

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

5
6 **June 8, 2009**
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9 **1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

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12 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Welcome to our regular monthly meeting at the Marana
13 Domestic Water Improvement District; the date is June
14 8th, 2009 and the time is 7:12 p.m. and we'll call the
15 meeting to order; please stand and Mike, again, would
16 you do the honor of the Pledge of Allegiance?
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18 The Pledge is said.

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20 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Thank you. Roll call please.
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22 **2. Roll Call**

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24 Upon taking the roll call the following Board Member were present:

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26 Teresa Ball-Cummings
27 Anthony Sostarich
28 Don Peetoom
29 Gary Kendrick
30 Mike Young
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32 Staff Member present were:

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34 Sigfrid Danielson, System Manager
35 Lisa Sieglaff, Clerk of the Board of Directors
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37 Also present were 12 public members
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39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: And Thom Martinez is here.

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41 Mr. Danielson: Our District Engineer, Thom Martinez, is also present.
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43 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, correct. Number 3.
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45 **3. Consent items**

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47 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Approval of May 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes; any additions
48 or corrections?

1 Mr. Sostarich: No. I move that we approve them as is.
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 3 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Do I hear a second?
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 5 Mr. Peetoom: I second it.
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 7 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay.
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 9 Mr. Kendrick: Do I vote on this because I wasn't here?
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 11 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's up to you. I mean if you want to review them we
 12 can table it until next month.
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 14 Mr. Kendrick: I've read it.
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 16 Ms. Ball-Cummings: So you're okay?
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 18 Mr. Kendrick: Yes.
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 20 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay. It's been first and seconded; motion's been made
 21 so let's vote.

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 23 **AYE 5 NAY 0 ABSTENTIONS 0**
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27 **4. System Manager's Report**
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29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Sig?
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 31 Mr. Danielson: I apologize to the Board, I've been pretty busy and I
 32 haven't had – did not have a chance to prepare a
 33 preliminary Manager's Report last week. We were
 34 informed last Tuesday of the possibility of an organism in
 35 our water system that is potentially very harmful to some
 36 people due to ingesting it through the nasal passages.
 37 This is something that we had tested for seventeen
 38 months ago and was not present. In order to – and we
 39 received this notification from the Pima County Health
 40 Department via Pima County Department of
 41 Environmental Quality. I immediately contacted our
 42 regulatory agent who is Arizona Department of
 43 Environmental Quality and we began making steps in
 44 order to ensure that we're protecting the public health.
 45 We took another round of samples early Wednesday
 46 morning; began chlorinating Wednesday and increased
 47 the chlorination rate on Thursday and we've been at a
 48 fairly high chlorination rate since. Our initial test results

1 are at least the end of this week or the first part of next
2 week before we even get a verbal on the test results.
3 The El Tiro Well seems to have settled down; I sent
4 Thom Martinez and Don Sawade from the Webber
5 Group, the people who installed the well, the vibration
6 analysis we've done to date. It does not look like the
7 vibration is changing at all with the realignment and the
8 motor on the top of the well the amount of noise that the
9 well is making is absolutely minimal so I still am asking
10 the question, and nobody's been able to answer: Is it
11 something that we absolutely have to take this motor
12 down in the hottest part of the summer and do new
13 bearings on it and get it dipped and baked, which will
14 result in it being out of service from four to seven days, or
15 is it something that can wait until October when Derringer
16 and IM are better able to handle the system? However,
17 we have also run the system in a test mode on Derringer
18 for periods of time in the last month to make sure that
19 Derringer can handle the load under all circumstances
20 with this well acting as a backup. So that's the update on
21 that. I still don't have any definitive answers on when and
22 how critical this repair has to be.
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24 Last month, we, for the first time ever, did no shut off's at
25 all for non-payment. We did send out 118 late notices
26 with our end of May billing which is lower than average.
27 The accounts payable was \$36,612.22; accounts
28 receivable - \$42,245.94 for a positive \$5,613.72. Our
29 deposits and everything are for last month. They were
30 not updated as of Thursday on the Pima County website
31 and I didn't get to it today. So that's last month's. We'll
32 get those caught up and in proper next month. That
33 concludes the Manager's Report.
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35 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Excellent. Thank you Sig. Number 6. Oh 5, excuse me.
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37 **5. Discussion and possible action concerning Master Plan report from**
38 **Thom Martinez.**
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40 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Thom you have the floor.
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42 Mr. Martinez: Madam Chair and Members of the Board. My name is
43 Thom Martinez and I'm with Westland Resources. I'm
44 here tonight to generally go over the Master Plan that we
45 did for the District and to answer any questions. I
46 understand that everyone's been given a copy. But
47 before we begin, I'd like to apologize for not being here
48 last month. I think I've been sick two days in the last five

1 years and that was this last Board meeting and then
2 about two more meetings before uh, three more
3 meetings before. I had strepthroat and couldn't make
4 because of that. First of all just for you, this project was
5 done under a Technical Assistance Grant from WIFA,
6 from the State, and so this was done with grant money
7 from the State and nothing came out of your pockets
8 essentially to actually do this work.
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10 Mr. Danielson: 25%.

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12 Mr. Martinez: Oh, 25%, I'm sorry. So a lot of the work was actually
13 subsidized by the State to do this project. What we did
14 was two-fold. The first thing we did was we updated the
15 water system base maps, which hadn't been updated for
16 several years. We updated those with Sig and your staff
17 will probably have to help keep them updated. They can
18 be used for submittals to DWR or for coordination
19 throughout the meeting. That's going to be a continual
20 process for the District, as you find more and more things
21 in your system that you didn't have when we first started
22 the Master Plan. When we first started we really didn't
23 have a lot of good maps or "as-builts". As the District
24 continues to dig things up and find additional valves or
25 pipelines. As we learn more about the system these
26 maps will continually be updated. So that was done as
27 part of some of our work. The second thing that we did
28 was the Master Plan. We looked at the Master Plan
29 from... generally we do a Master Plan we do it for a
30 couple of different reasons. The first thing is just to look
31 at is as a capacity basis, okay? And when you look at
32 things on a capacity basis you need to do an evaluation
33 of all of the connections you have, how much water is
34 used and if you have the adequate or appropriate
35 facilities in terms of well capacity, pump station capacity
36 and storage capacity to serve your existing customers.
37 So as part of some of the work we had done in the past
38 as part of building this water plan here there's a pretty
39 good idea that you have that. You've shown that you do
40 actually have an excess capacity in those three
41 categories and that's something that was actually worked
42 in to your connection fee calculations previously. So
43 that's actually a capacity that in the future you can sell
44 more connections as they come in. Once a connection
45 comes in and if there's not an existing water service there
46 you can pay them for a new connection. So the way the
47 Statutes read you can have development pay for an
48 infrastructure deficiency that your existing system has.

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Existing customers have to pay for deficiencies and then development has to pay for itself – you can have development pay for itself and that's the way we structured this particular Master Plan. So we did that, we did the capacity analysis with the assumption that the developing community as it comes in will build it's own infrastructure whether it's wells or storage tanks or booster stations to serve their own water needs. One of the things with the District is that a lot of these facilities along these areas were grandfathered in or didn't have necessarily a fire flow requirement when they were constructed. So a lot of times when we design water distribution systems fire flow requirements dictate the size of the infrastructure. In this particular instance it wasn't necessarily required although some of the new developments that come in are required to provide a system, or to pay for the construction of a system that will give them fire flow capacities for their particular facilities. And whether that's commercial, which are generally higher, or for domestic as in some of these other subdivisions coming in, and so it goes on whichever is one is going in. So from the development perspective it's assumed the master plan developer will pay for the construction as required by the State. The other part of the Master Plan, and we spent a lot of time on this in this particular report, was looking at was what the existing system components were. When the District was first formed and we built this infrastructure there was an issue with having enough water supply, and we'd run out of water and things would go down and there was no redundancy, etc. The way we hooked to capacity the majority of those infrastructure deficiencies have been corrected so you have that capacity. Now what we're looking at is primarily pipelines in areas where there is looping or through valve replacements or commuter replacements, etc. where the District would be best served just to spend additional infrastructure dollars to upgrade this existing system. The recommendations in our report are shown in accrual, dependents B, the capital improvement fund and there are 22 projects listed in there and we've ranked them in the order of priority. There are projects ranging from a couple of thousand to several hundred thousand dollars for different usual projects. We're not saying that you have to do every single one of these projects. I think we've identified about \$2,000,000.00 – a little over \$2,000,000.00 worth of upgrades that could be done or probably should be done within the flying horizons in the next 10 or 20 years

1 but we did a priority list that the District can use in
2 acquiring additional loan or grant monies, or so the Board
3 can use when you're budgeting for your replacement
4 expenses as far as your budget goes, so that's the
5 exercise we did and I think the reports can probably be
6 used by staff and we're here tonight to see if you need
7 answers to any questions you may have and to adopt the
8 Plan. So with that I'm open for any questions you have.
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10 Mr. Sostarich: Well the only thing – I've reviewed – I've read everything
11 that you presented to us and I'm rather agreeably
12 impressed, particularly with the way you prioritize the
13 greatest needs first versus things that will benefit us and
14 actually improve matters later. Actually my only
15 questions really don't involve you, it involves more the
16 Board and the staff about raising the funding for this.
17 That's the only issues that I have right now. Otherwise...
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19 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I'm okay with it, yeah. I've reviewed it. Go ahead.
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21 Mr. Danielson: We hosted a Special Districts meeting here last Friday for
22 the Rural Water Association and I learned at that meeting
23 that apparently RD – Rural Development – is going to
24 have some stimulus money available later this summer or
25 fall. And that's spread out over about a three year period
26 and there's grant money available there so it has my
27 interest.
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29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Great. Great.
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31 Mr. Sostarich: Well the issue is – I mean, he said this whole thing will
32 cost around \$2,000,000.00 or thereabouts to do all of
33 this. Can we at least hope that we can get that kind of
34 money in the future to do all this?
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36 Mr. Danielson: We were able to secure \$1.2 million dollars worth of grant
37 money for the infrastructure upgrades in 2003 – 2004;
38 the original Master Plan for the original preliminary
39 engineering report that was a requirement for the RD
40 loan was financed through a WIFA grant at no cost to this
41 District. The hydrology study for the well site and
42 everything like that was financed 100% through GADA,
43 the Greater Arizona Development Authority at no cost to
44 this District. So there is grant money available out there
45 and potentially we might have a 25% match. But, you
46 know, then it would be up to the Board; do we want to
47 increase our indebtedness by an additional half-million

1 dollars in order to gain \$1.5 million dollars worth of
2 infrastructure improvements?
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4 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's true.
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6 Mr. Sostarich: Well either way we're faced with what's down the road for
7 those that come after us. Our grandchildren...
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Right, correct.
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11 Mr. Sostarich: ... the Board Member that come after us ...
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13 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's correct.
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15 Mr. Sostarich: ... fellow members of the community that come after us.
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17 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's correct; any other questions for Thom? No Mike?
18 Don?
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20 Mr. Peetoom: No, I don't have any.
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22 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay.
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24 Mr. Martinez: I do have one question for Mike and Tony. I would like to
25 get an idea about construction costs, especially out here.
26 We do have a lot of construction costs that we used from
27 our construction so we need to see if this makes sense to
28 you and to find out about construction costs from you and
29 things of that nature.
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31 Public member: Can you have them speak up a little? We can't hear you.
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34 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh, okay, I'm sorry.
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36 Mr. Sostarich: Thank you for enlightening us. I'll be glad to speak up.
37 Can you hear me now? Okay. Thank you for bringing
38 that to our attention.
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40 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, thank you.
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42 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah, I'm sure that those costs for construction and labor
43 are going to change dramatically here within the next –
44 I'm not an economist – but I think we're going to see
45 some changes that may or may not be welcomed and by
46 whom. I don't have anything else to say. My only
47 concern was raising the funding, right?
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1 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Correct.
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3 Mr. Sostarich: I read his report and I liked it, I agreed with it and I think
4 it's very well written.
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6 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, an excellent report yes.
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8 Mr. Martinez: I think at the end of the day this is the tool that you need
9 to go chase grant money. And so, if there's any
10 opportunities for the District to go after money you have
11 to have a Plan and know what you want to do. So you
12 have this you can probably update it – you can update it
13 as soon as you get - as development comes in you can
14 look at things; you can base a lot of studies on it and
15 some of the results that are in here. But this is really the
16 tool that you're going to need to go chasing money. And
17 I think that at this point as Sig mentioned, it's what you
18 need to show what the District intends to do.
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20 Ms. Ball-Cumming: Correct. Correct.
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22 Mr. Young: Well it's my understanding that the \$55,000,000.00 that
23 was granted to Arizona by the Obama stimulus package
24 – the cutoff date was March 8th and nothing happened.
25 We lost that stimulus money. We didn't even become a
26 player in that, which is discouraging.
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28 Mr. Martinez: I think a lot of facilities are hopeful that it's not just this
29 first stage over the next couple of years that more money
30 will come out based upon what the District's position is.
31 And frankly, the track record you put together on building
32 a water system, redoing it and creating a live water
33 system it says a lot for what you've done. And you'll be
34 eligible for a lot of different grant money that a lot of
35 people aren't. So I think that if there's anybody that I
36 work with that would be – would look good, I think it
37 would be you guys. I mean it's just a matter of – it might
38 take ten or twenty years worth of - just every year
39 applying and getting something here and there, but
40 maybe get some designs going and put in for bids for it
41 and then you get a project here and there funded but you
42 know, as you mentioned earlier that these are not
43 projects that have to be today or tomorrow, these are just
44 you know, scenarios There are some areas where they
45 put electrical conduit in they're not water pipelines. There
46 some meter requests that still need to be done. There's
47 some moving that will be done so that you can get better
48 water quality and so the system will get better flow

1 capacity. There's things that just technically make a lot of
2 sense and this is just a systematic approach to correcting
3 some of those – I wouldn't even call them deficiencies so
4 much it's more of a repair and replacement type of thing
5 that you're always going to have to get in there and repair
6 broken things. And some of these facilities are a little
7 older and they've been in the ground for a while so you
8 need to think about replacement costs. And as in
9 inventory you should plan your replacement costs.
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11 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's true.
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13 Mr. Sostarich: Thank you for your vote of confidence. When you've had
14 a day like mine every little bit helps.
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16 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, it does. I do agree.
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18 Mr. Peetoom: Some of these pipes have been in the ground since the
19 60's.
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21 Mr. Martinez: If they have been - I would also say that when we look at
22 this what are looking for - usually what we are looking for
23 – usually we will do an evaluation when we're looking and
24 say, Sig, are there any areas where you're having routine
25 breaks? Are they any areas where we had any breaks.
26 If they haven't then I would also say that when we looked
27 at this we're looking for – usually you would do an
28 evaluation - and we're looking and saying: are there any
29 areas where you're having routine breaks? All that stuff
30 is relevant. Its not unusual for pipelines, especially AC
31 pipelines, to last for 50 years. So these are not – it's not
32 necessarily that you're having any particular problems it's
33 just a matter of looking at things as to capacity, age, and
34 the type of material.
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36 Mr. Kendrick: Do you have any idea of how much of the electrical
37 conduit is in use as water pipe for water?
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39 Mr. Martinez: I think that there are estimates in here based upon what's
40 been found.
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42 Mr. Danielson: There's a problem with a big fault.
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44 Mr. Martinez: Right. You're right.
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46 Mr. Sostarich: And does anybody have any idea how old this electrical
47 conduit piping is?
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1 Mr. Danielson: Early 70's; late 60's early 70's.
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3 Mr. Sostarich: So it's probably still made in Pittsburgh then rather than
4 China, right?
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6 Mr. Danielson: It's probably ABS, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.
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8 Ms. Ball-Cummings: True.
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10 Mr. Sostarich: Well there are many elements in our society that think
11 that a plastic bag buried in a landfill will last a thousand
12 years. So I think ABS pipe should last at least...
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14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Exactly.
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16 Mr. Sostarich: ... it won't last a thousand years but it will probably last
17 our lifetime.
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19 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Exactly.
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21 Mr. Sostarich: But a lot is riding on that pipe so if we can find a way to
22 replace it I think that would be a good idea to replace it.
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24 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's a start right there. Yes, I do agree any more
25 discussion on that?
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27 Mr. Young: I don't have any discussion but, like Thom was first
28 saying, we need to have our ducks in a row...
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30 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Correct.
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32 Mr. Young: ...when grant money is available we need to go after it
33 instead of missing out. I mean that was ridiculous.
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35 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Well there were different Board Member at the time and
36 we'll – you know, we know that and so now we won't
37 miss out this time when it comes up.
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39 Mr. Peetoom: We've got a Manager too.
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41 Mr. Sostarich: And a Financial Assessment Committee.
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43 Mr. Martinez: Are there any other questions?
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45 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I think we're all set. Thank you Thom. Have a good
46 evening, drive careful.
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48 Mr. Sostarich: Thank you.

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2 Mr. Peetoom: Drive careful.
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4 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay, all right, item number 6.
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6 Mr. Peetoom: I don't think we need it...
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8 Mr. Kendrick: We'll have to wait then.
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10 Mr. Peetoom: ...because Roger's not here.
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12 Mr. Danielson: I called him up per our discussion.
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14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: So I can still read it and then we can ...
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16 Mr. Danielson: Yeah, read it and then cancel it.
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18 Ms. Ball-Cummings: ...and cancel it. Okay. I still do it. Number 6.
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20 **6. The Board may vote on whether to hold an Executive Session pursuant**
21 **to A.R.S. §38-341.03(A)(3) to receive legal advice from the District's**
22 **attorney regarding water quality issues. The Board of Directors**
23 **specifically reserves the right to hold as many Executive Sessions as it**
24 **deems necessary during this meeting with regard to water quality**
25 **issues.**
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27 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Since the lawyer is not going to be here we'll go ahead
28 and cancel and that goes for number 7, the Executive
29 Sessions same thing pursuant to A.R.S. Cancel number
30 7 too. Number 8.
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32 **8. Discussion and possible action concerning water quality issues.**
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34 Mr. Sostarich: I think Sig already covered that one in his System
35 Manager's Report didn't he?
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37 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Correct.
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39 Mr. Danielson: I covered...
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41 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Verbally.
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43 Mr. Danielson: Verbally I covered everything that basically I know in the
44 Manager's Report. We have sampled for this particular
45 organism in – and I believe it started in November of '07'
46 and in January of '08' and we were completely clean at
47 the time. My understanding at the time is you either had

1 it or you didn't have it. And if you don't have it don't worry
2 about it that it's naturally occurring.
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4 Mr. Sostarich: May I...should I read that for the public?
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6 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, you may. That would be excellent.
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8 Mr. Sostarich: Okay, the water quality issue that Sig is referring to is
9 known as naegleria fowleri and I got a page out of the
10 Wikopedia online encyclopedia and I'll just read you the
11 basic outline of what this is so you people can
12 understand what he's talking about, alright?
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14 Naegleria fowleri, also know as the brain eating amoeba,
15 is a free- living excavate form of protist typically found in
16 warm fresh water from 77° to 95° fahrenheit in an
17 amoeboid or a temporary flagellate stage. It belongs to a
18 group called the Percolozoa or Heterolobosea.
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20 Naegleria fowleri can invade and attack the human
21 nervous system, although this occurs rarely, such an
22 infection will usually result in the death of the victim. In
23 humans Naegleria fowleri, or NF for short, can invade the
24 central system via the nose, more specifically the
25 olfactory mucosa and nasal tissues. The penetration
26 initially results in significant necrosis of and
27 hemorrhaging of the olfactory bulbs, your smell bulbs in
28 your nose. From there amoeba climb through the nerve
29 fibers through the floor of the cranium via the cribriform
30 plate and into the brain. It then becomes pathogenic,
31 causing primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM or
32 PAME). PAM is a syndrome affecting the central
33 nervous system, characterized by changes in the
34 olfactory perception (taste and smell), followed by
35 vomiting, nausea, fever, headache, and the rapid onset
36 of coma and death in two weeks.
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38 PAM usually occurs in healthy children or young adults
39 with no prior history of immune compromise who have
40 recently been exposed to bodies of fresh water.
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42 That concludes that.
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44 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Fresh water.
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46 Public member: May I say something on that paper?
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48 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, you may.

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2 Public member: I think we should have a higher concern because our spa
3 was tested positive for this at 104° after being chlorinated.
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5 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Was that before... are you the parents?
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7 Public member: Yes, I'm the mother of the child.
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: ... of the child, oh I'm sorry to have that happen.
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11 Public member: I think we should be more concerned than anybody
12 because not only was it tested positive in our spa it was
13 tested positive in our home in the tap water in the
14 bathroom. And it caused the death of a 2-1/2 year old
15 because of it two weeks ago.
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17 Ms. Ball-Cummings: And, excuse me, are you the grandparents?
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19 Public member: I'm her great-aunt.
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21 Ms. Ball-Cummings: You're her aunt. Oh, I'm sorry I did not know that.
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23 Mr. Young: You know, as a Board Member these people have more
24 of an education on what happened to their child. I mean,
25 it's scary, very scary.
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27 Ms. Ball-Cummings: It is.
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29 Mr. Young: Very scary.
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31 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes it is.
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33 Public member: And all of the symptoms that they said would be revealed
34 doesn't necessarily happen. Her first symptom was not
35 being able to walk. She had no headache, she had no
36 fever she had nothing. And 14 days later she died. She
37 never had a fever the entire time...
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39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: You didn't - there wasn't nothing that you'd seen that was
40 unusual?
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42 Public member: She tripped and couldn't walk. That was the only
43 symptom. We went to the emergency room immediately
44 upon the act of not being able to hold her own body
45 weight with her legs.
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47 Ms. Ball-Cummings: And if you mind me asking, is there any other family
48 member that was affected?

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2 Public member: I hope not because there's no treatment for this.
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4 Mr. Young: Is there any prevention?
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6 Mr. Sostarich: There is no prevention.
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8 Public member: No.
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10 Mr. Young: There is no prevention?
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12 Mr. Sostarich: Are you guys – you're not under the impression that
13 we're not concerned about this, are you?
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15 Public member: No, no, no. My next question is you stated the last
16 testing for this was 17 months ago.
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18 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Correct.
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20 Public member. It took 14 days to kill my daughter.
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22 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Be strong sweetie, I know it's hard.
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24 Public member: It's hard.
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26 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I know it is. I know, I know. And we feel for you, we
27 really do. I have a 14-month-old grandbaby so I mean I
28 know.
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30 Public member: I asked the Health Department about treatment in sight.
31 They informed me the money – it's not worth the money
32 to find a treatment.
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34 Ms. Ball-Cummings: It's not worth the money?
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36 Public member: That's what I was told by the Health Department.
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38 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh my goodness.
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40 Public member: On the preventative side can we test more often versus
41 every 17 months or whatever the normal...
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43 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes.
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45 Mr. Kendrick: Definitely.
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47 Public member: That's what I'm going to push for all water districts by the
48 way.

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2 Mr. Sostarich: I've got a question for you.
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4 Public member: Okay.
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6 Mr. Sostarich: I've been just apprised about this last Thursday I believe.
7 Was it Thursday?
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, yes.
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11 Mr. Sostarich: And this kind of came as an unpleasant surprise for me.
12 You know I come home from work after a week of work
13 and I hear about this. This is a tragedy of – a community
14 wide tragedy of great proportions.
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16 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I dropped they bomb on him.
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18 Mr. Sostarich: Now, my question is this. This was all I could dig up on
19 short notice. And too, the information I got was
20 somewhat sketchy. Did the Health Department go to
21 your house and your grandparents' house too and both
22 were tested positive?
23
24 Public member: Yes. Well not my parents it was actually my husband's
25 parents...
26
27 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah...
28
29 Public member: ... at Ajo and Kinney 30 miles away. They both tested
30 positive for the same amoeba, which is this naegleria that
31 you read about.
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33 Public member: These weren't off a well. It's city water.
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35 Mr. Sostarich: So the real concern here is that the groundwater supply
36 itself may be...
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38 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Contaminated.
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40 Mr. Sostarich: This is what I was thinking of when this information was
41 being processed. If that is, that's a national - or a valley
42 wide concern here.
43
44 Public member: That's why we are here tonight and the CDC in Atlanta is
45 also involved.
46
47 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Are they? Well thank you for informing us of that.
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1 Public member They have sent for water samples of our tap water, our
2 pool water, our spa water and our soil. Because this
3 amoeba you talked about it being a group of other types
4 of parasites. Another one is a parasite that has the exact
5 same outcome and side effects but it lives in the soil.
6
7 Public member: And that's the one that she contracted. It's not traced to
8 water but at the time of the testing, the Health
9 Department they did not know which amoeba she had.
10 So they tested water and dirt.
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12 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Both.
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14 Mr. Kendrick: Could the soil – could the water have infected the soil?
15
16 Public member: No. This amoeba has not been traced to water at all, the
17 one that she had. However, this naegleria, once it is
18 contaminated by water or introduced to water it does not
19 kill it, it forms itself into a cyst so the chlorination cannot
20 penetrate it to kill it. Therefore, these things are
21 becoming more and more amoeba.
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23 Ms. Ball-Cummings: And they grow, yeah.
24
25 Public member: And the CDC also states that they're expecting a rise of
26 this because of the system we have. So to test only
27 every 17 months or whatever by then the amoeba form
28 cysts and are not treatable. Where if you test more often
29 maybe they won't be able to get themselves into a cyst.
30
31 Public member: They have a life cycle... that can be found on the CDC
32 website.
33
34 Mr. Kendrick: When we test do we send... how does that happen?
35 What's the process there?
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37 Mr. Danielson: Okay. When we did the testing 17 months ago we
38 contracted Turner Laboratories in Tucson to do the
39 testing. And what we wanted Turner Laboratories to do
40 was hire an outside operator to come in and take the
41 samples so that our staff had no involvement at all in it.
42 So they hired YL Technologies who came out and took
43 the samples, they brought the samples to Tucson.
44 Turner does not analyze for that. They sent it to Legend
45 Labs in Phoenix and the analysis from the time we took
46 the samples until we got the written results back was 32
47 days. Now, it's also very expensive test work. You're
48 looking at about \$500.00 per sample.

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2 Public member: I'm sure that money can be raised to make it happen.
3
4 Mr. Danielson: During this entire period of time I had several discussions
5 with Nancy and Woody Turner who own Turner
6 Laboratories and he made the comment to me, he says,
7 it's naturally occurring. Either you've got it or you don't
8 have it. If you don't have it don't worry about it was his
9 comment that he made to me 18 months ago when we
10 were trying to set this whole sample protocol up. We re-
11 sampled the points of entry to the system last
12 Wednesday morning prior to doing any chlorination to
13 make sure that for some reason or other it wasn't being
14 introduced via the water storage tanks, the HP tank, the
15 booster system, anything like that. Those results we will
16 probably have very late this week or early next week.
17 Today the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
18 came out and took source water samples as we did 17
19 months ago of the three wells that service the north end
20 of the District. They also pulled random bacteriological
21 samples at various points including your grandfather's
22 house.
23
24 Public member: I mean I know there's nothing that can be done about my
25 daughter. I'm not blaming anybody I just – if we could
26 save one family from it I think it's worth it.
27
28 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Exactly. You bet it is.
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30 Mr. Sostarich: I think it's safe to say in this case your concerns are our
31 concerns too.
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33 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Exactly.
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35 Public member: I understand that. I don't want anybody to feel like we're
36 putting blame because she had the first case in Arizona.
37 Not even the doctors with 20 and 30 years who took care
38 of her in ICU have heard of a case. I just want it to
39 become known and prevent it.
40
41 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah.
42
43 Mr. Kendrick: Isn't there a way we can do more testing sooner like she
44 said, say once a month or once every couple of months?
45
46 Mr. Danielson: I totally take my direction from the Board and from
47 ADEQ. I've had conversations with John Calkins, who
48 heads up the water quality section for the Arizona

1 Department of Environmental Quality, that 18 months
2 ago when the scare first happened in Tucson or 19
3 months ago or so, they went looking for it. They said
4 okay, it's got to be Colorado River water, it's got to be in
5 Lake Parker, it's got to be at Havasu and various other
6 places. They couldn't find it.
7
8 Public member: They did find it in 2004.
9
10 Mr. Danielson: But it's very, very rare in groundwater systems.
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12 Public member That is true.
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14 Mr. Danielson: It's a surface water phenomenon. And I'll tell you
15 everything we've got is groundwater.
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17 Public member: And you're absolutely correct when you say you either
18 have it or you don't. But you have it or you don't at the
19 time of testing. You can literally get it the day after you
20 test and you don't even know it.
21
22 Public member: And what I also found out is the water sample – the
23 amoeba could be right next to the sample that you just
24 took...
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26 Mr. Kendrick: And it won't be detected.
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28 Public member: ... and not be detected.
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30 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Is this what you all just found out?
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32 Public member: We've known about this for 30 days now.
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34 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh...
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36 Public member: We've been on the internet almost constantly for 30 days
37 researching it.
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39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Do you mind me asking for the website? You called it
40 CDC?
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42 Public member: It's CDC, the Center for Disease Control.
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44 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh, okay, all right.
45
46 Public member: And we are going to around to other water companies so
47 whomever you guys answer to, they will be getting this

1 constantly because we're going to every water
2 department ...
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4 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's great, that's great.
5
6 Public member: So you're not going to be the only one.
7
8 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's okay. That's what you're...
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10 Mr. Sostarich: Did your findings indicate that this sort of thing could be
11 introduced into the water system intentionally by
12 somebody of... somebody with less than honorable
13 intentions?
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15 Public member: No, I haven't heard anything like that. When my daughter
16 was in the hospital somebody from North Carolina,
17 through a prayer chain, heard about this and called from
18 North Carolina and she knew somebody in North
19 Carolina who had the same symptoms my daughter had
20 which is naegleria. We asked the doctors about it they
21 said no way. She can't have this. Nine days later she
22 got sick. So it's just something that naturally lives here.
23 It's not been able to be treated in human beings because
24 it ghosts itself until it kills a person. It eats away at the
25 brain through the spinal cord. There have only been two
26 surviving cases. One is in a complete vegetative state
27 and the other one is a paraplegic.
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29 Mr. Kendrick: And there's no cure and there's no way to prevent this, is
30 there?
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32 Public member: It appears in laboratories but they've never been able to
33 catch it soon enough to treat humans. Preventative is
34 just – as far as anybody's concerned chlorination treats it.
35 But right now it's starting to mutate in the system cells
36 they have to do further research to find treatment and
37 prevention because ...
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39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: They adapt. Correct?
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41 Public member: They all mutate.
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43 Public member: They're doing additional testing on my spa water now and
44 the chlorine levels were extremely high and the water
45 temperature was 107°.
46
47 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay. Excellent. Excellent.
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1 Mr. Danielson: Your said to have...has anyone made any comment
2 about ultraviolet treatment?
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4 Public member: Well...
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6 Mr. Danielson: Is this an option?
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8 Ms. Ball-Cummings: What is it?
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10 Mr. Sostarich: Ultraviolet treatment.
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12 Public member: And the reason I brought this up is because with the spa
13 having a cover on it, It would be more likely to be found in
14 a spa than in a pool that is never covered. It's out in the
15 sunlight and everything. I hope you don't take this as me
16 speaking badly about the local Health Department but I
17 had to beg them to come test my spa because they were
18 adamant this could not live in chlorine. Like I said, just to
19 shut me up they tested my spa.
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21 Ms. Ball-Cummings: What are they talking about?
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23 Mr. Sostarich: Ultraviolet treatment.
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25 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's what I thought.
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27 Public member: I talked to my peers at work and the reason I brought it
28 up is with the spa having a cover it constantly and the
29 pool that is never covered, it's out in the sunlight and
30 everything...
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32 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's sad, that's...
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34 Public member: ...which is exactly where it was found. I asked them to
35 come back and test my pool because if it's in my spa my
36 concern is that it's now in my pool. They refused to do
37 that.
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39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: They refused to do your pool?
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41 Mr. Young: And it's a health issue.
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43 Mr. Kendrick: How can they do that? I mean it's a health issue.
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45 Public member: Well we were pushing...
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47 Mr. Young: You shouldn't have to push unless...
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1 Mr. Kendrick: Who are we talking about?
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3 Public member: The Pima County Health Department on Prince.
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5 Mr. Kendrick: On Prince?
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7 Public member: They actually came out to us. We didn't have to go to
8 them. The hospital had notified them that the Health
9 Department had taken over so it's a matter of public
10 record.
11
12 Ms. Ball-Cummings: But that's not...
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14 Public member: The other ones had told me that it wasn't worth the
15 money or the time to find a vaccination or a treatment ...
16
17 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Sure it's worth it.
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19 Mr. Kendrick: If we're only saving one life...it's well worth it.
20
21 Ms. Ball-Cummings: It's worth it. You're darn right it is.
22
23 Public member: When you have to bury a two and one-half year old.
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25 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's heartbreaking, yes it is.
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27 Public member: Especially since she was healthy. She never had any
28 infections and never had been to the doctor except for
29 her routine check ups.
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31 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, for her shots and, yeah. I understand that.
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33 Mr. Sostarich: I think that what we ought to do is lean on the Health
34 Department ourselves because from what Sig has told us
35 Friday these two sites 30 miles apart are both
36 contaminated and they get the groundwater from the
37 same place. So...
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39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, so the germ is just carried. Now I believe that's
40 very possible that could happen.
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42 Mr. Sostarich: Groundwater is contaminated. Before we came in here I
43 asked Tom about where the water flow was underground
44 for just such an emergency as this...
45
46 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes.
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1 Mr. Sostarich: ... and he said that it generally flows up from Mexico up
2 the Santa Cruz basin and goes on to the Gila River up
3 near Phoenix and it's also fed by the Central Arizona
4 Project in the Santa Cruz affluent from the Ina and Roger
5 Rd. Wastewater Treatment Plant.
6
7 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah.
8
9 Public member: This amoeba in found in very often in Mexico. So if we're
10 getting water downstream...
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12 Mr. Sostarich: What's a –it's the underground water...
13
14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah.
15
16 Mr. Sostarich: ... that we're talking about here it, what did you say Sig,
17 it's 200' down is this well out here?
18
19 Mr. Young: Well this recharging system they have...
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21 Mr. Danielson: This well we don't draw any water above 385'. Everything
22 is drawn below 385'.
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24 Mr. Young: My Dad's is only at 160'.
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26 Ms. Ball-Cummings: His well?
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28 Mr. Young? His well.
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30 Public member: All the information that, I guess I should say the limited
31 information that's been given, have they mentioned
32 anything at all of other treatments besides chlorinating. I
33 know you did mention...
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35 Mr. Danielson: That's all they've said to use...
36
37 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah.
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39 Mr. Danielson: ...chlorine. I'm asking a question on UV for my own
40 satisfaction and my own information. And realize, I have
41 a 22 month old and a 7-month old grandchildren living
42 with me and I have a swimming pool and a spa. I have a
43 concern also.
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45 Public member: Yeah, I was a little irate when they found it positive in my
46 spa last Friday and didn't tell us until the following
47 Tuesday and we all swam in the pool that weekend. I
48 was extremely upset and asked them why they didn't

1 another sample of my spa directly to Atlanta who is now
2 testing it to make sure the results were accurate.
3
4 Mr. Kendrick: Have any of you contacted any of the news centers to
5 see if you can get this on the news and put the pressure
6 on them?
7
8 Public member: We're about to do that now.
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10 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I don't blame you.
11
12 Public member: My question is did the Health Department notify you guys
13 about this and are you getting the results as much as we
14 are?
15
16 Mr. Danielson: We received - I received a call from David Amash who
17 heads up the water quality section for Pima County
18 Department of Environmental Quality. He had received a
19 call from the Health Department so I got it second-hand.
20 You know, we've had no correspondence or nothing from
21 the Health Department.
22
23 Public member: They told me you guys had a Board meeting...
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25 Public member: With the Health Department.
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27 Public member: Yeah, that's what they told me.
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29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: A Board meeting with the Health Department?
30
31 Public member: That's what they told me.
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33 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's not correct, no that's not correct.
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35 Mr. Sostarich: We did have a Board meeting last month but the Health
36 Department wasn't present.
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38 Ms. Ball-Cummings: No.
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40 Mr. Danielson: No.
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42 Public member: They said that you were notified and that you started
43 what you did on Wednesday.
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45 Mr. Danielson: Yeah.
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47 Public member: That's the day they told me.
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1 Mr. Danielson: Yeah, on Tuesday we sat back and we said okay. We
2 know that we tested for this in the past and we were told
3 at the time either we have it or we don't have it. Don't
4 worry about it. So our first question is, number 1, what
5 do we do and what should we do? Mr. Amash from Pima
6 County DEQ he says I can't tell you what to do or
7 anything like that. He says I'm just providing information
8 to you, he says, and my boss, and man by the name of
9 Mike Redmond, I've known Mike for several years, he
10 says is asking questions. So I answered all of their
11 questions, I hung up and I tried to – I attempted to call
12 the lady that – I attempted to call our local contact with
13 the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Steve
14 Deveraux. He was on vacation last week. So I kicked it
15 up to the Manager of Water Quality in Phoenix and – a
16 lady by the name of Donna Calderone. She wasn't
17 available but her boss called me back Tuesday
18 afternoon. And I says, hey wait. I've got it set up for
19 Wednesday morning to sample the points of entry into
20 the system. I don't want to start chlorinating at 4:00 in
21 the afternoon when I'm going to be sampling at 8:00 in
22 the morning and destroy any evidence or any possibility
23 that it's being introduced by dust blowing into the tank
24 vents via something or other. So we did the sampling
25 Wednesday morning and we began chlorinating
26 Wednesday afternoon and we made – and we actually
27 quadrupled the dose on Thursday. And basically we
28 wanted to get it and at least get the tanks ready and start
29 putting a bit of chlorine into the system before we just
30 absolutely overwhelm it.
31

32 Public member: Do you guys know the number of the amount of chlorine
33 you guys have in the system?
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35 Mr. Danielson: We are shooting right now to be pumping in a .8
36 milligrams per liter or parts per million.
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38 Public member: Now I think it's important for to the CDC or the Health
39 Department to be in contact with you guys because
40 ultimately you are the ones who are going to take action
41 on what to do with your wells out there.
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43 Mr. Danielson: Correct. And that's what Steve – in fact last week I spent
44 quite a bit of time working with one of the local field guys
45 for – out of the Tucson office for ADEQ and he says I
46 don't care about people contacting me. I mean we are
47 part of the Pima County Department of Environmental
48 Quality. Your water system is regulated by us. It should

1 be Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and
2 Marana DWID who has the only say and the final say in
3 what's going on here. Period. And everybody else
4 should be feeding us information rather than establishing
5 a reason to call the Pima County Health Department who
6 has, as of yet, has bothered to contact me.
7
8 Public member: So my next question is, when we get the test results from
9 whatever testing they have done and we're not contacted
10 who do we contact here, what department?
11
12 Mr. Danielson: Me.
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14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes. The System Manager, Sig Danielson.
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16 Mr. Danielson: I will get you a business card before you leave because I
17 want you to contact me. We could go back and forth but
18 [interference talking].
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20 Public member: We tried to explain that to the Health Department that we
21 understand that you are extremely close to the whole
22 situation because we lost a child.
23
24 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Correct.
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26 Public member: The fact that this is extremely rare and she has had the
27 first case of this in Arizona it's probably slightly
28 comforting in the fact that it's not widespread at the
29 moment as far as we know, however, they have
30 experienced an increase in cases over the last four years
31 by about 10 per year. And even though we are only the
32 first case in Arizona, there's far more cases out there
33 around us. A three year old died last year in California
34 and she got it from helping her mother plant flowers in
35 the garden. It was in a bag of potting soil. So, you know,
36 I understand that we're, you know, far more upset about
37 this than the average person because they didn't go
38 through what we've been through in the last month.
39 However, the fact that it exists and it's in our water right
40 here in our town, in our community, and the Health
41 Department didn't seem to be taking...
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43 Ms. Ball-Cummings: In our dirt too.
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45 Public member: ... steps to even notify anybody. I said to them look, I'm
46 the only one out here, I've got friends and co-workers and
47 neighbors and everybody who drinks the water, who
48 swims in their swimming pool, and here I sit being one of

1 the only people who knows this exists. How do we let
2 people know, not create a panic because it is rare, but at
3 least give people the tools to do what they can while
4 they're trying to figure this out. She couldn't offer me
5 anything.
6
7 Mr. Sostarich: What you're doing right now is a first step.
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's right.
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11 Mr. Sostarich: I mean I know somebody in the County system that I'm
12 going to talk to about this.
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14 Public member: Well we would appreciate any written documentation or
15 anything that's done or said because, you know, if we
16 don't get any actions here we're going to take this to the
17 next step and we [overtalking] . If it means we're going to
18 have to get a lawyer, you know, not only is it going to
19 show proof that we've been trying, it's going cover your
20 guys' behinds that you have told us what you know.
21 Because when it comes down to it we are going to nail
22 people who aren't doing what they're supposed to be
23 doing.
24
25 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Correct.
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27 Public member: And if we have written documentation if we have to take
28 this to a lawyer...
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30 Public member: We've got a point, well we still haven't gotten anything
31 back from them which he said he was going to call us
32 and we're going to have to call him. He just didn't seem
33 like he was too interested in this.
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35 Ms. Ball-Cummings: You're going to have to stay on top of them. It's just like
36 with a job. If you want the job bad enough, you know,
37 you're going to call them, contact them.
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39 Public member: Like we were saying, people hiding this from us is
40 another thing.
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42 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Exactly and there could be traces that we don't know
43 about.
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45 Public member: And even though it's rare, I even met a child on the
46 way...
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48 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh, bless your heart.

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2 Public member: ... that started to play in the same dirt that my daughter
3 did. How do I know if she contracted it from the same dirt
4 my daughter played in or the water I drink and cook with.
5 You know we need to know where this is and how to get
6 rid of it because even though it's rare it is happening and
7 it ravaged one of the healthiest two year olds in the
8 community.
9
10 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, I'm glad to hear that you weren't expecting...
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12 Mr. Sostarich: Would it be appropriate if whatever us Board Members
13 found out on an individual basis we just funnel it to the
14 office here to get to them, rather than us contacting them
15 directly?
16
17 Ms. Ball-Cummings: If Sig's more than happy to – when they come in or they
18 call – you bet. That's not a problem at all.
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20 Public member: I have an e-mail address which you can use or you can
21 just call me or e-mail me, you know, I can check out e-
22 mails or whatever it is.
23
24 Mr. Sostarich: It's a matter of kind of a chain of command to make
25 things simple for you.
26
27 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, yes.
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29 Public member: Well we appreciate your time and...
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31 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Well I'm thankful that you guys are here tonight.
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33 Mr. Kendrick: Yeah, because this is the first I've heard of it.
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35 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Because I was wondering and asking Sig, you know,
36 where do the families live? You know. What's around, I
37 mean, because like, you know, what was told us, 30
38 miles, Kinney and Bopp Road and then of course over
39 here, I mean that's two different water districts.
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41 Public member: And our water here is chlorinated by guys...
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43 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Exactly.
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45 Public member: ...and the well water, you know it's filtered but it doesn't
46 go through the chlorinating process that you go do with
47 your wells here.
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1 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Did you question them on that, if they did that?
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3 Public member: The second test that the Health Department took they
4 had a chlorinated filter and one part of the water was
5 chlorinated and the other part was not. So they
6 compared the two samples. We've yet to get anything
7 back from them.
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: They put something on the spigot to chlorinate it?
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11 Public member: Yes.
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13 Public member: It was a three-headed faucet...
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15 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh, I see. Okay, good.
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17 Mr. Sostarich: I second the Madam Chair's comments about gratitude
18 for you coming here and sharing with us both your pain
19 and your experience with the – what you've learned
20 about this. I'd also like to share with you that what you've
21 said about the performance of Pima County enrages me.
22
23 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, definitely, here too.
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25 Mr. Sostarich: I used to be an employee of Pima County myself at one
26 point in time.
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28 Public member: And I understand they have no idea about this. They're
29 learning as we are that, you know, the first time they've
30 ever heard of it yet I'm sure if it was their child laying in
31 the hospital it would be taken a lot further than it has.
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33 Ms. Ball-Cummings: There would be a static, I mean definitely, you know.
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35 Public member: You know, when they refused to test my pool I told the
36 lady if was your 11 year old daughter swimming in that
37 pool I bet your ass would be out there testing that water
38 right now...
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40 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's correct.
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42 Public member: ...and their thing was...
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44 Public member: ... you wouldn't be waiting.
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46 Public member: ... they didn't have any more test bottles.
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1 Ms. Ball-Cummings: All they had to do was pick up the phone and make
2 phone calls. That's an excuse. I'm sorry, you know, I
3 mean, you know, there's steps...
4
5 Mr. Danielson: They could have called me. I've got test bottles.
6
7 Public member: It's just the way they are going about it.
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, and it's sad. You need to file a complaint with the
10 corporate commission.
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12 Mr. Danielson: No, it's not the Corporation Commission.
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14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Then the - I can't even think.
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16 Mr. Danielson: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
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18 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
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20 Public member: Do you have the name of who we should contact?
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22 Mr. Danielson: Lori Godoshian.
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24 Public member: I'm sorry.
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26 Mr. Danielson: Her name is Lori Godoshian.
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28 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes it starts with a G the last name.
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30 Ms. Sieglaff: Let me let her write it down. It's G-O-D-O-S-H-I-A-N.
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32 Mr. Peetoom: Give them the phone number too.
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34 Public member: I mean we wanted to go to the news department but it
35 seems as soon as you do it's going to cause a panic for
36 anybody who has a child, a grandchild, a niece or a
37 nephew. And you know, I mean as deadly as this is, it's
38 still rare and we don't want everybody to panic and not be
39 able to live their daily lives.
40
41 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah. I would suggest one thing that you do not go to
42 and that's only because of what the paper that it is, I
43 wouldn't go to the Northwest Explorer personally. I mean
44 there's been papers that people has found that's not
45 really the truth in them. So, you know, the Arizona Daily
46 Star, you know that's a thought, but like you said...
47
48 Public member: I was thinking more like KGUN 9.

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2 Mr. Kendrick: Word it to where you know it's not going to create a
3 panic.
4
5 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, but it is important, I mean, that's...
6
7 Mr. Young: Pima County needs to be shamed into doing their job
8 right.
9
10 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, they do.
11
12 Mr. Sostarich: I would recommend the Washington Times myself.
13
14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: There you go.
15
16 Public member: And when we talked to...
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18 Mr. Sostarich: They're online. They print on line...
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20 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes.
21
22 Mr. Sostarich: ... and you don't need to subscribe, though even if you
23 chose to, you can get one delivered to your very
24 doorstep.
25
26 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, and you can put in questions, comments, you know,
27 I mean.
28
29 Public member: The CDC, on their website, actually has a letter that they
30 put out at the end of 2007 when the little 14 year-old boy
31 in Phoenix died from this. They put out a warning that it
32 was expected to... they were expected to be able to see
33 increases in the next few years of this.
34
35 Ms. Ball-Cummings: And what year was this? Excuse me.
36
37 Public member: 2007. It was actually December 2007.
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39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: So it was in 7.
40
41 Mr. Danielson: Yeah, we tested January 2008.
42
43 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes.
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45 Public member: And it was found in warm standing water, and not only in
46 water but in the dirt.
47
48 Mr. Sostarich: Are you talking about seasonal warm up?

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2 Public member: They do claim that it is specific to the warm months in the
3 southern states.
4
5 Public member: Due to the warm months? Is that the only time we're
6 crazy enough to go swimming?
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8 Public member: Nobody is going to jump in the lake in January. We're
9 not polar bears.
10
11 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah. No, that's correct.
12
13 Public member: And that's when we made our argument, In January.
14
15 Mr. Peetoom: Chair?
16
17 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, Don?
18
19 Mr. Peetoom: Did you give the phone number to the...
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21 Ms. Ball-Cummings: The County. I think Lisa went ahead and...
22
23 Mr. Danielson: It's under Board of Supervisors.
24
25 Ms. Sieglaff: She's the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
26
27 Public member: Not a problem.
28
29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, and you can call down here and I'll give it to you.
30 That's not a problem.
31
32 Public member: Thank you.
33
34 Ms. Ball-Cummings: You're welcome. Okay are we all ending this discussion?
35 Any more questions or ...
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37 Mr. Sostarich: Not me.
38
39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay. Number 9.
40
41 **9. Discussion and possible action concerning Financial Assessment**
42 **Committee report.**
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44 Ms. Ball-Cummings: And I believe Don or Mike, which one has the floor?
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46 Mr. Peetoom: And Sig.
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48 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh! Okay, Sig, go ahead.

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2 Mr. Peetoom: We've got three. That's it.
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4 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Then the three of you pick a choice.
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6 Mr. Young: Do you want me to keep talking?
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8 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Mike, Don, which one?
9
10 Mr. Young: I think it's Sig.
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12 Mr. Danielson: Thanks Mike.
13
14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: All right Sig go ahead.
15
16 Mr. Danielson: Okay we are probably about 75% ready to present a
17 budget to the Board.
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19 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Good.
20
21 Mr. Danielson: We've looked at how our spending has been over the first
22 ten months of this year. We've looked at what our
23 spending has been over the last three fiscal years in
24 various areas. Then we're trying to study that to put out
25 something to see that all right this is where we need to be
26 as far as individual line item costs and do we want to put
27 in some extra maintenance work or detract some extra
28 maintenance work. And I'll tell you right now with the way
29 our cash flow looks, there's not going to be anything extra
30 in next year's budget.
31
32 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay.
33
34 Mr. Danielson: I've already warned all of the employees that don't expect
35 a raise for next year, period. It's not going to happen. It's
36 the third year in a row. Part of the newsletter that was
37 distributed indicates that we may possibly be forced into
38 a rate increase. Right now with the track record we've
39 had on cash flow over the last three years I can't see how
40 we can avoid a rate increase of some sort. There's
41 something... there's a couple things that I've been
42 working on late last week in the very few spare moments
43 rather than working on this you know to put together at
44 least some kind of scenarios to see what kind of an
45 economic impact we're going to have, you know, as far
46 as our cash flow on the various rate increases. Where
47 can we trim that, where can we eliminate some money?
48 One of the things we talked about doing was to cut the

1 Clerk's hours back to 20 hours per week, which was a
2 part-time. We've already eliminated one of the District
3 cell phones. We're going pay a penalty for it but we're
4 going to be money ahead starting in September.

5
6 Ms. Ball-Cummings: True, that's correct.

7
8 Mr. Danielson: We took a long look at mailing the bills out. We were
9 spending – with the latest postage increase – we're
10 spending more mailing the bills out on bulk mailing than it
11 is sitting there and putting stamps on them and taking
12 them down to Marana and saying Merry Christmas.
13 Because of the amount of time to take them down to the
14 Cherrybell station in Tucson to the bulk mail center. One
15 of the things that's still sitting on my desk that has to be
16 done is to review the insurance quotation for next year.
17 They came in at about the same amount as they did a
18 year ago and I have got to check it line item by line item
19 by line item because a year ago they forgot part of our
20 coverage on the latest quote. So we're looking at the
21 insurance which was normally due paid in full by July 1st
22 and that's going be about \$14,000.00 or \$15,000.00,
23 we're looking at can we pay it monthly, can we pay it
24 quarterly, can we defer that balloon payment right at the
25 very start of the year? But we don't have the money for it
26 right now anyway. You know, we've probably got
27 \$14,000.00 in the bank right now and that's all we've got
28 in the bank. The other thing we've looked at is can we
29 restructure our loans for a lower interest rate? I called
30 Rural Development, Jeff Hooper is our contact; he's in
31 the Willcox field office for U.S.D.A. Rural Development.
32 He laughed and he said: "Sig, we're in the business of
33 lending money, not restructuring loans. He says to call
34 WIFA. I talked to Angie Valenzuela who is our loan
35 officer with WIFA. Unfortunately Angie is administrating
36 this \$55 million worth of stimulus money. Yes, it's
37 possible but there's some definite criteria that has to be
38 met. She said she'd e-mail it to me. I got it last Friday. I
39 haven't had a chance to look at it yet. But if we could do
40 that maybe we could take the RD loan in with the WIFA
41 loan, renegotiate and take a seven year old loan with a
42 23 year term up to another 30 year term and we'd have a,
43 probably, at least a 1-1/2% better interest rate, or about a
44 1-1/2% better interest rate from WIFA than we would RD.
45 So all of this is being looked at and we're trying to
46 prepare a budget, trying to come into – you know, we
47 don't want to raise rates, we surely don't want to raise
48 rates unless we absolutely have to. The goals we

1 predicted two years ago and three years ago has not
2 happened. And we can't continually – and for the last
3 three years in a row we have overspent income. That's
4 where we're at.
5
6 Mr. Kendrick: Sig, what about – I know you suggested cutting the
7 Clerk's hours down – we have two full time Field Techs
8 right now. I mean what about cutting one of the Field
9 Tech's hours down?
10
11 Mr. Danielson: That's always a possibility but the problem is ...
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13 Mr. Kendrick: Or keep him on call or...
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15 Mr. Danielson: ... if we cut these guys back they'll probably go down the
16 street and go to work for somebody else.
17
18 Mr. Kendrick: Well, I mean, it's saving us money. I don't want to see
19 anybody leave, but ...
20
21 Mr. Danielson: I realize that but they both live in the District. One's a
22 long-term employee, one's been here a year and one-half
23 so.
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25 Mr. Kendrick: I think that would save quite a bit of money right there.
26
27 Mr. Young: Well he isn't getting paid much.
28
29 Mr. Danielson: They don't get paid very much.
30
31 Ms. Ball-Cummings: No, they surely don't.
32
33 Mr. Danielson: And that's – I said I attended a Rural Special Districts'
34 meeting, or we hosted the Rural Special Districts'
35 meeting last Friday afternoon. That was the subject of
36 part of the discussion is, is you know, you work for a
37 Special District you're going to make a lot less money
38 than you would if you were working for Tucson Water or
39 ...
40
41 Ms. Ball-Cummings: True.
42
43 Mr. Kendrick: Oh, yeah.
44
45 Mr. Danielson: ... or somebody like that.
46
47 Mr. Sostarich: I've got a question. How are our rates compared to those
48 in the surrounding communities; the surrounding

1 Districts? Are they lower? Are they about average? Are
2 they higher right now than the surrounding Districts?
3 Where do we stand in the scheme of things around here
4 rate wise?
5
6 Mr. Danielson: That I have not done. The last information we had was a
7 2003 survey and we were about in the middle of the
8 State for Special Districts for our rate. And unfortunately,
9 WIFA is currently re-conducting that survey for 2009
10 numbers but that probably won't be available until this fall
11 or next spring. But I surely can contact various other
12 entities within this general area, but the thing is Special
13 Districts are always higher than municipalities. Probably
14 exception to the rule of that is Metro Water with 18,000
15 customers versus our 850.
16
17 Mr. Sostarich: I have no further questions.
18
19 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Any other Board Member have any more questions for
20 Sig? Item number 9.
21
22 Mr. Kendrick: On our trash service. I don't know if we pay quarterly or
23 whatever.
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25 Mr. Danielson: We pay quarterly.
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27 Mr. Kendrick: I know that we get rid of a lot of paper. Do we – is there
28 any way we can turn that paper into like – maybe start
29 recycling it in a recycling bin or something and maybe...
30
31 Mr. Danielson: That would be available through Waste Management.
32 However, Waste Management is quite a bit more
33 expensive than Desert Dwellers. We could ask Desert
34 Dwellers and see if ...
35
36 Mr. Kendrick: Or maybe we can gather it ourselves in a bin and take it
37 in. I'm sure there's places in town that could get rid of it,
38 you know, recycle it, or...
39
40 Mr. Sostarich: Are you suggesting doing that in lieu of having a trash
41 service?
42
43 Mr. Kendrick: No, no, no, no.
44
45 Mr. Sostarich: Desert Dwellers charges a flat rate for their trash service,
46 right? Whether you separate it or not?
47
48 Ms. Ball-Cummings: No, it's extra for the recyclables. Yeah, yeah, it's extra.

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2 Mr. Kendrick: No, this is one cost-saving idea that would be helping out
3 the environment and getting rid of a lot of paper that can
4 be recycled.
5
6 Mr. Peetoom: We recycle and I think we pay \$90.00.
7
8 Mr. Sostarich: \$90.00 for three months?
9
10 Mr. Peetoom: That's what I think.
11
12 Ms. Ball-Cummings: How much?
13
14 Mr. Kendrick: It's about \$99.00 for every three months for two cans.
15 But that's residential.
16
17 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's for Desert Dwellers?
18
19 Mr. Peetoom: No, its...
20
21 Mr. Kendrick: Waste Management.
22
23 Mr. Peetoom: Waste Management.
24
25 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh, okay.
26
27 Mr. Kendrick: Desert Dwellers is cheaper.
28
29 Mr. Peetoom: I think it goes if you want three barrels you have to pay
30 for them.
31
32 Mr. Sostarich: When you say barrels are you referring to the containers
33 about this high with the lid on it? With wheels that the
34 dogs always knock over? It's more than I can generate
35 I'll tell you.
36
37 Mr. Peetoom: That's what I have to push out on Sunday night.
38
39 Mr. Danielson: Madam Chair? The only thing that I'm going to say is
40 one of the things that we have discussed is the possibility
41 of holding a special meeting of this Board of Directors
42 later on in the month so I can present the budget and
43 raise the fee schedule to the Board who can tentatively
44 adopt it. We would have to have a public hearing
45 normally about two weeks later, but we do have to have
46 the budget adopted no later than July 31st. Which last
47 year we did not have a budget in place until July 21st and

1 I operated last year for the first three weeks in July on
2 permission from the Board to continue business.
3
4 Ms. Ball-Cummings: But we did set up a special meeting for this month, was it
5 the 22nd?
6
7 Mr. Danielson: We haven't decided for sure yet.
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I think it's the 22nd of ...
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11 Mr. Danielson: It depends on how quickly we can get some of this other
12 stuff pulled together.
13
14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah. Okay. Are we ready to move on to number 10,
15 Tony, yes?
16
17 Mr. Sostarich: I have no objections.
18
19 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay.
20
21 **10. Discussion and possible action concerning inappropriate actions by a**
22 **Board Member.**
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24 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Mike, Tony, who's going to be that number item?
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26 Mr. Sostarich: I was led to believe that you...
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28 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I wanted to make sure that's why I'm asking.
29
30 Mr. Sostarich: ... had prepared a speech.
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32 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I am prepared that's why I'm asking. Okay, there you go.
33
34 Mr. Sostarich: You're prepared to deal with this, correct?
35
36 Mr. Young: No. It was my understanding that we had a Board
37 Member that made contact with the attorney and was told
38 not to get the attorney involved at this time and that was
39 my understanding.
40
41 Mr. Kendrick: Yeah, I contacted the attorney to ask some questions
42 and at the time I contacted the attorney I did not know
43 that we had to go through the Chair and get permission.
44 Now when Mr. Preston was in fact Chairman, he did
45 make a rule that we had to go through the Chair, but
46 since Ms. Cummings is now Chair I didn't hear anything
47 about, you know, having to go through, get permission to
48 talk to the lawyer. I talked to him for maybe five minutes

1 and he advised me to get together with Teresa to ask her
2 and I did. I hung up with him and I called Teresa
3 immediately.
4
5 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That you did. And before that Don was going with the
6 same as when he was Chairman that we were to go
7 through... the channel before the other Board Member
8 called the attorney and that's because of the financial
9 situation that we've been dealing with.
10
11 Mr. Kendrick: And I was told by the attorney that he did not charge us
12 for the five minutes of time that I took up.
13
14 Mr. Young: Well I just want to reiterate that that's half of why the
15 budget's upside down is because of the last former two
16 Board Member. We can't repeat.
17
18 Ms. Ball-Cummings: No, no.
19
20 Mr. Sostarich: I've got a question. Is this regarding – I just heard the
21 sketchiest details about this which is, one of the things
22 that I heard was that you were going to handle this and I
23 heard that last Friday. Is this in reference to you wanting
24 to access to the employee time cards? Is that what this
25 is all about?
26
27 Mr. Kendrick: No, I called him to ask him about the legality of hiring Sig
28 back; either hiring or reinstating him. That's what I was
29 asking about. Should we reinstate him and bring him
30 back in with all of his health plan and vacation and all that
31 stuff, or do we have to rehire him and give him a
32 probation period and all that stuff. But I never discussed
33 it with him.
34
35 Mr. Sostarich: But was your question satisfactorily answered?
36
37 Mr. Kendrick: It was not answered, no. Because he told me to call Ms.
38 Ball-Cummings and I did.
39
40 Mr. Sostarich: Did you get any satisfaction there? Was this issue settled
41 as far as you're concerned?
42
43 Mr. Kendrick: No, not really.
44
45 Mr. Sostarich: We all voted him back in and we're glad we did.
46
47 Mr. Kendrick: Oh, I am too.
48

1 Mr. Sostarich: I believe you are the one that voted against that.
2
3 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes.
4
5 Mr. Kendrick: I remember when I voted it was only... I was glad to have
6 him back and I was willing to vote him back but I wanted
7 to know the legality if it was legal what we were doing.
8 Were we reinstating him or were we rehiring him because
9 it's two different issues. That's what I wanted to get
10 cleared up.
11
12 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's true.
13
14 Mr. Kendrick: I'm all for him, I was glad to have him back I just didn't
15 want us, the Board, to do something that was not legal
16 and down the road we could get in trouble for it.
17
18 Mr. Young: Well the entire Board did something illegal, we corrected
19 the illegalities of it and voted Sig four to zero to bring him
20 back and as far as I'm concerned it's a dead issue.
21
22 Mr. Sostarich: But he said he isn't satisfied yet and what can we do to
23 make him satisfied?
24
25 Mr. Kendrick: If it's right then, you know, I'm fine.
26
27 Mr. Sostarich: We want you to be happy and ...
28
29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Be a team player.
30
31 Mr. Sostarich: ... and part of the team and all that jazz.
32
33 Mr. Kendrick: I am part of the team. I want to be part of the team but
34 that was my only question I had. It's like Mike said, it's a
35 dead issue now. As long as everything was done
36 legally...
37
38 Ms. Ball-Cumming: Yes, it was.
39
40 Mr. Kendrick: ... and justified, I'm fine with that.
41
42 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's why we have our Open Meeting Laws, that book
43 that we read, and we make sure we go by it.
44
45 Mr. Kendrick: Which one are we – because there's a few different Open
46 Meeting Law Books.
47
48 Ms. Ball-Cummings: There's a brand new 2009. Lisa?

1
2 Mr. Kendrick: Is it this one?
3
4 Mr. Sostarich: No, it's a green covered one.
5
6 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, I was going to say that's the Arizona Laws. You
7 need the green one.
8
9 Mr. Kendrick: Is the Robert's laws or...
10
11 Ms. Ball-Cummings: No.
12
13 Mr. Sostarich: Not that one. There's another one that looks just like that
14 except it's got a green cover.
15
16 Ms. Ball-Cummings: You guys are unbelievable. Okay. I'll show you a glance
17 at them unless I forgotten them. No, I'm just joking.
18
19 Mr. Kendrick: This is the only one that I have.
20
21 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Lisa was supposed to have given you one. This is the
22 Robert's Rules of Orders, okay, that's the one ...
23
24 Mr. Kendrick: That's the one? I don't have that one.
25
26 Ms. Ball-Cummings: You can get it at Bookman's. It's not a problem, okay>
27
28 Mr. Peetoom: That is the Public Records Law.
29
30 Ms. Ball-Cummings: See, this is the newest one. My correction, I said 9, it's 8.
31
32 Mr. Kendrick: Where do I get that one?
33
34 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Lisa. She should have left you...
35 Mr. Kendrick: This is the only one I've got.
36
37 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay, so she needs to get you a green book of the
38 Arizona Open Laws and of course they did add new
39 statutory amendments though.
40
41 Ms. Sieglaff: May I interject concerning this?
42
43 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, you may.
44
45 Ms. Sieglaff: I put copies of both of those booklets in your packets.
46
47 Mr. Kendrick: You gave me this in the packet last month, but this is the
48 only thing I got.

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2 Ms. Sieglaff: You didn't get a green one?
3
4 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Well you should have.
5
6 Ms. Sieglaff: I'll make a note to make sure he gets one.
7
8 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Because she did put two in each packet when she
9 delivered these. I remember that correctly. Okay Gary.
10 So anything else? Mike? Okay, we'll move on to item
11 number 11.
12
13 Mr. Peetoom: Madam Chairman?
14
15 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, I'm sorry Don.
16
17 Mr. Peetoom: On this Open Meeting Law the Town of Tucson City
18 Council last Tuesday had a briefing and they learned
19 about the Open Meeting Laws.
20
21 Ms. Cummings: Did they?
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23 Mr. Peetoom: Yes, they did. They broke the laws.
24
25 Ms. Ball-Cummings: They broke their own laws?
26
27 Mr. Peetoom: Yeah.
28
29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Did they?
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31 Mr. Peetoom: Yes, I was watching it on TV.
32
33 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Was ya? Good you may learn something new, right?
34
35 Mr. Peetoom: Yeah, the guy who – I think it was the lawyer – he went
36 down and had what the Open Meetings Laws is and all of
37 that and what you can use it for. It was real knowledge.
38
39 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, the book is very simple and it's just not a hard
40 book to read or to have knowledge of. Okay. So are we
41 ready to move on to 11 – I mean 10, I'm sorry.
42
43 Mr. Sostarich Yeah.
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45 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Ten we've done. Eleven is:
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47 **11. Discussion and possible action concerning Administrative details.**
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1 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Is there any administrative details?
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3 Mr. Sostarich: Yes, my wife would like to talk about the MDWID site.
4
5 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay. Go ahead my dear.
6
7 Ms. Sostarich: Well I haven't got too much to say about the site other
8 than the fact that the site is up and operational. Tony
9 has a print-out of the whole page there. Just basically,
10 we're waiting for content to put on it. And I don't know
11 who's in charge of this but also I could use a high-
12 resolution copy of the MDWID logo whoever happens to
13 have that on their computer.
14
15 Mr. Danielson: I've got it.
16
17 Ms. Sostarich: Sig, you've got it? Okay I could certainly use that
18 because the logo I'm using right was scanned off from an
19 old newsletter. It's not that great.
20
21 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay.
22
23 Ms. Sostarich: Yeah, other than that we're up and running. We just
24 need some stuff to put on it.
25
26 Mr. Danielson: Yeah, I've visited the site.
27
28 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, I have too. It says under construction.
29
30 Ms. Sostarich: Right, yeah. It's still under construction. As soon as we
31 have something to put on the home page, we'll put on the
32 home page.
33
34 Mr. Kendrick: Madam Chair, I have a question?
35 Ms. Ball-Cummings: All right, go ahead.
36
37 Mr. Kendrick: Now when it's all up and running and everything, is there
38 going be a place on there where the customers go on
39 there and suggest comments, or suggest things or give
40 their comments, or...?
41
42 Ms. Sostarich: There's an outrageous number of possible e-mail
43 addresses and are part of the price of the site. So I've
44 already made a suggestion – I made the suggestion last
45 month when you were absent, but any Board Member
46 that wants to have a MDWID News e-mail address
47 posted on the site I can do that and it can be forwarded
48 to your regular e-mail address. Or, of course, the first

1 thing I could also do is put the MDWID e-mail address
2 that you guys have now; the MDWID@theriver.com could
3 also be posted on it also. As far as a public forum goes
4 anything like a public forum I'm not really equipped to
5 have but I think when we are asked questions we can put
6 it on there that we ask questions to make it worthwhile.
7
8 Mr. Kendrick: So if the customers had anything to say they would have
9 to e-mail us or stop in.
10
11 Ms. Sostarich: Well we could still make it the same; they could still call
12 the office, whatever they want to do. And if it's an issue
13 that they have that may impact a significant number of
14 customers that of course that could be posted on the site.
15
16 Mr. Kendrick: Thank you.
17
18 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay, is that it? All right.
19
20 Ms. Sieglaff: I do have one thing. Sig has already instructed me to
21 burn the Minutes for the first half of the year onto a disk.
22 However, I haven't had an opportunity to do it because
23 Theresa's on vacation and my computer's over here. So
24 they can call and say you know, I want to come and do
25 this.
26
27 Ms. Sostarich: Who has copies of... who has a copy of that last
28 newsletter. We can post that also.
29
30 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I do.
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32 Mr. Danielson: I can e-mail it to you.
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34 Ms. Sostarich: Do you have my webmaster e-mail address now? You
35 can get it from the MDWID site but I'll ...
36
37 Mr. Danielson: I've got it, yes.
38
39 Ms. Sostarich: All right. Webmaster@MDWIDnews.
40
41 Mr. Kendrick: This probably isn't administrative but you told us that on
42 the Committee – what's it called?
43
44 Ms. Ball-Cummings: The Financial Committee.
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46 Mr. Kendrick: The Financial Committee I know they're coming up with
47 different things to bring the costs down like you said one
48 of them was to bring the Clerk's hours down...

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2 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Correct.
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4 Mr. Kendrick: When would we vote on something like that. Is that
5 going to brought to us ...
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7 Mr. Danielson: That would be part of the budget for next year.
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9 Mr. Sostarich: I think it's been mentioned earlier that this is going to be a
10 special meeting around the 20th of this month?
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12 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah.
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14 Mr. Danielson: Either next Monday or a week from tonight or two weeks
15 from tonight. It's just depends on how this week plays
16 out on us getting prepared for this ...
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18 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Within the next two weeks.
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20 Mr. Danielson: I believe we have some people here that would much
21 rather be a little pro-active more toward trying to address
22 their concerns than copying down a bunch of numbers.
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24 Public member: I could copy down a bunch of numbers for you. I have a
25 question or comment about the website. Is it now free to
26 use?
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28 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Until she gets it under construction completed, yea.
29
30 Public member: Well I was just going to ask if there's been any thought
31 given to possibly having a place on the website where
32 people could pull their own bill instead of mailing or get it
33 by e-mail instead of mailing, if that would cut down costs
34 for you if you're equipped to handle that.
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36 Ms. Sostarich: The website would not be equipped to handle it. That
37 would have to be something that would be done by the
38 administrative office I think.
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40 Mr. Danielson: And I'm not 100% sure if our software will allow for online
41 inquiries.
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43 Ms. Sostarich: [Inaudible due to another conversation taking place]
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45 Mr. Peetoom: Can we go on to number 12?
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47 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Oh, I'm sorry Don.
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1 Mr. Peetoom: Are we going to 12?
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3 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, we are. We're done with Administrative Details?
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5 Mr. Sostarich: Anything that I was going to bring up last time can wait
6 for a more opportune time when everybody is rested and
7 over the current crisis.
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes. Thank you Tony. Okay, number 12.
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11 **12. Call for public comment**
12 Ms. Ball-Cummings: We do have forms on the back table there. Did anybody
13 fill out a form? Okay, go ahead and bring it up.
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15 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay. And yes we do have one from George W. Kline.
16 Okay and he states here "finances". Okay go ahead and
17 comment is "employee status".
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19 Mr. Kline: I've got three minutes and I'll make it as short as
20 possible. I talk pretty fast. I want to commend the Board
21 first of all for what they are doing tonight.
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23 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Thank you.
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25 Mr. Kline: And the reason I'm here – none of you probably know me
26 but I was the Chairman of the Search Committee that
27 created this water company.
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29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Bravo, bravo.
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31 Mr. Kline: And you were there too.
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33 Mr. Sostarich: Yeah, yeah. Kline...
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35 Ms. Ball-Cummings: The name sounded familiar.
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37 Mr. Kline: Right. And since I've seen so many different things I
38 decided never to run for the Board. I remember, we were
39 sitting there and people came up with all kinds of weird
40 ideas because I – there were three things we wanted to
41 do. Either keep the water company private or become a
42 cooperative water company...
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44 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah.
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46 Mr. Kline: ... or a water district. I had served 15 years on the Trico
47 Board and so I know how ACC is with cooperatives. So I

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2 Mr. Sostarich: I can answer that question.
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4 Mr. Kline: Okay.
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6 Mr. Sostarich: It took me about negative three months to find that out
7 via a fellow – a fellow in our District by the name of Foy
8 Brown brought that to my attention. And this is when he
9 began the recall drive for these people.
10
11 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes.
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13 Mr. Sostarich: Now the Board at that time wasn't allowed to put out a
14 Newsletter, if I understand correctly, wasn't allowed to put
15 out a Newsletter or make any of this information known
16 and there was such dissent and just...
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18 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Animosity or it's just...
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20 Mr. Sostarich: There were such problems and tensions within the office
21 that everybody was very limited to speak out because
22 these people were creating such problems that...
23
24 Mr. Kline: I don't quite understand because the Board should know.
25 It's your...
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27 Mr. Sostarich: Well these people were the Board.
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29 Mr. Young: The Board. They weren't a Board they were a
30 _____.
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32 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's exactly right.
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34 Mr. Sostarich: And they're probably the same problem you have down
35 at the Fire District right now.
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37 Mr. Kline: No I don't sit on that Board either. I stepped away from
38 that after it was created after a while. But that always
39 bothers me because the Board should always know.
40 You're the ones that are responsible ...
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42 Ms. Ball-Cummings: That's true.
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44 Mr. Kline: ...for where the money goes. I mean you have a CEO
45 and he answers to you and the Board is the only one that
46 is responsible for everything.
47
48 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah.

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2 Mr. Kline: And so I'm trying to figure out the \$29,000.00. The lawyer
3 deal I don't care. You know, it's a lawyer. Okay, you
4 owe him \$6,100.00.
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6 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Correct.
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8 Mr. Kline: And you can't pay him. Is that right?
9
10 Mr. Young: Not as of right now.
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12 Mr. Danielson: As of right now no.
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14 Mr. Kline: Yeah. So, you see, I'm worried about the future of the
15 company because, like I said, after 36 years... when we
16 formed this Water District Board do you remember that
17 we got rid of that jerk, if you remember, who was running
18 it before. He never put any money into the system.
19
20 Mr. Peetoom: Lewis.
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22 Mr. Kline: That's why every...
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24 Mr. Sostarich: No he's referring to when this District was a privately
25 owned.
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27 Mr. Kline: It was a private water company.
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29 Mr. Sostarich: Some dude in Colorado was collecting money and...
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31 Mr. Kline: And I went through his paperwork because I worked with
32 him on the Search Committee. And, you know, to look at
33 his billing he was just taking the money from the water
34 company because it's private and he wasn't putting any
35 in. So I can remember many times in the summertime
36 you could almost figure out that for a couple of weeks
37 you'd have to go without water.
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39 Mr. Danielson: Leo Chalero was the guy's name.
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41 Mr. Kline: What was it?
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43 Mr. Danielson: Leo Chalero.
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45 Mr. Kline: Okay, I remember the name. And so that's why I'm
46 always sensitive when I see the financial aspect because
47 that's what either makes or breaks you.
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1 Ms. Ball-Cummings: True.
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3 Mr. Kline: Nothing else will. And so that's one reason I came
4 tonight just to let you know what my concerns are and
5 that ...
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7 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Excellent.
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9 Mr. Kline: ...I just hope you get the finances straightened out and
10 the one on the employee when you talk about, you know,
11 cutting an employee back and so forth, what are the
12 ramifications for the rest of the water company? I mean
13 you're going to lose something. You know, back to the
14 maintenance part because you're going to have to have
15 people to look after your water company after the
16 maintenance part because if you don't it's going to start
17 deteriorating.
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19 Public member: You can only cut so far before you start cutting into the
20 muscle instead of fat.
21
22 Mr. Kline: Yes. And so that's the only reason I'm talking about that.
23 And I don't know what your budget is going to be. That's
24 up to you folks to figure that out for the next year. But as
25 long as you say you have a reserve, which is nice having
26 a back up – I remember when I was on the Trico Board
27 we had a \$7,000,000.00 reserve and George Davis if you
28 know him – would never let that go. It was in his pocket
29 and it always stayed there. And we all knew that. And
30 you've got the same problem. We had rates but you
31 have the same problem, you have so many people on the
32 water system that you know and that's where you're
33 going to get your money from. And the people that don't
34 pay up well that's a big drag on everybody and I know at
35 Trico we always worked it out, we worked with people
36 individually. I don't know if you do that or not. If you
37 can't pay this month you pay a little bit until they can
38 make up helps a lot.
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40 Mr. Danielson: I do all that.
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42 Ms. Kline: You do all that?
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44 Ms. Ball-Cummings: We work with the customers, yes.
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46 Mr. Kline: And that's good but really think about it if you have to cut
47 employees back, because it's going to affect a lot of

1 things. And on the loan business I see you have here –
2 and you say you're going to try and work something out...
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4 Mr. Danielson: We're going to try to work something out, yes.
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6 Mr. Kline: I was thinking also with Trico. I don't know if you have
7 bulk water users of your water and then you have the
8 regular type, like the family type. Do you have any large
9 users?
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11 Mr. Danielson: We have no real big high end users. Even local
12 businesses are – they're on the high end of the scale but
13 they're not that high.
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15 Mr. Kline: Okay.
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17 Mr. Young: We need a car wash out here.
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19 Mr. Danielson: Our average bill is right around \$40.00.
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21 Public member: I'm on the high end of you're average.
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23 Mr. Danielson: Don't worry we have always said that you were a high
24 end user.
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26 Public member: Right, with all that grass and all those trees.
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28 Mr. Kline: Otherwise, it's like I say. When you got involved out here
29 years ago it's gets things started. And then you'll start
30 seeing, what you think anyway, it's falling apart. You
31 know, it's sort of discouraging because I plan on being
32 around here for quite a while yet.
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34 Mr. Sostarich: Now you understand why I'm back on the Board.
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36 Mr. Kline: I'm glad you're back by the way.
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38 Mr. Sostarich: I'm actually glad to be back. I don't plan on leaving town
39 any more for a long time, so...
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41 Ms. Ball-Cummings: We're happy to have him back.
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43 Mr. Sostarich: Do you – were your concerns adequately satisfied by my
44 explanations?
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46 Mr. Kline: Yeah, I think so, yeah. Well the other thing is, I heard
47 one thing here, you know, I don't think any Board
48 Member can work individually outside of the Board. I

1 mean everything - the Board decides what is going to be
2 done.
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4 Ms. Ball-Cummings: True.
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6 Mr. Kline: Usually they lay it on the Chairperson or they lay it on the
7 Director. And we used to have that problem too. I don't
8 know how much the lawyer charges but lawyers are
9 pretty high priced.
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11 Ms. Ball-Cummings: No, he's pretty expensive.
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13 Mr. Kline: Thanks for getting these things...
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15 Mr. Sostarich: Thank you Mr. Kline for showing up.
16
17 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes, we appreciate it.
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19 Mr. Kline: I'll show up once in a while.
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21 Ms. Ball-Cummings: All right, thank you. That helps. Okay. And no more
22 comments? Go ahead.
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24 Public member: I would just like to say something. I didn't fill out any
25 papers but I was here for another meeting when you had
26 your financial report here and I'm telling you, I was damn
27 frightened...
28
29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah.
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31 Public member: ... and I'm very glad to see the new Board Member here
32 and I know you'll do better.
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34 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Thank you sweetie. Thank you so much. Okay, is that it;
35 any more comments? No?
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37 Mr. Sostarich: Well for those of you that truly are glad you have the
38 legendary Foy Brown to show your dedication to. It was
39 he who actually got up and made this happen.
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41 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes he did.
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43 Mr. Sostarich: Amazing.
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45 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yes. Okay. Number 13 adjournment of the next meeting
46 scheduled, right?
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48 **13. Announcement of the next scheduled meeting**

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2 Mr. Sostarich: Announcement of the next scheduled meeting.
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4 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Sorry, announcement of the next scheduled meeting.
5 Thank you Vice, I appreciate that.
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7 Mr. Sostarich: Here, do you want to borrow these?
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9 Ms. Ball-Cummings: No, it's time and I've been having a hard time. I will admit
10 it. It's time for new glasses.
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12 Mr. Sostarich: Well these are reading glasses.
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14 Ms. Ball-Cummings: I don't think they're going to be strong enough Tony.
15 Okay, where are we at here? July looks like the ...
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17 Mr. Peetoom: We've got one in June.
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19 Mr. Danielson: We haven't actually set a date. So set it on the second
20 Monday in July whenever that is.
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22 Mr. Peetoom: It's the 13th
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24 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Yeah, that's the 13th so...
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26 Mr. Danielson: The 13th and then a special meeting to be called by the
27 Finance Subcommittee.
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29 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Okay, so the next regular meeting would be July 13th and
30 there will be an announcement of a special meeting
31 coming up.
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33 Mr. Kendrick: Can we get that on the internet website?
34
35 Ms. Ball-Cummings: Within the month.
36
37 Mr. Danielson: Sure.
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39 Ms. Sostarich: Yeah, we'll get that posted. As soon as we have the
40 Meeting Minutes we'll post it.
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42 Ms. Ball-Cummings: So we're adjourned at 9:00.
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44 Mr. Peetoom: Second.
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