever you spend money you are supposed  
42 to receive something. I don't see anything that we ever  
43 received. And then another deal that it shows in the financials is  
44 that the office supplies are over by \$3,402.00 and historically  
45 through past years it runs \$6,500.00 to \$7,000.00 but by Mr.  
46 Preston the budget was cut by \$4,000.00 for no rhyme or  
47 reason. I'm sure – you know, without knowing the history of the  
48 water board he overlooked it or what, but you just don't slash

1 your budget 57%. I mean it just doesn't make sense as a Board  
2 Member to me in my opinion. And the third area was  
3 overspending for power. We overspent on power \$3,064.00;  
4 the majority of it occurred in December and January. In  
5 December there was a programming error of the SCADA  
6 system, which allowed the El Tiro well to run on a Monday  
7 morning during on peak time. The operation personnel then  
8 began to manually set the run times. The second time this  
9 occurred was when Mr. Preston and Mr. Castaneda ordered Mr.  
10 Perry out of the office and denied him access to the SCADA  
11 system. This on peak running resulted in an increased power  
12 bill of \$1,077.00 in December and \$1,113.00 in January and  
13 there's an invoice number here if they want to come in, there's  
14 the invoice number 5013 of 09 and the account number is  
15 3946900 and these are people that were voted in to save us  
16 money and that's why I'd like to ask the third Amigo about this.  
17 The third thing was the cell phones overspent by \$925.00.  
18 There was another cell phone purchased that's going to make a  
19 swap back to one of the old phones and turn the new phone in.  
20 And as a Committee we identified the following potential saving  
21 areas: Reduce the Board of Directors' Clerk to 20 hours per  
22 week unless covering for Theresa Hicks in the office. And we  
23 are reducing the cell phones by one unit. Have Trico put Toma  
24 Well on off-peak power rates currently being finalized by Mr.  
25 Danielson and he's trying to track down the guy from Trico to  
26 help make this savings on running that well. And also we talked  
27 about on the insurance thing. Instead of taking a one payment  
28 lump sum \$14,000.00 in July for the insurance policy we're  
29 looking at – she hasn't responded yet but Sig talked to the  
30 insurance carrier or provider who is checking with the people  
31 that are underwriting it that if we could make quarterly payments  
32 instead banging out the \$14,000.00 with the financial problems  
33 we're working through. And another thing we were looking in  
34 the Rural Development Bond and Reserves Account to be used  
35 temporarily to cover the cash shortfall with the El Tiro Well  
36 repair. I mean we don't know. There's a bad vibration in that  
37 engine and that well should have been trouble free for eight to  
38 ten years and it was pulled down in 2006 and now we're pulling  
39 it down in 2009. There is something wrong with this well, which  
40 we're going through proper channels to try to figure out the  
41 problem. Another thing, eliminate bulk mailing of customer bills.  
42 They did a check in house here. They did a check on the bulk  
43 rates compared to stamps and believe it or not it's cheaper to  
44 buy stamps than bulk mail for all the hoopla they have to go  
45 through doesn't justify the bulk mail. And another thing we  
46 talked about is the question if loans with WIFA and RD can be  
47 renegotiated with either a lower interest rate or a longer term.  
48 It's a yes or no question and as a yes or no question and maybe

1 throw it out at them. I mean with all the economic problems in  
2 the whole country maybe we can renegotiate for lower loan  
3 rates, which would be lower repayment back to them. Another  
4 area was when the three Amigos were here they hired Vonn  
5 Jones as a Manager to use his license to operate this well  
6 system and that cost us \$4,500.00. And also they joined the  
7 Rural Water Membership, which was another \$500.00. Sig –  
8 one of the things when I was at that meeting was that they  
9 talked about keeping OSHA and MSHA training through this  
10 Rural and Sig's qualified to do that so that was another \$500.00  
11 without going into what else would benefit our water district  
12 instead of costing our water district. Another thing we were  
13 lucky to get Sig back in the time we did. There is a form called  
14 the Central Arizona Replenishment District and it's an annual  
15 report and none of this was being addressed while the new  
16 temporary Manager was running the system. And Sig worked  
17 hard to get this form in which was a \$1,000.00 a day penalty  
18 which Sig pulled together and we didn't sustain any penalty; any  
19 \$1,000.00 a day penalty. But that could have cost us a lot of  
20 money by the old Board Members.  
21

22 Mr. Sostarich: May I stop you for a second?

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24 Mr. Young: Sure. They...

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26 Mr. Peetoom: Looks like someone is coming.

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28 Mr. Sostarich: Were they even aware of this sort of thing about that report he  
29 had to file?

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31 Ms. Cummings: No. They weren't aware of nothing until ...

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33 Mr. Young: When they hired this Vonn Jones Vonn Jones should have been  
34 on top of that. But evidently nothing happened but we gave him  
35 \$4,500.00. Vonn is great guy, I like Vonn, but it's almost  
36 something that fell through the cracks there.  
37

38 Ms. Cummings: They were dictating to him and he was doing what they were  
39 telling him to do. So.

40  
41 Mr. Young: In the letter from Vonn Jones his warning to them – I don't know  
42 if you've seen the letter about micromanaging the system which  
43 they were...

44  
45 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.

46  
47 Mr. Young: Okay. You did see that?  
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1 Mr. Sostarich: I've got a copy of that.  
2  
3 Mr. Young: Okay so...  
4  
5 Mr. Sostarich: I've got it highlighted. It was on the website that we just...  
6  
7 Mr. Peetoom: That isn't him, is it?  
8  
9 Ms. Sieglaff: No. Somebody was dropping a payment in the drop box.  
10  
11 Mr. Young: But like I said this is a preliminary report as of May 11<sup>th</sup> for this  
12 meeting and we can still dig deeper and find more stuff. I mean  
13 it's pretty amazing for what time the three of us have spent and  
14 there's more.  
15  
16 Mr. Sostarich: This is the reality.  
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18 Mr. Young: This is reality. This is facts and figures.  
19  
20 Mr. Sostarich: I'm not talking about that I'm talking about the idea I'm about to  
21 project to you.  
22  
23 Mr. Young: Okay.  
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25 Mr. Sostarich: Two of these three Board Members are gone and whatever  
26 happens is going to be our fault and disputed from the public.  
27  
28 Mr. Young: Correct.  
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30 Mr. Sostarich: So if you and Don feel comfortable digging deeper I personally  
31 would approve of that.  
32  
33 Ms. Cummings: I agree.  
34  
35 Mr. Sostarich: I mean so far you've found some ways to save money. They  
36 only question I have at this time is how bad are we sinking?  
37 How many compartments are flooding?  
38  
39 Ms. Cummings: That's a good one.  
40  
41 Mr. Sostarich: I don't know how else to put it. With five compartments the boat  
42 is going to shift.  
43  
44 Mr. Peetoom: Tony? Six.  
45  
46 Ms. Cummings: Yeah. Six compartments.  
47  
48 Mr. Peetoom: We're in the red.

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2 Mr. Sostarich: We're looking for the lifeboat.  
3  
4 Ms. Cummings: Yes. But we have Sig. Sig is back so I mean he's working  
5 diligently to correcting most of it the best that he can, right? And  
6 so that's... I'm thankful that we have him back so that this can  
7 be done. I mean because they didn't have a clue what they did  
8 at the time they did it; because there were things that were a  
9 priority that needed to be done in January and February.  
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11 Mr. Danielson: And March.  
12  
13 Ms. Cummings: In March and of course April and we've got a budget coming up.  
14 I mean they did not have a clue. I mean they were in lolly land.  
15  
16 Mr. Sostarich: Well I have another...  
17  
18 Mr. Peetoom: Well we're going to be working on the budget and the rate  
19 increase. Mike and I and Sig, we're going to be doing the  
20 budget and have it in by June.  
21  
22 Ms. Cummings: I'll approve that. Are you done Mike?  
23  
24 Mr. Young: No. Another thing that Sig had some stuff in his files that were  
25 gone through. I'm not accusing anybody but a lot of stuff that  
26 Sig had on file that was – shouldn't have been taken out of this  
27 office was taken out of this office.  
28  
29 Mr. Sostarich: Is it irreplaceable?  
30 Mr. Danielson: No, it's all replaceable.  
31  
32 Ms. Cummings: Yeah but it was his own personal and no one should have took  
33 it out of the office. They should have left...  
34  
35 Mr. Sostarich: Is that criminal? Is that to be considered a theft?  
36  
37 Mr. Danielson: I don't think so because truly...  
38  
39 Mr. Sostarich: Or just a nuisance?  
40  
41 Mr. Danielson: Nuisance.  
42  
43 Mr. Peetoom: It's his books that he's had for years.  
44  
45 Mr. Danielson: My old daybooks were gone. I don't know where the heck they  
46 are. But my calendars are still there. I used both of them  
47 interchangeably and often. The more important stuff is on the

1 one-year calendar and I've got calendars going back to 2001  
2 so...

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4 Mr. Sostarich: So that's just more work for you?

5

6 Mr. Danielson: I just have to – I have to spend more time finding information out  
7 than I would have but the information is still all available more or  
8 less.

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10 Ms. Cummings: Maybe it's still around here somewhere. Maybe they just hid it.  
11 That's what I seem to think; that they took it out of your office.  
12 It's very possible. If not they need to return it if they have it in  
13 their belongings, simple as that.

14

15 Mr. Sostarich: If that is the case how should you contact and tell them to bring  
16 it back? Is there an advisable or desirable course of action?

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18 Ms. Cummings: Yeah I think so. I mean that's - again we did discuss it briefly,  
19 did we not Sig?

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21 Mr. Danielson: Um, hum.

22

23 Ms. Cummings: About what we should do and that was my main concern. I was  
24 the one that brought it up to him. You know.

25

26 Mr. Sostarich: But in just simply asking the question your making an  
27 accusation the way some people would take it.

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29 Ms. Cummings: True. But I don't want to make no accusations. He just knows  
30 what was there and it's not there and he knows who would not  
31 have taken it and so therefore...

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33 Mr. Sostarich: I'm just playing Sheriff's advocate.

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35 Ms. Sieglaff: Madam Chair, may I impart some information that you folks  
36 don't know that I do?

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38 Ms. Cummings: Yes Lisa, please do.

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40 Ms. Sieglaff: When Vonn came into that office he said to me there's a lot of  
41 obsolete stuff around here that's five, seven, ten years old that  
42 doesn't need to be around here. He started tossing stuff in the  
43 trash.

44

45 Ms. Cummings: So was that the daybooks possibly?

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47 Ms. Sieglaff: I haven't got a clue. I left because I didn't want to say the words  
48 him that were right on my tongue.

1  
2 Ms. Cummings: Why didn't you say that that's Sig's belongings or...  
3  
4 Ms. Sieglaff: Well I did. I said well you know Vonn we don't know whether  
5 Sig's going to be back or not and I have a gut feeling he's going  
6 to be back. And maybe we should leave things the way they  
7 are in here until... Vonn said 'But we don't need all of this stuff. I  
8 mean this is ridiculous'. He went ballistic. He absolutely went  
9 ballistic when he started going through his files and his stuff. So  
10 I would have no reservation about going to approach Mr.  
11 Preston and talk to him about it because we need – you know, I  
12 can talk to him.  
13  
14 Ms. Cummings: So you're volunteering to do this...  
15  
16 Ms. Sieglaff: No.  
17  
18 Ms. Cummings: All right then I will ask you if you could do this. Yes Lisa, I would  
19 like you to do that.  
20  
21 Ms. Sieglaff: Then if you're directing me to do it I will be more than happy to  
22 try to contact Mr. Preston. Mr. Castaneda is really upset with  
23 me.  
24  
25 Ms. Cummings: Well you're still an employee here. You're still an employee and  
26 you need to speak with him and let him know that there were  
27 things taken out of the office and does he know about it. Simple  
28 as that, you know.  
29  
30 Ms. Sieglaff: But we don't know that they were taken out of the office  
31 because Vonn got rid of a whole garbage, big garbage can...  
32  
33 Ms. Cummings: Well maybe he knows of them. Just like I said...  
34  
35 Mr. Sostarich: If this scenario you're describing was the way it actually  
36 happened then they're still responsible because they hired a  
37 person and this person came in and cleaned out Sig's desk for  
38 him. Sig wasn't given an opportunity to clear out his desk, were  
39 you?  
40  
41 Mr. Danielson: I was given an opportunity to remove my personal belongings  
42 and low and behold I came out here to file the grievance and  
43 they handed me another box of personal belongings. I came  
44 out here for the grievance hearing and when I was reinstated  
45 there were two boxes of personal belongings still in the office  
46 that they had come across. But none of them are the older  
47 daybooks which like I said I'd like to have them. Not having  
48 them means I just... the information is probably still available

1 between Manager's Reports and my wall calendars, etc. and I  
2 can recreate most of what was there.  
3  
4 Ms. Cummings: So what would you like for us to do? Just leave it be or would  
5 you like Lisa...  
6  
7 Mr. Danielson: I'm still concerned that there's a set of keys missing.  
8  
9 Ms. Cummings: Well so am I. That was one thing I did mention to you that there  
10 is a set of keys missing, yes.  
11  
12 Mr. Sostarich: Speaking of sets of keys I've still got a set of keys from when I  
13 was on the Steering Committee. Now are those locks – they've  
14 been changed since...  
15  
16 Mr. Danielson: Many times. But the thing is we had just done the wholesale  
17 lock change-out in December and on the night of January 11<sup>th</sup>  
18 Mr. Preston made me surrender that set of keys to him. He still  
19 has them. All the gates have been changed and the door locks  
20 in this building and the other building had been changed and  
21 they were not programmed into the alarm system so they had to  
22 have an employee here before they could get in the building  
23 because they weren't programmed in. However, on my 'To Do  
24 List' one of these days is to check with ADT and find out if they  
25 can check who's programmed into our system and make sure  
26 that what ADT tells me is what Vonn told me.  
27  
28 Ms. Cummings: Okay.  
29  
30 Mr. Danielson: Otherwise I'll change the master code, put in a new master code  
31 and manually clear the entire alarm system and reload  
32 everybody which will take about four hours.  
33  
34 Ms. Sieglaff: Madam Chair may I share some information?  
35  
36 Ms. Cummings: Yes, go ahead.  
37  
38 Ms. Sieglaff: Luis didn't, and Lou, I did not give them an opportunity to get  
39 codes for the alarm.  
40  
41 Ms. Cummings: Honestly and truly?  
42  
43 Ms. Sieglaff: They didn't mention it and neither did I.  
44  
45 Mr. Sostarich: They didn't know about the codes?  
46  
47 Ms. Sieglaff: No. See they put me in charge of all the keys and the alarm  
48 system and everything and no, they didn't know that you have to

1 punch in a code they just thought you turn the thing on you turn  
2 the thing off. Didn't have a clue. Well, I just left them clueless  
3 so they did not have a pass code to shut the alarm off. If they  
4 come they're going to be screwed because they can't turn it off  
5 even if they get in here.  
6  
7 Mr. Sostarich: Now does this alarm system protect the remote well sites?  
8  
9 Mr. Danielson: No, strictly the office building.  
10  
11 Mr. Sostarich: What have we got to protect the well sites out there?  
12  
13 Mr. Danielson: The Sheriff riding by once in a while. That's about it. And  
14 everything is locked. The gate keys are different that the valve  
15 keys which are different than the ladder keys.  
16  
17 Mr. Sostarich: From what I learned in the Engineer's report that the wells out in  
18 the field can be controlled from this site but you have to be in  
19 the building to do it right?  
20  
21 Mr. Danielson: That is correct.  
22  
23 Mr. Sostarich: So a 'perp' can only out in the field can only damage or break  
24 into a tank and contaminate it rather than totally destroy the  
25 operating system from the site.  
26  
27 Mr. Danielson: Correct.  
28  
29 Mr. Sostarich: I'm not suggesting that these guys might to them kind of levels  
30 or nothing but it pays to be privy to that kind of information of  
31 what is possible.  
32  
33 Ms. Cummings: Yes and I did mention that to Sig. He's aware of that. Yes, we  
34 discussed it. Because anything is possible you know.  
35  
36 Mr. Young: All I have to finish up is what Don said that we're restructuring  
37 our new budget by going back the last three or four years,  
38 looking at our costs and preparing a budget; an upcoming  
39 budget. That's just reiterating what Don said.  
40  
41 Ms. Cummings: Okay.  
42  
43 Mr. Young: A realistic budget.  
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45 Mr. Peetoom: And I think this year we're going to have to have a rate increase.  
46  
47 Mr. Young: Right.  
48

1 Ms. Cummings: Okay, right.  
2  
3 Mr. Sostarich: Are your thoughts toward to pay for the damage or is it just  
4 doing a matter of...  
5  
6 Mr. Peetoom: Well, over on Moore Rd. we thought we'd go ahead and get 97  
7 houses and we only got six.  
8  
9 Mr. Sostarich: You misunderstand my point. If you're thinking about a rate  
10 increase is it to get us out of the financial hold these previous  
11 Board Members...  
12  
13 Mr. Peetoom: Yes.  
14  
15 Ms. Cummings: Yes. Definitely.  
16  
17 Mr. Sostarich: If your thoughts are in that direction you better be prepared for a  
18 fight. That's all I... be prepared for a fight.  
19  
20 Mr. Young: Another item...  
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22 Mr. Sostarich: Do you know what that's like? May I say what that's like?  
23  
24 Ms. Cummings: Yes. Go right ahead.  
25  
26 Mr. Sostarich: That's like me going to my...  
27  
28 Ms. Cummings: You're on the record.  
29  
30 Mr. Sostarich: That like me going to one of my clients and saying I'm going to  
31 need more money because I need to make a car payment  
32 because I drank up all my money.  
33  
34 Ms. Cummings: No. You're right.  
35  
36 Mr. Sostarich: And so you...I just want you to know I've already talked people  
37 about that.  
38  
39 Ms. Cummings: It's pretty messed up I can actually say it because...  
40  
41 Mr. Young: You know I encouraged people to come to this from the public  
42 so they could hear. And between this well problem we have  
43 right here; last time they pulled that well they pulled 200' of it  
44 and it was what \$18,000.00?  
45  
46 Mr. Danielson: \$13,000.00  
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1 Mr. Young: And it really didn't fix the problem because the problem showed  
2 up and that well should be maintenance free for eight to ten  
3 years. And now we're going to pull it down again and they're  
4 thinking maybe the vibration is even deeper than 200'. So we're  
5 kind of – this is what we were going to bring up...  
6

7 Mr. Sostarich: Isn't there a warranty on this?  
8

9 Mr. Danielson: It's expired. One year.  
10

11 Mr. Young: ...and I had Sig put in there in referring to the well people about  
12 a defect which is there is a problem with a suction rod. I guess  
13 there's a suction rod that's out of balance from previous wells  
14 but you know, until you dig into it you don't know what the total  
15 expense is. So it's hard to create a budget for numbers that we  
16 don't know what this well is going to cost to be repaired.  
17

18 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, that's true.  
19

20 Mr. Sostarich: So our reserves have been depleted then?  
21

22 Ms. Cummings: Pretty much.  
23

24 Mr. Young: Yes.  
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26 Mr. Peetoom: Okay on this rate increase we started out with \$21.40 now we're  
27 down to \$20.40.  
28

29 Mr. Young: And trying to talk to them on some of these loans, if we can get  
30 the interest dropped a little bit lower maybe you know we can  
31 salvage the ship. And like I said, on these loans it's either a yes  
32 or no question you know?  
33

34 Mr. Peetoom: It started at \$21 now we're down to \$20; we took another dollar  
35 off.  
36

37 Mr. Danielson: It was \$21.40 now its \$20.40 so we took a total of \$1.00 off.  
38

39 Mr. Peetoom: That was six years ago.  
40

41 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, I know, I remember when I first moved here. Well more  
42 than six years ago but I remember it.  
43

44 Ms. Peetoom: We thought we were going to have houses. That's what the  
45 budget was in for.  
46

47 Ms. Cummings: Based on it for.  
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1 Mr. Peetoom: Sig was left out of it.  
2  
3 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, they excluded him totally from the budget when they had  
4 did it and that should not have happened. He should have been  
5 included in the budget because he's the System Manager. So  
6 that really screwed up.  
7  
8 Mr. Sostarich: The ship is sinking. How many compartments?  
9  
10 Mr. Young: Six.  
11  
12 Ms. Cummings: Six.  
13  
14 Mr. Young: And right in the water book Bible and everything it says about a  
15 Board Member shouldn't micromanage. And that's exactly what  
16 they did. They kicked Sig to the curb and they were the  
17 managers and thank God on the Central Arizona Groundwater  
18 thing. Thank God he caught that – Sig caught that- or we could  
19 have been facing big money. The ship would have been sunk,  
20 let's put it that way.  
21  
22 Mr. Peetoom: Do you see these? See all the red?  
23  
24 Ms. Cummings: It's a lot of red.  
25  
26 Mr. Sostarich: It sort of reminds me of map of Europe in the 1940's. Red,  
27 white, black, red... it doesn't look too good does it?  
28  
29 Ms. Cummings: No.  
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31 Mr. Peetoom: That's what? Five months or six months?  
32  
33 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
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35 Mr. Peetoom: The one - the last one you gave us?  
36  
37 Ms. Cummings: Six months.  
38  
39 Mr. Danielson: Nine months.  
40  
41 Mr. Peetoom: It's nine months.  
42  
43 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
44  
45 Mr. Sostarich: Have you seen this yet?  
46  
47 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, my eyes don't want to see the red but it's there.  
48

1 Mr. Peetoom: See and here's some more red here. Here's the lawyer's fee.  
2  
3 Ms. Cummings: That's the major damage.  
4  
5 Mr. Young: My feelings on this. If that \$12,257.00 had been used to write  
6 for grants at least you'd have something to show for it. There's  
7 nothing to show, that I have found, to justify that type of  
8 spending.  
9  
10 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, correct.  
11  
12 Mr. Sostarich: And what was your projected cost on that well repair that you  
13 were mentioning that it might go up to what? We could have  
14 paid for it with that kind of money in the bank.  
15  
16 Mr. Danielson: The last I saw was Don Sawade feels that we don't have a  
17 problem with shaft tube assemblies but he said what he'd like to  
18 do is it's \$2,800.00 to pull the motor, replace both bearings on  
19 the motor and dip it and bake for the reassembly.  
20  
21 Mr. Sostarich: I was referring to this e-mail. Sig Danielson's...  
22  
23 Mr. Danielson: Yeah that would go to probably G.E. Service up in Phoenix.  
24 He's...  
25  
26 Mr. Sostarich: Well we could have paid for this with that lawyer money, right?  
27  
28 Mr. Danielson: Yeah, exactly.  
29  
30 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
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32 Mr. Danielson: And \$185.00 for an hour for three hours to get the rig up here  
33 and re-shim the wellhead so that the wellhead is in line with the  
34 tube shaft assembly.  
35  
36 Mr. Sostarich: You're still going to proceed with this repair as we discussed  
37 Friday, correct?  
38  
39 Mr. Danielson: Yes we are – one thing is that since Tom's going to come over  
40 and take a look at it I do want to hear what he has to say before  
41 I say okay. But as far as tearing it apart we live on Derringer for  
42 five days; Derringer and IM. But he's saying that the box top  
43 bearing is fine.  
44  
45 Mr. Young: And you can feel the vibration in that engine, the electric motor.  
46 And also it had a broken spider last time. How deep was it the  
47 spider broke 240'?  
48

1 Mr. Danielson: No, 40'.  
2  
3 Mr. Young: So when you break a spider in a well there's vibration.  
4 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, it's definitely vibrating.  
5  
6 Mr. Young: How many spiders are there?  
7  
8 Mr. Danielson: One every 20'.  
9  
10 Mr. Sostarich: Well I for one, as we said Friday, think that we should make this  
11 a priority. We can't be without the well.  
12  
13 Mr. Danielson: I totally agree. But he was saying that it seems like the box top  
14 bearing here is nice and tight which tells me that the shaft below  
15 is fine. Then what we need to do is while we shim the motor to  
16 correct this being the driveshaft, the inner shaft on the tube  
17 shaft and this being the motor bearing, and of course I've  
18 exaggerated this, we shim the motor to get it to this but we've  
19 still got this pipe occurring in the box top area so we've got to re-  
20 shim the motor so that the box top bearing is like this. Then  
21 we'll put the motor back on top and re-shim the motor so that  
22 both the wellhead and wellhead box top bearing, lower bearing  
23 and upper bearing are all centered along the shaft.  
24  
25 Mr. Sostarich: That first figure there that you said there was an exaggeration,  
26 now you're describing some that's just out by a few thousands  
27 of inch?  
28  
29 Mr. Danielson: It was out by about - I'd say – 1/8<sup>th</sup> to 3/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch.  
30  
31 Mr. Sostarich: And that's between the motor and the box top bearing that's it's  
32 occurring?  
33  
34 Mr. Danielson: This is the top bearing on the motor. This is the driveshaft that  
35 goes all the way down and drives the pump. And that's the  
36 bearing right there that I'm talking about. What we did is we  
37 unbolted the motor we shimmed this side to get that ...  
38  
39 Mr. Sostarich: Is that a direct drive system or is there a coupling between the  
40 motor and the driveshaft of the well?  
41  
42 Mr. Danielson: No. It's a direct drive all the way down.  
43  
44 Mr. Sostarich: So if that bearing is 3/8ths of an inch out that's going...  
45  
46 Mr. Danielson: There was a 3/8ths of inch wobble on the top of the dog gone –  
47 on the top...  
48

1 Mr. Sostarich: What's the distance between the bottom bearing on the motor  
2 and the box top bearing?  
3  
4 Mr. Danielson: 18".  
5  
6 Mr. Sostarich: And what's the diameter of the shaft?  
7  
8 Mr. Danielson: 1-11/16ths.  
9  
10 Mr. Sostarich: Well I'm surprised if the box top bearing is in tact then that you  
11 haven't had it shear between the motor and the bearing with the  
12 shaft being that far out. I know something about machines. Is  
13 there a seal there between the motor and the box top bearing  
14 where you've got the duct?  
15  
16 Mr. Danielson: Yes, there is. It's sealed up here and it's sealed in here.  
17  
18 Mr. Sostarich: What about here? You said this represents the outflow tube.  
19  
20 Mr. Danielson: Yes, that's correct. There is –there's a seal here also.  
21  
22 Mr. Sostarich: Is that seal leaking?  
23  
24 Mr. Danielson: No.  
25  
26 Mr. Sostarich: And you suspect this seal is not leaking either, right?  
27  
28 Mr. Danielson: No.  
29  
30 Mr. Sostarich: Yet this is out 3/8ths of an inch.  
31  
32 Mr. Danielson: 3/16ths of an inch. 1/8<sup>th</sup> to 3/16ths.  
33  
34 Mr. Sostarich: Okay, well that's still a number 10 size drill bit which is quite a  
35 bit. The armature is not rubbing against the ...  
36  
37 Mr. Danielson: Not that we know of, no. This is a hollow shaft motor. The shaft  
38 actually passes completely through the motor. You unbolt the  
39 motor, you lift it off and the shaft is still there. There's a great  
40 big nut on the top of this that sits on top of that and it goes – and  
41 that nut that sits on top of the bearing supports the entire weight  
42 of this – what is that well set at? At 500 and some odd feet.  
43  
44 Mr. Young: Well one of my questions was about on electric motors this size  
45 does it have a soft start? And Thom Martinez said that it starts  
46 on what two and shifts to three?  
47

1 Mr. Danielson: It should start with one phase out and the third phase kick in  
2 after a few seconds.  
3  
4 Mr. Young: Well I was here one morning when Don fired it up and I didn't  
5 feel any change. I mean it was like wham. 1850 rpm's and  
6 that's very stressful on bearings so Tom Hall says when he  
7 comes Friday he's going to check the rpm's on it when it kicks  
8 on. It's supposed to gradually move up to the max rpm's and I  
9 think it's kicking on and you know how hard that is on bearings.  
10  
11 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
12  
13 Mr. Danielson: There's supposed to be a phase clipper in there that allows one  
14 phase to be out when the motor first starts. And you now know  
15 everything I know about electricity and how it starts.  
16  
17 Mr. Sostarich: Well the only thing I know about three phase motors is they can  
18 be run on single phase if you have an inverter and a wife who  
19 knows how to assemble one. Well it looks like we can't do any  
20 good one. Are we through by the way?  
21  
22 Mr. Young: I'm through.  
23  
24 Mr. Sostarich: Sorry.  
25  
26 Ms. Cummings: That's okay. No problem. Yes. And so I do have one question  
27 for Mike. So you said this is just a preliminary?  
28  
29 Mr. Young: Right.  
30  
31 Ms. Cummings: Okay. So when does it go into effect – any of this that you read  
32 off?  
33  
34 Mr. Young: When does it what?  
35  
36 Ms. Cummings: Go into effect.  
37  
38 Mr. Young: The effect is happening now.  
39  
40 Ms. Cummings: I mean, well, some of the things that you mentioned you know.  
41  
42 Mr. Young: Oh, oh, I see. On the loans we've just got to approach them on  
43 the loans. We need to, let's see what was the other thing?  
44  
45 Mr. Danielson: I need to quit playing tag with Eddie Williams.  
46  
47 Mr. Young: Yep.  
48

1 Ms. Cummings: Okay, that's what I wanted to hear.  
2  
3 Mr. Peetoom: I mentioned to him to take off a couple of hours in the  
4 afternoon...  
5  
6 Ms. Cummings: And go.  
7  
8 Mr. Peetoom: And if he's in a meeting?  
9  
10 Mr. Danielson: That's the way I got to see Eddie the last time. I just went over  
11 there at 2:00 and I just sat in the lobby...  
12  
13 Ms. Cummings: And just wait.  
14  
15 Mr. Danielson: ... and waited.  
16  
17 Mr. Peetoom: He said he'd be out there at 3:30 and he's out there waiting for  
18 him.  
19  
20 Mr. Young: Well why don't you just tell him his wife's at the well site with a  
21 six-pack?  
22  
23 Ms. Cummings: Okay and then what is it you said about the newest cell phone  
24 turned in?  
25  
26 Mr. Young: Yeah, they're going to work on that.  
27  
28 Mr. Danielson: We're going to look and see if we can get rid of one of the cell  
29 phone numbers at no penalty.  
30  
31 Ms. Cummings: Okay. See what that's going to do damage? Now what about  
32 the hours that you spoke of? When is that going to go into  
33 effect?  
34  
35 Mr. Peetoom: It's already in effect.  
36  
37 Mr. Danielson: No, Lisa's still working 40 hours pending Board approval of that.  
38  
39 Ms. Cummings: Yeah so that's why I'm asking. Do we need to decide upon that  
40 tonight? When that has to go into effect?  
41  
42 Ms. Sieglaff: That's going to have to be done in executive session.  
43  
44 Mr. Sostarich: I think we ought to wait for Gary to come back before we move  
45 on that one.  
46  
47 Ms. Cummings: Okay. All right. That's why I'm asking.  
48

1 Mr. Sostarich: As a matter of fact, I wish he was here right now.  
2  
3 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, I know. Me too. That's what I told him. I told him I wish  
4 he was well.  
5  
6 Mr. Sostarich: But he's sick.  
7  
8 Ms. Cummings: He didn't sound very good. He really didn't.  
9  
10 Mr. Young: We could have made him sick a long time ago.  
11  
12 Ms. Cummings: Okay. So looks like Mr. Martinez is not showing up. It's 8:10.  
13 So we'll table number 8 until the next meeting, which is June  
14 8<sup>th</sup>?  
15  
16 Mr. Peetoom: May I speak now Madam Chair?  
17  
18 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
19  
20 Mr. Peetoom: On that newsletter, we'll do it every two months.  
21  
22 Ms. Sieglaff: Didn't the postage go up?  
23  
24 Mr. Peetoom: Yes, it did. That's why I've got to go get some 2- cent stamps  
25 for Theresa tomorrow. She gave me a dollar that's how much it  
26 is.  
27  
28 Mr. Young: Can I bring up about the newsletter?  
29  
30 Ms. Cummings: That's under administrative details. So number 8 is:  
31  
32 **8. Discussion and possible action concerning unauthorized**  
33 **actions by a member of the Board of Directors**  
34  
35 Ms. Cummings: So we'll table it until June 8<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting. Number 9.  
36  
37 **9. Discussion and possible action concerning administrative**  
38 **details.**  
39  
40 Ms. Cummings: First off under that would be the bylaws and I would like to table  
41 that. I make the motion until June.  
42  
43 Ms. Sieglaff: Second?  
44  
45 Mr. Young: I second that.  
46  
47 Ms. Sieglaff: All in favor?  
48

1 Ms. Cummings: Aye.  
2  
3 Mr. Young: Aye.  
4  
5 Mr. Sostarich: Yes.  
6  
7 Mr. Peetoom: Aye.  
8  
9 Ms. Cummings: Don, did you second that motion?  
10  
11 Mr. Peetoom: I second it.  
12  
13 Ms. Cummings: Okay. And then you wanted to talk about the newsletters.  
14  
15 Mr. Young: The newsletters?  
16  
17 Ms. Cummings: Go ahead Mike.  
18  
19 Mr. Young: Like Sig just reported. 2% more of the people come in and will  
20 pay at the drop box but the newsletters, I was thinking if we had  
21 newsletters – because part of my deal – well all of yours too – is  
22 news on our being elected was that the newsletters be given to  
23 the customers so this wouldn't happen again. And I was back in  
24 my thought I had last meeting about leaving them in the office –  
25 I forget what the percentage is that come in the office – if we  
26 had the newsletter right there at the desk or where they drop the  
27 bill off so they can't say they haven't been informed on what's  
28 going on. Because that was one thing people really liked to be  
29 informed about what's going on with the water district.  
30  
31 Ms. Cummings: I thought about putting it on the back of the water bills. Now that  
32 was a thought.  
33  
34 Mr. Young: I just don't want to  
35  
36 Mr. Sostarich: That will work.  
37  
38 Ms. Cummings: I mean it will work if you put it on the back of the water bills?  
39  
40 Mr. Young: I just don't want to lose a campaign promise that the people be  
41 informed.  
42  
43 Ms. Cummings: No. Exactly. I agree.  
44  
45 Mr. Peetoom: You agreed to that, right Sig?  
46  
47 Mr. Danielson: Why not?  
48

1 Ms. Cummings: Why can't we put it on the back of the water bills? I mean  
2 there's only, you know, you'll take up four big blocks, I mean,  
3 that's how I do mine. And put Water Wise at the bottom and  
4 then of course come to the meetings and...  
5  
6 Mr. Young: Yeah, get them out.  
7  
8 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, come on down.

1 Mr. Peetoom: That way they...  
2  
3 Ms. Sieglaff: Is that a motion?  
4  
5 Mr. Peetoom: ...they would know about the motor and the well.  
6  
7 Mr. Young: Sure. They won't understand the rate increase but they will  
8 understand that the electric motor is ready to go out. They will  
9 understand the reasoning behind it.  
10  
11 Ms. Cummings: Yeah. And we could tell them about our financial difficulties. I  
12 mean we could put that in the newsletter to let them know that –  
13 forewarn about the rate increase. I mean...  
14  
15 Mr. Sostarich: I always was open-minded to a newsletter.  
16  
17 Ms. Cummings: Oh, I love the newsletter and they forbid me from even wanting  
18 to do it. Well yeah.  
19  
20 Mr. Peetoom: We did it one time and they said we was going to have to pay  
21 for it.  
22  
23 Ms. Cummings: I did one newsletter and it was excellent.  
24  
25 Ms. Sieglaff: They made quite an issue.  
26  
27 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
28  
29 Mr. Danielson: If the Board would approve it we can put a newsletter together  
30 to go into the May billing.  
31  
32 Mr. Sostarich: Who's going to write it?  
33  
34 Mr. Young: I know who's not going to write it!  
35  
36 Mr. Danielson: I believe we can inform people that the website is available via  
37 that newsletter; inform them that future newsletters are available  
38 at the office and will not normally be mailed with the bills but  
39 they're  
40 available – printed copies are available at the office and  
41 available on the website.  
42  
43 Mr. Sostarich: When will the May bills go out?  
44  
45 Mr. Danielson: The last day of May.  
46  
47 Mr. Sostarich: If I was to write it that would give me time to write it.  
48

1 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
2  
3 Mr. Danielson: Mr. Martinez [calling].  
4  
5 Ms. Cummings: Did want to take that outside?  
6  
7 Mr. Sostarich: If nobody else does -you said that you have a copy of one of my  
8 older ones?  
9  
10 Ms. Cummings: Yes, yes.  
11  
12 Mr. Sostarich: I can't help it but that's the only way I can write. But his is so  
13 serious the gravity of what we have to discuss is so serious  
14 because it falls under the category of a public alert.  
15  
16 Mr. Danielson: That a good point. Okay, so we'll just carry it over...  
17  
18 Mr. Sostarich: So I think somebody who can write in that format should be the  
19 one which...  
20  
21 Ms. Cummings: Yeah. We need to get their attention and say: listen up.  
22  
23 Mr. Sostarich: Who did that, wrote that yellow paper?  
24  
25 Mr. Young: Foy Brown wrote that.  
26  
27 Mr. Danielson: Thom won't be here. He has strep throat.  
28  
29 Ms. Cummings: Oh, boy.  
30  
31 Mr. Peetoom: He'll be back in a few days.  
32  
33 Ms. Cummings: We'll table it.  
34  
35 Mr. Peetoom: The legend is going to be back.  
36  
37 Mr. Danielson: I think we need formal action by the Board because it's not in  
38 the budget to publish this newsletter.  
39  
40 Ms. Cummings: Unless we put it on the back side of the water bill.  
41  
42 Mr. Danielson: It's still going to burn up an ink cartridge.  
43  
44 Ms. Cummings: An ink cartridge?  
45  
46 Mr. Sostarich: And what does an ink cartridge run now?  
47

1 Mr. Danielson: Right at around \$100.00. Realize that's a 4260 or whatever it is.  
2 It's about newest HP that's available three years ago.  
3  
4 Mr. Sostarich: We heard earlier testimony this evening that Vonn said that  
5 there's a bunch of stuff in your office? How many typewriter  
6 ribbons do you have lying around?  
7  
8 Mr. Danielson: None. But we do have a typewriter floating around here  
9 somewhere.  
10  
11 Mr. Sostarich: Well it isn't going to do any good without ribbons.  
12  
13 Mr. Danielson: Are we still under administrative details?  
14  
15 Ms. Cummings: Yes. We're still under administrative details.  
16  
17 Mr. Sostarich: Can we just print 'go to this website on the back of the ...  
18  
19 Ms. Cummings: Even at the top somewhere, I mean...  
20  
21 Mr. Danielson: Let's see what we can do, okay?  
22  
23 Ms. Cummings: All right.  
24  
25 Mr. Sostarich: Because I wanted to discuss that website somewhere in  
26 administrative details too just to keep everybody abreast of  
27 what's going on.  
28  
29 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, exactly.  
30  
31 Mr. Peetoom: I don't have a computer, so...  
32  
33 Mr. Sostarich: Well that's what public libraries are for.  
34  
35 Mr. Young: Maybe they're going to build one out here.  
36  
37 Mr. Sostarich: You have to ask the guy that ran for Mayor and didn't succeed.  
38  
39 Mr. Young: Yeah.  
40  
41 Ms. Cummings: That's true. Well you can go up Marana's. I know. I hear you.  
42 Okay so the newsletter and maybe something that Sig can work  
43 out maybe possibly we could get something out to them. We  
44 could figure out something.  
45  
46 Mr. Young: And there needs to be an explanation on why we're asking for a  
47 rate increase instead of just hitting them with it.  
48

1 Mr. Peetoom: Explain what we're up against.  
2  
3 Mr. Danielson: Let me see what we can do, okay?  
4  
5 Mr. Sostarich: Are we ready to move on to other issues?  
6  
7 Mr. Peetoom: Are we going to take a vote?  
8  
9 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, let's take a vote.  
10  
11 Mr. Peetoom: Are we going to roll call it?  
12  
13 Ms. Sieglaff: What are we voting on? What's the motion?  
14  
15 Ms. Cummings: That we see what Sig can do as far as working on getting  
16 something together, correct? For the newsletter.  
17  
18 Mr. Sostarich: An alert letter. That Sig assemble and put out a public notice of  
19 our current conditions in whatever manner he can cobble up  
20 together with the budget that we have at our disposal. Be it  
21 information on the back of a water bill or an actually newsletter  
22 sheet published independently instead of in the water bill.  
23  
24 Ms. Cummings: Yeah.  
25  
26 Mr. Sostarich: So that's what you're moving for, right?  
27  
28 Ms. Cummings: Yes.  
29  
30 Mr. Sostarich: You made the movement and I described your movement. I  
31 second it.  
32  
33 Ms. Cummings: Okay.  
34  
35 Ms. Sieglaff: All in favor?  
36  
37 **AYE 4 NAY 0 ABSTENTIONS 0**  
38  
39 Ms. Sieglaff: It's unanimous.  
40  
41 Ms. Cummings: Now that's it on administrative details? No other...  
42  
43 Mr. Sostarich: I've got a few items I'd like to bring up.  
44  
45 Ms. Cummings: Okay.  
46  
47 Mr. Danielson: And I've got one item too.  
48

1 Ms. Cummings: Go ahead Sig.  
2  
3 Mr. Danielson: Okay, unfortunately with Thom not being here tonight we are not  
4 going to be able to finalize the master plan.  
5  
6 Ms. Cummings: So we'll have to table that.  
7  
8 Mr. Danielson: I know that there is some stimulus money out there and  
9 available and WIFA is looking to give some money away. At this  
10 point in time, from what I learned at the WIFA workshop that I  
11 went to, they're looking at a 50/50 match for technical  
12 assistance. But it can be an in kind type of a match. I think  
13 what we need to do is maybe put together a grant request  
14 looking at two, three or four of what maybe we feel are the most  
15 critical items in the master plan. And we can sit down and  
16 argue about that just about any time. You know the Finance  
17 Committee as well as the Chair and the Vice Chair and Mr.  
18 Kendrick; I think we can all sit down and go after some technical  
19 assistance money to do the engineering on them then maybe  
20 we can get the stimulus money to pay for some the upgrades.  
21 But if that's not the case at the same time I'm talking about the  
22 WIFA to Angie on restructuring the loan I'll say hey, can we  
23 borrow some money to pay our portion of an engineering cost  
24 associated with this. So it's something we need to do, but the  
25 nice thing about it is that until it's all approved we don't have to  
26 make any firm commitment. And maybe we'll be in better shape  
27 financially. But if they go true to form it will be probably  
28 September or October.  
29  
30 Mr. Young: You can tell them we can come and pick it up.  
31  
32 Mr. Danielson: And then again you know we could apply for the TA grant and  
33 they could turn us down, so.  
34  
35 Ms. Cummings: True. That's true.  
36  
37 Mr. Danielson: But you know at least it's an effort. Put the effort in to try to get  
38 some of this stimulus money and if we can get a TA grant and  
39 we can get the engineering done maybe we can get some of the  
40 – maybe we can have the Federal Government finance  
41 \$52,000.00 worth of dog gone infrastructure upgrades.  
42  
43 Ms. Cummings: Okay.  
44  
45 Mr. Danielson: That's all I have.  
46  
47 Ms. Cummings: Okay. I need to go back on number 5 and table that until the  
48 next month's meeting and that's discussion and possible action

1 concerning the master plan report from Thom Martinez. So, we  
2 need to table that and I'll make the motion.

3  
4 Mr. Sostarich: I'll second that.

5  
6 Mr. Peetoom: All in favor.

7  
8 Ms. Sieglaff: Oh, all in favor?

9  
10 **AYE 4 NAY 0 ABSTENTIONS 0**

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12 Ms. Cummings: All right. Number 10. Oh, I'm sorry.

13  
14 Mr. Sostarich: I had three items I wanted to bring up but since we're running  
15 behind schedule here I'll just bring up one of them and that is  
16 the website.

17  
18 Ms. Cummings: Okay.

19  
20 Mr. Sostarich: I'd like to introduce my wife to you who has actually put together  
21 the web and paid for the website so you've got the floor to  
22 explain the website to everybody here.

23  
24 Ms. Cummings: Thank you very much.

25  
26 Ms. Sostarich: This website is basically financed through me as a public  
27 service. The general plan at the moment is to publish the  
28 meeting minutes, newsletters and any other information deemed  
29 important. Possibly even photos of this well site repair might be  
30 a good idea if anybody can cough up photos of that. Right now  
31 it's still in a nebula phase. The site is up but there's nothing on  
32 it. The only thing that I would ask is number 1, if we're going to  
33 publish Meeting Minutes on it I would like to get the Meeting  
34 Minutes in an electronic format which is probably not a problem.  
35 A Word file or however you like.

36  
37 Mr. Danielson: Micro Word.

38  
39 Ms. Sostarich: Okay. I can handle Microsoft Word. It's a heck of a lot easier to  
40 deal with than paper. Another thing is as far as the paper  
41 newsletter is concerned an idea that I'll bring out is you might  
42 want to consider splitting the difference. Instead of trying to print  
43 a whole newsletter on the back of the bill which nobody's going  
44 to read anyway because people aren't going to automatically  
45 turn it over and look at the back side. I'd suggest looking into a  
46 way of reserving about 1/4<sup>th</sup> to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the base of the bill like  
47 some of the credit card companies do and putting in one  
48 paragraph there with just the headlines and highlights; the really

1 important stuff. And then a note saying go to this website for  
2 the whole newsletter or stop by the office if you're still in the 20<sup>th</sup>  
3 century and you don't have a computer; something along those  
4 lines. That would use some small amount of ink but not nearly  
5 as much as printing a whole entire page. And it should be  
6 tailored in such a fashion that it gets the most important points  
7 across so the customer, if they're too lazy or whatever, to go the  
8 website and pick up the full copy.  
9  
10 Mr. Sostarich: What would it cost you to refill his inkjets rather than buy a new  
11 one for \$100.00?  
12  
13 Mrs. Sostarich: I suspect he is using a laser printer and...  
14  
15 Mr. Danielson: We are.  
16  
17 Ms. Sostarich: You use heavy-duty lazer printers for heavy office work like that.  
18 I don't know what it costs to refill the lazer cartridge. It might be  
19 something worth looking into because many lazer cartridges can  
20 be refilled.  
21  
22 Mr. Danielson: We've done it with very mixed results.  
23  
24 Ms. Sostarich: Okay. All right.  
25  
26 Mr. Danielson: You really don't want to be halfway through printing 850 water  
27 bills and it starts to say: 'Oh, I don't care if you've just put me in  
28 and I've just been refilled I'm not going to put out anymore ink.'  
29  
30 Ms. Sostarich: Has anybody ever looked into the cost of farming out the  
31 printing of the bills to a print shop of some sort?  
32  
33 Mr. Danielson: No, we haven't.  
34  
35 Ms. Sostarich: Okay that might be worth looking into.  
36  
37 Mr. Sostarich: A woman up in Marana I took the newsletters up there.  
38  
39 Ms. Sostarich: I remember that because I e-mailed the file to her a couple of  
40 times.  
41  
42 Mr. Sostarich: What happened with that?  
43  
44 Mr. Danielson: They're still in business.  
45  
46 Mr. Sostarich: Is it more expensive to use their service than to use an inkjet  
47 cartridge for the lazer printer?  
48

1 Mr. Danielson: The question was always time, to get it done in a timely manner.  
2 And realize we used to send out bills with an 1100 and we could  
3 print about 250 bills at a time. After that it would run out of  
4 memory and we would get some really weird looking things.  
5  
6 Mr. Young: How come the numbers were always right?  
7  
8 Mr. Danielson: Because we had to print the bills 250 at a time. We put certain  
9 ranges of accounts...  
10  
11 Ms. Sostarich: So what's your cost per page for your printing right now?  
12  
13 Mr. Danielson: I don't know the form – the bill sheets are actually preprinted  
14 with our name and everything like that on them and Bill Simpson  
15 does it. His print shop is just right up the street here.  
16  
17 Ms. Sostarich: Okay.  
18  
19 Mr. Danielson: And we feed the blank bills into the lazer jet. Like I say, we  
20 upgraded that lazer jet I'm going to say two to three years ago  
21 and that was the fastest lazer jet available at that time. And I  
22 mean it kicks out 850 bills in about 15 minutes.  
23  
24 Ms. Sostarich: If the paper tray falls off you'll have paper all over that room.  
25  
26 Mr. Danielson: The main paper tray holds that much paper.  
27  
28 Ms. Sostarich: It might just be something worth looking into because – well do  
29 you go through a whole cartridge every time you do a billing  
30 cycle?  
31  
32 Mr. Danielson: No.  
33  
34 Ms. Sostarich: Because there's actually not a whole lot of ink put on by your  
35 printer. Most of it's pre-printed.  
36  
37 Mr. Danielson: That's correct. We're printing out the name, address and the  
38 billing.  
39  
40 Ms. Sostarich: That's not a lot of ink at all.  
41  
42 Mr. Danielson: It's not a lot of ink. We normally will change out about every  
43 other month. And often times what happens is, when this thing  
44 really gets going it tends to start getting a little bit light after  
45 about 50 sheets. So that's why one of the things I look at on the  
46 pre-bill is 'how clear is the pre-bill?' you know? When I get to  
47 page 100, well it's not quite that long, it's 80 some pages long  
48 as a pre-bill report is the last page of the pre-bill report as clear

1 as the first page? And if it's not, then I say 'hey, wait a second,  
2 put a new cartridge in to print the bills and then put that old  
3 cartridge back in to use it up.'  
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5 Ms. Sostarich: I think we need to arrive at some kind of a compromise as far as  
6 the newsletter is concerned. Obviously it is an expense but  
7 we've got to do it. You guys have got a good point. We've got  
8 to keep the customers informed so when the rate increase  
9 comes down the line you're not going to have a lynch mob.  
10 Another thing for consideration is, you might want to consider  
11 printing a special edition newsletter just to let people know what  
12 the current conditions are and also to introduce them to the  
13 MDWID website when we've got something on the website to  
14 show them. And not do a newsletter on a regular basis, just as  
15 a one-time deal.  
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17 Ms. Cummings: True.  
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19 Mr. Sostarich: That's what I'm talking about now when I mentioned the public  
20 alert notice. That's what we're trying to cook up with him right  
21 now.  
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23 Ms. Sostarich: Yeah, it will cost some money but it's important to let the  
24 customers know what's going on.  
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26 Mr. Peetoom: We were planning every three months.  
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28 Ms. Cummings: Yes. That's what we were talking about.  
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30 Ms. Sostarich: And you might even go to quarterly or something. It all depends  
31 on what the budget will stand.  
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33 Mr. Danielson: We looked into it in December and I think we made a rough  
34 guess that we could do it for under \$250.00 per year doing it  
35 ever other month.  
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37 Ms. Sostarich: \$250.00 for a whole year? That's not too bad.  
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39 Mr. Danielson: We figured we'd only burn up one cartridge.  
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41 Ms. Sostarich: Okay.  
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43 Mr. Danielson: And a case of paper.  
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45 Ms. Sostarich: That sounds about right.  
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47 Mr. Young: We need to keep it short and sweet because if you put the  
48 Minutes in there people are going to get bored.

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2 Ms. Sostarich: Don't every do that. You post the Minutes on the website and if  
3 people really want to be water geeks and read them they can  
4 read them and if they don't want to read them, even though  
5 they're on the website and they've been informed in the  
6 newsletter that they're on the website they've got no excuse for  
7 not knowing what's going on. Maybe there' about three people  
8 out there who would actually read them other than the folks that  
9 just live here.  
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11 Mr. Peetoom: That's how the people on the recall – because it was on the  
12 website.  
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14 Ms. Sostarich: I know. I built that website and we got a grant total of about 200  
15 visitors or thereabouts which 150 to 200 which is not too bad  
16 considering the size of the District.  
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18 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, that's true.  
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20 Mr. Sostarich: Sig, if you're really creative maybe you can find a way to make  
21 them pay for the newsletter. People pay what for newspapers  
22 on Sunday? They're paying tax. They now tax the newspapers.  
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24 Mr. Danielson: I was thinking about putting a donation jug in the bathroom.  
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26 Ms. Sostarich: Well you can always take a lesson from the phone company  
27 and slip an extra charge in the bill and call it the intercontinental  
28 info rata federal reimbursement newsletter surcharge. No one  
29 will understand what it is and they'll just pay it.  
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31 Ms. Cummings: That's true. Although they do occasionally do a little error in  
32 there and I called them and I said: 'what?', no I don't think so.  
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34 Ms. Sostarich: You're charging me for what?  
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36 Ms. Cummings: That's right. Oh, we'll take it off Ma'am, no problem.  
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38 Ms. Sostarich: Well that's about all I've got to say. As soon as we've got  
39 something to put on the website we'll put something on the  
40 website.  
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42 Ms. Cummings: Okay, thank you very much. All right Tony, is that it?  
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44 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah, I think the other two items I need you to wait. It's not that  
45 important.  
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47 Ms. Cummings: Okay.  
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1 Mr. Sostarich: Considering the six compartments it's not that important.  
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3 Ms. Cummings: Are you sure now?  
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5 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.  
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7 Ms. Cummings: All right, thank you.  
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9 Ms. Sostarich: Oh, there is one other thing that I wanted to say. I don't know if  
10 I'm out of order, I don't know the meeting rules but another thing  
11 that can be done – it's just something to think about right now –  
12 is we can put an e-mail address on the website because the  
13 website package comes with around 500 e-mail addresses or  
14 something like that.  
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16 Ms. Cummings: Oh, okay.  
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18 Ms. Sostarich: We could just have one single e-mail address for comments that  
19 I could have forwarded to somebody that's got an e-mail  
20 address, for instance the Chairman. Or the other thing that  
21 could be done since the e-mail address system is so big we  
22 could also put e-mails – okay we can put e-mail addresses for  
23 any of the Board Members that wanted it on there and you can  
24 say it if you want it. Now your personal e-mail address would  
25 not be compromised by this because I will set it up so that if  
26 somebody sent you an e-mail through the website it would get  
27 forwarded because your e-mail address through the website  
28 would be something like Sig@MDWIDnews.com or it could be  
29 Lisa @MDWIDnews.com. So you would not need to  
30 compromise your e-mail address unless you so desire. Now if  
31 you reply to it even if it was forwarded to you the recipient of  
32 your reply would get it. Somebody who is just sending  
33 comments or hate mail or death threats or anything like that  
34 they wouldn't know your real e-mail address just the one that's  
35 through the website.  
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37 Ms. Cummings: Yeah, that's excellent.  
38 Ms. Sostarich: A whole bunch of interesting things to think about.  
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40 Ms. Cummings: Yeah. Thank you very much. We appreciate it. All right  
41 number 10.  
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43 **10. Call for public comment**  
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45 Ms. Cummings: No public comment. Okay Number 11. Adjournment of the next  
46 scheduled meeting will be June 8, 2009. And number 12:  
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48 **12. Adjournment**

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Ms. Cummings: The time is 8:35.

Mr. Peetoom: So moved.

Ms. Cummings: Make the motion. All right I made the motion. The meeting is adjourned.

Ms. Sieglaff: All in favor?

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