

**MARANA DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Official
February 11, 2013**

The Board of Directors of the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District met in session at the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District Office 16560 West El Tiro Road Marana, Arizona at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 11, 2013

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mr. Sostarich called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

Mr. Sostarich ask Ms. Walker to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Upon roll call, those present were as follows:

Board Members Present were;

Anthony Sostarich, Chairman

Gary Kendrick, Vice-Chairman

Don Peetoom

Michael Young

Teresa Ball-Cummings, absent

Staff Members present were;

System Manager, Sig Danielson

Clerk, L. Katy Walker

5 members, Mike Sniffen, Robert Clark, Don & Lauren Sims, and George Kline
Public present

of the

3. Consent items

A. Approval of meeting minutes from the January 14, 2012 meeting

Mr. Kendrick: I found a few noteworthy discrepancies, did anybody else?

Mr. Peetoom: I didn't.

Mr. Kendrick: A couple, on page 2, after Mr. Peetoom, Kendrick and Walker,
ier, I don't know what that is.

it's just ie, ier,

Ms. Walker: That is what was actually said, that is the correct spelling of Bombardier.

Mr. Kendrick: Of what?

Ms. Walker: Bombardier.

Mr. Kendrick: No, I'm talking about on page 2 under

Ms. Walker: Right, up above we talked about Bombardier.

Mr. Kendrick: Oh, okay.

Mr. Sostarich: Bombardier Air.

Mr. Kendrick: That makes sense.

Mr. Sostarich: Let's see, I think it's closer to page 10, where Mr. Kendrick spoke, and you got me in there instead. I wrote that down here somewhere. I should have earmarked these, but I didn't. Page 16, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5th down, it should read Mr. Kendrick asking the question.

Ms. Walker: I apologize.

Mr. Young: What line is that?

Mr. Danielson: Fifth line.

Mr. Sostarich: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5th line down, it was Gary that ask the question. It was just a discussion on your personal car. There's another typo or something equally insignificant, but I didn't find anything other than that. Anybody else?

Mr. Danielson: You said something about page 10?

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah, I meant page 16.

Mr. Danielson: Okay.

Mr. Sostarich: I mean, a typo here and there, but nothing, to the best of my memory (inaudible overlapping statements) is recorded here. Anybody else got anything to say?

It was moved by Mr. Kendrick, seconded by Mr. Peetoom, and carried unanimously that; **The minutes of the January 14, 2012 meeting of the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District shall be approved as presented/amended.**

4 Ayes

0 Opposed

1 Absent

4. System Manager's Report

1.Mr. Danielson reported: We've have not had any problems with the system since the last BOD meeting. We have also repaired two (2) service line leaks. I'm going to skip over item 2 and come back to that at the very end.

2. We have received a letter from the Arizona Department of Water Resources that they have a concern about the amount of lost and unaccounted for 2011. I am in the process of responding to this letter and advised of the outcome. water will keep the Board

3. January billing included 151 late notices, which is average.

4. We did 7 shutoffs in January for nonpayment, higher than average. which is

Accounts Payable	\$ 35,833.16
Capital Expenditures	\$ 0.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 31,125.66
Balance	-\$ 4,707.50
MDWID Balances Brought Forward:	
MDWID Balance at Pima County	\$ 95,113.43
N B of AZ Checking	\$ 10,000.00
WIFA Reserve Account	\$ 64,344.26
RD General Account	\$ 268.44
RD Reserve Account	\$ 14,541.69
RD O&M Account	\$ 9,374.77
RD Replacement Account	\$ 7,908.88
RD Bond Account	\$ 12,650.80
Bills Pending Balance	\$ 1,061.81

Mr. Danielson: Okay, I said I would come back to item 2, which is the letter we received from Department of Water Resources. They have a concern about our lost and unaccounted for water, 3 year average, for 2011. As soon as I send in the paperwork, I'll have a concern about the year 2012. I Spent a fair amount of time this afternoon with the Department of Water Resources. I called up there, I talked to Jonathon. He was not even aware that those particular letters had gone out. He says well it must be the Municipal Part that sent them out. He says let me check into it. He took my name, phone number, and a lady by the name of Pam Hughes called me back and

I really went through the evolution of what has happened in the 12 years and 2 months since we've taken over for The Marana Water Service, Inc., and we've always been concerned about our water losses, Not only because they are unaccounted for, but because of, you know, it's revenue to us and she ask me to go back and review, she says don't do anything for the time being. She says everybody here is so buried with annual reports. She says we're probably not going to worry about it, she says, at least until the middle of the year sometime. I said okay fine. She said, but dig out your provider profile that you put together when you did the modified non-per-capita program that we put together 2 or 3 years ago. She said see what information at that time you provided to us about your efforts. She says as long as you're making a good faith effort, she says I'm not the final say-so, but she says, we should leave you alone. She says plus, she says, you're only, the amount of water you're pumping on an annual basis, she says we'll go after somebody that pumps 5 or 10 times more water that you do, with that same percentage loss because the volume is so much larger. So right now, it's mainly these, reviewing what we put in our modified non-per-capita permit and then everything else, I'll just summarize and write her a letter and ship that off to them and see what happens. But as long as we've been pro-active about it and we've done 2 water loss surveys, we've replaced all the meters up here and it's always the old Marana Water Service, Inc. North portion that's been the problem.

Mr. Kendrick: Mr. Chair?

Mr. Sostarich: Go ahead

Mr. Kendrick: A lot of the water loss is due to the decades old infrastructure, correct?

Mr. Danielson: I would, that's why we were really concentrating on wanting to replace everything bounded by Anway to Musket and El Tiro, up to Moore, all this old scheduled 140 pipe that we've got in these easements right over here that services your house and Mike's house.

Mr. Kendrick: So is that yeah?

Mr. Danielson: You know we want to replace every inch of that pipe over there just because it is a thinner wall, it is suspect, we have had leaks over there.

Mr. Kendrick: With us getting this letter now from the Arizona Department of Water Resources, will this help our chances of getting that grant to put some pressure on them, saying hey we got this, you know, they're coming after us for loss of water and our infrastructure sucks?

Mr. Danielson: Okay, all right, because I haven't thought that one all the way through yet but

Mr. Sostarich: I was just about to ask that question myself. I was going to rephrase it a little differently and less charitably, such as will this make us look like a loser enough to be eligible for the grant money that we have applied for, would be the way I would put it.

Mr. Danielson: Yeah because it really is a, they do tend to respond to notice of violation. In a notice of violation, while this is not a health issue

Mr. Kendrick: It is still a violation.

Mr. Sostarich: In a sense it could be, cause if water is going out then at times of low pressure, perhaps at night or something maybe anything in there

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Danielson: No, It's always automatically maintained, even with the old Mercoid System. We have, very rarely had a non-pressure type event.

Mr. Kendrick: I got 1 more question.

Mr. Sostarich: Go ahead.

Mr. Kendrick: On the hydrants that, here and at the store, I see different companies, The Fire Department, hooking up their tankers up to it, filling up. How do we measure how much
(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Danielson: They are supposed to give me a truck count, which they are very poor at doing and I've had several conversations with Brian, the Fire Chief about that and with Ray Kline, who is the Assistant Chief.

Mr. Kendrick: Is there a way that we can stop them?

Mr. Danielson: Well if they would pull out somewhere a little bit closer.

Mr. Kendrick: I understand the Fire Department has to have the water.

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, well we've got it in our Governmental Agreement in place that goes back probably about 8 or 10 years between us and the Fire District.

Mr. Kendrick: But I'm talking like maybe these construction workers that fill up their tankers and stuff.

Mr. Danielson: Those guys, we know about them doing it, they keep a load count, we monitor a load count on those guys and they do pay for the water.

Mr. Kendrick: So you keep records of all that?

Mr. Danielson: Oh yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: Can I get a copy of that?

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, it exists in about 4 different files, but yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: That's all I have.

Mr. Young: On the Fire Department getting water, why can't they come to the office and get a load count and fill it out and bring it back to the office?

Mr. Danielson: I'd like to do that.

Mr. Young: I'd tell them.

Mr. Danielson: I'm gonna

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Young: Tell them with the loss of water we have, we got to have better records of when they're getting water.

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Danielson: Yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: Or just put locks on it.

Mr. Young: Locks won't do any good. They come in the office, get a load count thing, and turn the load count in, because even with the lock, you don't know when they're going to be there to unlock the hydrant and take water.

Mr. Danielson: They supplied the locks.

Mr. Young: They supplied the locks, yeah there you go?

Mr. Kendrick: And also, Fire Department, I mean, if they're fighting a fire, and they run to get water, they're gonna need the water.

Mr. Danielson: Uh-huh, yeah, there's no problem there.

Mr. Young: Well there's gonna be emergencies.

Mr. Danielson: They have not had a major fire but we are on the call list from 911 if they do have a major fire up here.

Mr. Young: I have another question, on that late billing, there's a 151 late notices?

Mr. Danielson: Yes.

Mr. Young: How much revenue is that out of the \$4,707 in the hole, about half? I know we run negative in the winter months.

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Danielson: That would be, if we say that the average bill is right around \$40.

Mr. Young: Okay.

Mr. Danielson: And we've got 151, that would be

Mr. Young: Little over \$600 bucks.

Mr. Danielson: Yes. no.

Mr. Young: It would be more than that.

Mr. Danielson: 100 times 40 would be 4000.

Mr. Young: Yeah, there you go, so that would be almost break even.

Mr. Danielson: That would be almost break even but we run about the same, we run about 100, I think our long-term average is about 140 late notices, and that will get everybody in to pay it, normally by the end of the month.

Mr. Sostarich: Back to the issue at hand here, regarding the water loss, how much does the Fire Department use in comparison to how much we're losing, 50%, 1%?

Mr. Danielson: 5% of our losses.

Mr. Sostarich: So that's nothing then.

Mr. Kendrick: Well that's something.

Mr. Danielson: No, we're talking about millions, we're talking probably four million gallons.

Mr. Young: You're talking about losing 20%, right at this well?

Mr. Danielson: Yeah 20% out of this well and we know the flow meters are right cause we've tested it several times.

Mr. Young: Is it going to his house?

Mr. Danielson: It's going to Bob's house, yeah.

Mr. Clark: According to my meter, I got plenty of water.

Mr. Young: Can we buy some back?

Mr. Clark: Yeah, I can sell it to you, hell yes.

Mr. Sostarich: Any other questions on item 2 here on the System Manager's report?

Mr. Kendrick: We just need to put in place a system that works for the Fire Department and the constructions trucks on keeping their load counts up to date and current.

Mr. Danielson: Construction guys are real good about it, they're very, very good about it.

Mr. Kendrick: Okay then we need to do something about the Fire Department.

Mr. Danielson: Yes.

Mr. Sostarich: Anything else? Okay does this conclude the System Manager's Report?

Mr. Danielson: Yes sir, it does.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Infrastructure Upgrades Program

Mr. Sostarich: That's you again, Sig.

Mr. Danielson: Okay, we have been trying to find bidders to replace the 5 valves. So far we've got 1 bid in from Dos Llaves Enterprises, LLC and that's our old friend, Ernie Smith and what the game plan here would be, would be for him to come out and dig all 4 sites, which, and very carefully dig them so that we don't disturb any thrust blocks or anything like that. Open them up enough so that we can see exactly what we've got down in the hole. What kind of pipes we're dealing with on whether we're looking at trans gaskets or C900 gaskets or what gaskets are we looking at and really do the same thing that we did at the South End 2 years ago as far as valve replacement, pre-make everything here and then just re-expose everything, cut it off, drop it in, and solid sleeve everything together. We would supply the parts and probably we would build part of it here in the shop and all that they would have to do is pick it up so that all they're really dealing with is solid sleeves, however where we're replacing an in-line valve, they would probably have to put the valve to the, we'd have 1 side made up but not the other, so we'd try to

minimize the amount of time that they would have to spend pre-making the stuff. We'd have everything pre-made so that we, second time we excavated it and drain the system down, we're just cutting pipe off and dropping new pipe and valves in and bolting everything back together. His bid is \$5,360 and that's based on 2 days of, to expose pipe, valves, identify pipe sizes and valves and then another 4 days to excavate, replace the valves with the materials supplied by the owner. And I was speaking with Mike just before the meeting, I've got 1 other potential bidder. However those guys do more sewer work and more residential type work and not water line work.

Mr. Kendrick: We need to get minimum of 2 bids, if not 3.

Mr. Young: They are non-responses, that's what's happening.

Mr. Danielson: They're are non-responsive, we've talked to Pima Paving, they don't want to bid it. We talked to Bob Schmeltzmeyer, who's Bob's backhoe, who's done a lot of the work here, He's working at the mine full-time, he doesn't want to do it.

Mr. Kendrick: There's gotta be other companies.

Mr. Danielson: He's working Monday through Friday.

Mr. Kendrick: Huh? There's got to be other companies.

Mr. Danielson: We've been looking for them. Probably contacted, what, 6, 7 companies, Mike and we got 1 bid.

Mr. Young: Yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: Now is this with Tony helping?

Mr. Danielson: No.

Mr. Kendrick: Well wouldn't it deduct the hour, I mean the cost with him in there, with Tony helping?

Mr. Young: I don't know what good it would do because Tony needs to be on call for other things.

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, Tony needs

Mr. Young: If we're gonna get a contractors price, let's get a contractors price, you know.

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, we'll put it all together for them, so all they got to do is cut the old out and drop the new in.

Mr. Peetoom: That's just like we did before.

Mr. Danielson: Uh-huh.

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Kendrick: What was the company?

Mr. Young: They may charge us more for Tony.

Mr. Kendrick: What was the company's name?

Mr. Danielson: Dos Llaves

Mr. Peetoom: LL

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Kendrick: I'm sorry, spell that last word again.

Mr. Danielson: Llaves.

Mr. Kendrick: Thank you.

Mr. Sostarich: In other words, I think what they're trying to describe Gary is that it's another one of those deals where the rate is this, if you want to help it will be \$10 more, if you want to watch and all that jazz.

Mr. Danielson: Pima Paving won't touch it, we didn't even bother calling Granite or Sundt or any of the big boys, it's way too small for them to mess with.

Mr. Kendrick: Tucson Paving, Sunset Paving?

Mr. Danielson: Tucson Paving, I don't think does it do they? No.

Mr. Kendrick: This other guy you're talking about, when is his bid gonna be?

Mr. Danielson: I'm gonna give him the particulars, I just talked to him yesterday and he was in the middle of cooking pancakes for a charity fund raiser for a youth group. I'll give him the particulars probably no later than Thursday.

Mr. Sostarich: So you put out X number and only got 1 response?

Mr. Danielson: That's correct.

Mr. Young: There's a lot of them out there that will do it, but when you're counting on 5 or 6 bids, then all of a sudden boom, you don't get them, you know, now we need to find some more.

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, just like the roof repair over there, I've called 7 different people to come out and give me bids for the roof over there, I've got 1.

Mr. Sostarich: Well the point I was getting at, is we've satisfied our legal requirements by putting a call out for bids.

Mr. Danielson: Yes.

Mr. Sostarich: If all we get is one nibble, that's all we get.

Mr. Kendrick: If you're required 3 bids, like you know, most people get 2 or 3 bids, just because people don't answer doesn't mean you stop getting bids.

Mr. Sostarich: you must be pretty new in the Ebay world, right?

Mr. Kendrick: Just makes sense to me. I mean \$5,360, who's to say that if you wait 2 more weeks, somebody's gonna drop it, do if for \$4,300?

Mr. Young: He doesn't know that the other bids didn't come in.

Mr. Kendrick: That's my opinion.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, are we finished with item number 6, Sig?

Mr. Danielson: Number 5, yes.

Mr. Sostarich: Number 5, yes, okay.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Robert and Deanne Clark Property located at 17085 West El Tiro Road

Mr. Sostarich: I believe this matter that we've got in front of us has something to do with that, am I correct?

Mr. Clark: Yep.

Mr. Sostarich: You think somebody's messing with your meter?

Mr. Clark: Yep.

Mr. Sostarich: I wasn't aware that such a thing was possible. Sig, can you bring us up to speed on that when you finish?

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, let me finish reading Deanne's letter. Okay, the 99% of our meters are magnetic drive meters. They are not 100% tamper-proof. The way to tamper with them is with a magnet on the end of a drill, either spin them forwards or spin them backwards. We have had 2 instances over the 12 years I've been here of apparently people tampering with meters, normally tampering with their own and running it backwards, to get lower bills. Both cases, what we did, is we install what is called a Turtle Meter. The things are actually shaped more like a turtle than they are a standard water meter and this is a totally direct-drive meter. There is no, a magnet won't affect it, the only thing that effects it is water going through it. We never had very many of them but we did have a few of them out there, we always tried to keep a couple of them around, we don't have any right now. I even sorted through the scrap pile to see if I could find a turtle body, but I don't have all the parts and pieces available to even build one so, that would be my recommendation for Bob and Deanna's place, is put a turtle in there that is an absolutely tamper-proof meter, hold his current billing in abeyance and have him do what he did last summer which is pay an estimated billing for January, for the month of January and we'll hold that as, hold that back, put a turtle in there and see what happens in the next 4 to 6 months as far as his usage goes.

Mr. Kendrick: How much is one of those turtles cost?

Mr. Danielson: For a mechanical-read turtle, I'm gonna think it's right around \$150 to \$175.

Mr. Kendrick: Wow.

Mr. Danielson: An extra 100 for a touch read and I don't know if the turtle-style meter, and the technical name of it is an SR1. The meters we have here which are magnetic drive are called SR2s. The SR1 was a bit more expensive than the SR1 on a straight mechanical meter. I don't know if they're available with the touch-read system because that's all we've been putting in the ground now for the last 7 years, is touch-reads. So I will have to research and see what's available and I would have been better prepared for that if I hadn't spent the time on the phone with Water Resources today, so. Plus, Theresa's out sick today, yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: Is Mr. Clark okay with the turtle meter?

Mr. Clark: Anything that will work it out with you guys and us. You know, I'm tired of having to come down here to talk to you about it. Siggy knows, my Brother-in-Law and I don't get along at all and I'm positive he's doing it but can't catch him at it and I can't prove it.

Mr. Kendrick: Well this way with the new turtle

Mr. Clark: If I catch him, you'll all know it, cause I'll go to jail.

Mr. Kendrick: At least with the turtle meter, well if he's stealing water, that won't do anything.

Mr. Clark: No, he's just doing it to screw with our bill, that's all he's doing, I'm sure of that. He ain't trying to steal the water from me, Siggy suggest I check, and I did. I moved mulch, I done a whole bunch of stuff last weekend trying to locate an area where he might have dug in and tapped in to our line, I can't find anything.

Mr. Young: I have a question, would you entertain on buying that Turtle Meter and having it installed since we already installed a new meter?

Mr. Clark: I would have to discuss that with my wife.

Mr. Young: All right.

Mr. Clark: She probably would go along with that.

Mr. Young: Cause for the amount of water that we've lost twice now.

Mr. Clark: Yeah.

Mr. Young: I think that would be, you know, my opinion, would be fair, if you got the meter, a tamper-proof meter.

Mr. Clark: Yeah cause she's, what was it 250,000 gallons the first time and 150?

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Young: 149,000.

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Clark: I just read it this morning.

Mr. Danielson: 187,000.

Mr. Clark: Yeah, just 35, 38,000 gallons

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Sostarich: Well my question is, what would it take for somebody, Sig, to actually get out there and tamper with somebody's else's meter? Can an automatic device be created and put in to place while this guy's over, while the perp is doing something else, or would he have to sit there and physically be on top of the meter doing whatever he's doing?

Mr. Danielson: He would have to physically be on top of the meter doing whatever he does.

Mr. Kendrick: Could we put a lock on the meter, where you need a key to get in?

Mr. Danielson: No, not the way, I would say no, not without some

Mr. Kendrick: Cause those lids come with a slot in it and if you buried a bar with a hole in it, put the slot over the hole, lock it.

Mr. Danielson: I would think there would be a way to lock the meter box. I would have to think about it a while to come up with the best possible solution.

Mr. Sostarich: Probably the best, most quickest solution would be to park your car over the meter box and lock it, but I don't know what his situation is.

Mr. Clark: It's out in an easement, yeah that wouldn't work.

Mr. Danielson: Where Bob is, is he's in the, his home is built in the arena portion of the old Saddleclub Estates and water was all supplied to the homes in Saddleclub by a, actually a loop that just goes around the outside of the old arena.

Mr. Young: Uh-huh.

Mr. Danielson: And it then goes out to Musket, and then goes further South to supply several houses down that way. When they started putting the homes in to the old, when they took the old arena, sub-divided the old arena and started putting homes in there, was about 8 years ago, probably, 9 years ago?

Mr. Clark: 7, 8, 9, years ago, something like that.

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, 7 to 10 years ago.

Mr. Clark: About 10, yeah.

Mr. Danielson: Everything then came off of that loop. Bob and Deanne's comes in from the front, as do several of them, but they've got oleanders planted there and that water line is probably about 3 foot at the most, 2-1/2 feet North of his property line in the easement. There's also gas, telephone, other things in there too. So, and with his oleanders, you can't see his meter box without going out in the easement.

Mr. Clark: You go out in the easement now to see it. See this last December, towards the end of December, right around the end of December, first of January, we started to get a lot of rain, so I

went out and shut off all the irrigation off. I don't see any sense of irrigating when it's raining, so I went out and shut all the irrigation off. After I shut the irrigation off is when the water bills started going up. To me, It's like Siggy said, check your main line. Well I've done that, I've shut everything down, watched the meter, meter sets dead still. I've had Dee go in and turn the water on, the meter will start running in the house, you know. Turn the water on in the house, meter will start running, she will shut it back off, it will stop again. It's like I told him, maybe he demagnetized the meter in some way or something, I don't know what he's done.

Mr. Kendrick: Well, I just would suggest that Sig would go ahead and get with Mrs. Clark about ordering the meter, get it installed and go ahead and figure out a way and see if we can't get, I'm pretty sure it wouldn't take too much to get it to where we can lock that, put a lock on it.

Mr. Clark: I'm sure, between him and I, we can figure out some way to lock the damn thing someway.

Mr. Kendrick: Okay.

Mr. Sostarich: What do you suggest Sig?

Mr. Danielson: A turtle would be the easiest, that's direct drive, that cannot be messed with.

Mr. Clark: As far as I know, it's got to, water's got to flow through it in order for it to turn.

Mr. Sostarich: Well can you give us an idea, Sig of, if somebody was to tamper with somebody's else's meter, to bring the level up to what his is, how long would they have to be out there at that meter box, fooling around with it, hours, days?

Mr. Danielson: I don't know, I don't know, probably a couple hours would be enough to adversely effect it.

Mr. Sostarich: That's pretty risky, wouldn't you think? I mean face it.

Mr. Kendrick: If you've got nothing else to do but mess with somebody.

Mr. Clark: You see, I leave, her and I leave 7:00 A.M. every morning.

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.

Mr. Clark: Like clockwork, cause we both have to be to work at a certain time, and we got ourself just enough to get there and then we don't get home to usually, I'm the latest usually about 6:30.

Mr. Peetoom: It's after dark then right?

Mr. Clark: Yeah, it's after dark and she usually doesn't, she works for the Post Office, and this time of the year, well it's like tonight, she will be 7 o'clock before she gets home.

Mr. Sostarich: I'm not questioning what you're saying.

Mr. Clark: Oh, I understand that.

Mr. Sostarich: I'm just trying to envision in my mind some perp out there in the night with a drill motor on top of a water meter.

Mr. Clark: Well, like Siggy said, with the oleanders the way they are, you couldn't see them.

Mr. Kendrick: With it not being in his yard.

Mr. Clark: Yeah they're not even in the yard, they'd have to be out in the easement and you can't see the easement with our oleanders the way they are.

Mr. Kendrick: Mr. Charmian?

Mr. Sostarich: Yes.

Mr. Kendrick: I'd just go ahead and have him get with his wife and see if it's okay if they, but the, pay for it and get that done and go that route.

Mr. Sostarich: I can't think of anything better right now, because my mind is kind of grid-locked at the concept that we're discussing here of somebody messing with his, so I see no reason to refute your idea.

Mr. Young: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Sostarich: Yes.

Mr. Young: I wonder about having signs posted up at the end of the alleys, tampering with the water meter boxes, you know, to be prosecuted to 100% of the law, cause that's a pretty serious thing, stealing utilities?

Mr. Danielson: It is a class 6 felony.

Mr. Young: That's right.

Mr. Clark: Well you stop and think about it, the first bill was \$1,550.

Mr. Young: That's good for us.

Mr. Clark: This one is damn near \$1,000, you know it 900 and some dollars, isn't it Siggy?

Mr. Danielson: Yeah.

Mr. Clark: Yeah, it would take me all year to get that paid.

Mr. Sostarich: A felony, that's serious business.

Mr. Young: Yes it is.

Mr. Sostarich: That means you'd lose your right to

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Clark: It's like I told him, if we were using the water, I wouldn't mind paying the damn bill, but 150,000 gallons of water on an acre, I'm sure you'd see it somewhere, someway, unless it's going straight in to the ground in to a cavity, you know, and I can't see that as, the way that ground is out there.

Mr. Sostarich: Well the way things are going, according to item 2 on the System Manager's Report, there's a lot of things disappearing these days, isn't there?

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Sostarich: I see no reason to disagree with what the Vice-Chairman suggested, myself. Anybody else got any better ideas today?

Mr. Peetoom: I like the idea to get a turtle.

Mr. Sostarich: If tampering is in effect, a tamper-proof meter is probably the only viable solution, I would think, unless you could catch the guy.

Mr. Young: Could there be a memo for that with the water bill thing, stating that it's a felony, a class 6 felony?

Mr. Sostarich: The next water, you never did write that newsletter.

Mr. Kendrick: I'm in the middle of writing a newsletter right now, I'll add that to it.

Mr. Sostarich: You just might want to make a note with that on that.

Mr. Young: Due to the loss of the water, we are seriously investigating the theft of water and it falls under class 6 felony.

Mr. Kendrick: I'll look up the

Mr. Peetoom: Class 6.

Mr. Kendrick: Violations.

Mr. Clark: Can you get me a price on that meter so I can talk to her?

Mr. Danielson: I'll get it tomorrow.

Mr. Clark: Okay.

Mr. Danielson: Is Deanne off tomorrow?

Mr. Clark: No, oh, yeah, she's off tomorrow, tomorrow is Tuesday, she will be off.

Mr. Danielson: Have her give me a call late morning, I'll get it, get a price.

Mr. Clark: Okay, she'll probably just come down.

Mr. Danielson: Okay.

Mr. Clark: Okay, I'll tell her.

Mr. Sostarich: You might also consider looking on Ebay or Amazon.com, because I've found fantastic deals, I've been really flying high in that department. For example Ebay wanted \$250. for a radio that I had in mind, but I found one for \$199., the exact thing, free shipping on Amazon.

Mr. Young: Have you got it yet?

Mr. Sostarich: Yes, as a matter of fact, I unloaded it just before I came here, which is why I was right on time. Okay, well it appears then that the Vice-Charmian's suggestion is gonna be pursued in this manner and that's all we can do right now.

Mr. Clark: Okay, and I'll have her get with you tomorrow about the bill.

Mr. Danielson: Okay.

Mr. Clark: She'll take care of that.

Mr. Danielson: Okay Bob.

Mr. Clark: All right, thank you sir, appreciate it.

Mr. Danielson: Sounds good, thank you.

Mr. Clark: Thanks guys, appreciate it.

7. Discussion and possible Action concerning BOD Meeting Room Modifications

Mr. Sostarich: I believe that's you Gary.

Mr. Kendrick: I've already showed Don this, and Mike Young this. The way it's setting now, this is the door over there. The only thing I'm wanting to do is move these tables in to a V-shape pattern like that.

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: You know, this is us, you know we're straight across from each other, you know, it's not a big thing, but I have a bad neck and it hurts to turn around and look, I like to see who I'm talking to, you know, so this will be a little walkway, you know. Alls we would just do is move everything back that way a little bit and move the tables in to a V-shape pattern.

Mr. Sostarich: Any reason why we need to use these tables instead of a couple more like that maybe?

Mr. Kendrick: No, none.

Mr. Peetoom: What I was thinking, I was talking to him about a T.

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.

Mr. Peetoom: Have 1 table here with you and him together, then have the other table going out, that we've got in the storeroom.

Mr. Kendrick: Yeah, but then, I thought about that too, but you're still turned and looking, still have to turn and look.

Mr. Peetoom: I don't know, just 1 here and 2 over here.

Mr. Danielson: Why don't we set it up for the next Board Meeting and see what it looks like? That table is free, just move that table down here, move an extra one of these in.

Mr. Kendrick: Okay.

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Sostarich: That table right there, maybe? Put that one right there and you got an L, you can just put that one there.

Mr. Danielson: One of the two.

Mr. Kendrick: Oh, yeah even do it that way, make an L.

Mr. Sostarich: Just pick that table up, put it right here.

Mr. Kendrick: That's a good idea.

Mr. Sostarich: I don't think there's a priority issue about you sitting any closer to him than you are right now, is there, when the public is available?

Mr. Young: Just as long as he keeps his hands to himself.

Mr. Kendrick: That's a better idea.

Mr. Sostarich: There's an idea to consider. It's not going to take any more than, we could do that right after the meeting if you want to. We could do it right now if you want to.

Mr. Kendrick: And it cost nothing.

Mr. Sostarich: That sound good to you Gary?

Mr. Kendrick: Yeah

Mr. Sostarich: Where do you want to sit, way over there, or next to me?

Mr. Kendrick: Well if we do the L, me and you sit up there, and they sit down there.

Mr. Sostarich: I'll sit down at the end down there, how does that sound?

Mr. Kendrick: I don't care where we sit, as long as I can see you when I talk to you.

Mr. Sostarich: Well one thing my Dad taught me, if you're gonna buy a house, live on the corner. Okay, any other ideas on that issue? Okay, we'll try that after the meeting then.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Administrative Details

Mr. Kendrick: The toner's that you've been purchasing, 2 or 3 meetings ago, you said you bought 20 of them?

Mr. Danielson: About that, yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: How long do they

Mr. Danielson: I didn't realize how many we were getting.

Mr. Kendrick: How many, how much do they cost per toner?

Mr. Danielson: Oh, right around, they're between 4 and 500.

Mr. Kendrick: And there's 20 of them, what, \$10,000?

Mr. Danielson: About that, yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: How many toners do we use, how often do you change them?

Mr. Danielson: The one in the office probably about, get about 6, 8 weeks out of it.

Mr. Kendrick: That little?

Mr. Sostarich: Excuse me, are we talking about printer inkjet cartridges here?

Mr. Danielson: Yes.

Mr. Kendrick: Yes.

Mr. Danielson: And these are a bit higher output than a standard HP ones also, so we get maybe another 1000 or 1500 copies out of one of these than we do out of the standard HP.

Mr. Kendrick: Now this is just the regular desk printer, correct, or is that the big copy machine?

Mr. Danielson: The main printer for billing, the main printer for, we've got 2 high production, high capacity laser-jet printers, 1 in that office and Katy's got one.

Mr. Kendrick: Oh, okay.

Mr. Danielson: These printers themselves, when we bought the one that Katy's got, it was the best one available on the market and I think we paid about 5 or 6 thousand bucks for it, that's why it kicks paper out there like it's going out of style. And what we've got in the office is even faster.

Mr. Kendrick: And what company did you purchase them, cause if I'm understanding correctly, you can't buy them anymore? That's the reason why you bought so many at once, cause they were going out of?

Mr. Danielson: No, no, no, no, no. I did not realize that the minimum order quantity was as high as it was.

Mr. Kendrick: Okay.

Mr. Danielson: They didn't tell me that.

Mr. Kendrick: And that was through who?

Mr. Danielson: Allstate Imaging. Prior to that we were buying them through Office Max.

Mr. Kendrick: And that's just somewhere local?

Mr. Danielson: Uh-huh.

Mr. Sostarich: So we're in toners for a while then?

Mr. Danielson: We've got toners for 2 years probably.

Mr. Sostarich: Was that a good deal?

Mr. Danielson: There is a 3 year warranty on them.

Mr. Sostarich: No I mean the

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, it's, overall it's a good deal.

Mr. Sostarich: what you paid for these toners.

Mr. Danielson: Yes, overall it is a good deal. The thing is, is it bites right now that you're paying so much for it, but it's something that you don't have to worry about.

Mr. Kendrick: Do we have, I mean that's pretty much an extravagant kind of thing to print bills out, is there some way we could go a little cheaper and save some money?

Mr. Danielson: No, we looked at that possibility, and we're printing up our bills as cheap as we possibly can. But yes, we have explored it in the past, having someone else do our billing for us and it was cost prohibitive. And Gary, we've got it down to a science right now. From the time I okay the pre-bill report

Mr. Kendrick: Uh-huh.

Mr. Danielson: until we're ready to walk out the door with the bills, is about 4 to 5 hours.

Mr. Kendrick: Did you receive any kind of, any for doing so much business with them, does the company receive any kind of gift cards or anything like that?

Mr. Danielson: We have gotten a couple of gift cards, they also sent us a, just the other day they sent us about 5 cases of paper.

Mr. Kendrick: Cool. What are we using the gift cards on?

Mr. Danielson: Nothing, they're just sitting on my desk right now

Mr. Kendrick: I mean, it's to a company that we can use for office supplies or something like that? That's all I have. Oh, I'm sorry, I do have 1 more. We were discussing this last month, getting a magnetic sign for Tony's truck, for the little white truck, the Ford truck.

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I did call Tonya, she didn't call me back, I'll try her again.

Mr. Sostarich: I must have missed that, you're talking about buying some magnetic signs like we had on the truck before?

Mr. Kendrick: Correct, to let, you know, I think it's actually an OSHA requirement.

Mr. Sostarich: Again Annette has found some fantastic deals in that department on Ebay. She had hers made up there and mine made up.

Mr. Danielson: I don't even know, nowadays, who's in business anymore, with the economy the way it is.

Mr. Kendrick: I know also, Tony doesn't like wearing his vest, orange vest with the whatever, the reflector stuff. I've been there, it's uncomfortable, especially when you're trying to dig in a hole. Is there a way we can get him, order him some lime green shirts with the reflective tape on it, so he don't have to wear

Mr. Danielson: We can get a couple of shirts with that on it, yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: Okay.

Mr. Sostarich: Would we want to though is the question.

Mr. Kendrick: I think so., I mean, have you ever been in a hole trying to lay on your side, trying to reach for something and the vest gets caught? I mean it's something he has to wear for his protection and the company's protection.

Mr. Sostarich: Not only have I done that, I've also had to stand on my head and put fasteners in behind my back. So yeah I know a thing or two about dexterity in tight places. Anything else?

Mr. Kendrick: No.

Mr. Sostarich: Mike?

Mr. Young: No.

Mr. Kendrick: Well we got to finish talking about, is it okay for Sig to go ahead and order him some shirts with the reflective stuff?

Mr. Sostarich: There's a uniform allowance, isn't there?

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, it's built in to field supplies.

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah. The only thing I have is, remember me?

Mr. Peetoom: Yeah.

Mr. Sostarich: You had ask me last month about comparing Propane and Diesel. I haven't, I don't have a diesel machine, but I found out that diesel weighs just a hair over 7 pounds per gallon and puts out 19,468 BTUs per pound. Propane puts out 21,500 BTUs per pound, and a pound is about up to this blue line here, they leave a head space. Gasoline puts out 17,500 BTUs per pound and 1 pound of Gasoline would be about what's in this 20 ounce water bottle. Water weighs about 8 pounds per gallon, so that's as far as that goes. I did a preliminary quick check of approximately what it would cost, and I think if we sold one of these engines on Ebay, that would pay for everything.

Mr. Young: What engine?

Mr. Sostarich: The engine off of our diesel generator.

Mr. Young: Oh.

Mr. Sostarich: If we were to do a conversion, put a different engine on it.

Mr. Young: Why would you want to do that?

Mr. Sostarich: Why would we want to put a different engine on it? Because if we wanted to convert to Propane, we couldn't convert a diesel engine, because it doesn't have spark plug.

Mr. Kendrick: Can I interject?

Mr. Sostarich: Yes.

Mr. Kendrick: One reason why you want to do this is, is just in case there's an uplift in mankind and people going crazy?

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah an emergency situation.

Mr. Kendrick: An emergency situation.

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah

Mr. Kendrick: Wouldn't it be more practical to keep it diesel? It would be more practical in an emergency situation to get diesel than Propane?

Mr. Sostarich: I think in an emergency situation you would be unable to get anything.

Mr. Kendrick: But diesel would be

Mr. Sostarich: The matter is really storage. The matter is, we're looking at storing fuel. We talked about getting a big fuel tank in here and what we'd have to do if we wanted to have a solid tank out here. It was more economical to put a tank on a trailer than it would be to have a, meet EPA requirements and all that jazz.

Mr. Kendrick: If we, we still need to do that gravity test, cause if we lost electricity and we didn't have generators, the system would still run on gravity.

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.

Mr. Kendrick: And we still haven't done that test.

Mr. Sostarich: That's right, nobody seems to be interested in this idea.

Mr. Kendrick: I'm interested in it. I mean I'm interested in doing the test to make sure that it in fact will still work.

Mr. Sostarich: Well I'm still interested

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Kendrick: Switching to Propane.

Mr. Sostarich: I'm not pushing the matter anymore. The only reason why I'm bringing this up now is to finish what I started last week, and I see I'm not getting much interest in so I'll just

Mr. Peetoom: Table that.

Mr. Sostarich: We'll do like that Japanese did on the Bridge over River Kwai and take my bridge and quietly leave the room with it, or somebody comes in with something else. Any other

Mr. Kendrick: 1 quick thing, Tony's helper, we need to get him a helper, correct?

Mr. Danielson: Uh-huh.

Mr. Kendrick: Can we go ahead and put something in the paper, an advertisement, that we're looking for a helper, preferably somebody that knows what they're doing, so we don't have to train them from scratch, and somebody that will pass the drug test?

Mr. Sostarich: Last weeks man didn't work out?

Mr. Danielson: The last man did not meet the minimum hiring qualifications.

Mr. Kendrick: Correct.

Mr. Danielson: And I say the minimum hiring qualifications, there are several. He did not meet all the minimum hiring qualifications to work for this district.

Mr. Kendrick: Correct.

Mr. Danielson: I would like to still continue to look in this area, because a guy that lives in Vail is not going to be a whole heck of a lot of use for taking evening and weekend calls.

Mr. Kendrick: Correct, that's why we

Mr. Danielson: You know the gentleman we thought we had hired lived at Tangerine and Thornydale so he's 14 miles out.

Mr. Young: Mr. Chair?

Mr. Sostarich: Yes.

Mr. Young: I want to warn Gary about saying that he didn't pass the drug test, he can get sued.

Mr. Kendrick: I didn't say that.

Mr. Young: You said that he didn't pass the drug test.

Mr. Kendrick: I did?

Mr. Young: That's what you said, yes you did. You cannot say that, it's against his civil rights. I was in business for several years and you cannot say, you gotta say that he didn't make the qualifications.

Mr. Kendrick: I'll have to listen to that again, cause I'm almost positive that I didn't.

Mr. Young: Well it's on record, but you can get sued over it, I'm just warning you, cause we've been through that as an employer.

Mr. Sostarich: Essentially I think what Gary is trying to say is that we're in the market for a part-time employee.

Mr. Young: Exactly.

Mr. Danielson: A part-time employee, 20 hours a week.

Mr. Sostarich: We

Mr. Peetoom: Have you got a standard that he has to pass?

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah.

Mr. Danielson: Yes

Mr. Sostarich: The, in hiring a part-time employee, will we have to go through the same rigmarole as a

full-time or can we just do like we did last month?

Mr. Danielson: We went through the rigmarole which got as it progressed more and more and more out of hand over the years, when we hired this guy, we went back to the original interviewing a potential candidates and putting them to work and that's changed over a 12 year period of time. What we did with this individual and he was hired pending him satisfying all the minimum requirements, which he did not do.

Mr. Sostarich: What I'm asking Sig is when we hired Don in here as a Field Tech, when I say rigmarole, I mean that Pima County approved process of getting a bunch of people from all over and and all that jazz, asking all the same questions.

Mr. Danielson: We do not really have to follow that if we do not desire to. Right now I've had enough busts for employees that we've tried to hire in here, you know, we've had 5 or 6 different individuals over the last 3, 4 years and we've hired to come in here as laborers, just to give them a look see and, you know, this is the first guy we've had that we really felt that we really, and the amount of work that the guy did, and I mean he was a very, very hard worker.

Mr. Kendrick: Uh-huh.

Mr. Young: Now we found out why.

Mr. Danielson: You know, this is the first guy that I felt comfortable to come to the Board, putting him on a part-time basis.

Mr. Young: Well I have a suggestion, what we used to do is, we spent so much money on the drug tests for our employees, that what we wound up doing, so many of them failed under our expense, and what we wound up doing is having them paying for the drug test, and if they pass, we reimburse them and that worked out pretty good.

Mr. Sostarich: That's a very practical idea, I wish I'd have thought of it.

Mr. Young: Be a lot cheaper for us.

Mr. Sostarich: Yeah, but I think with, I'm satisfied with the answer to Sig's question that we don't have to go through quote, the Pima County rigmarole, which is a lot more complex, and putting an ad in the paper and getting anybody, and much more disappointing, I might add and time-consuming.

Mr. Kendrick: How do you let people know that there's a job?

Mr. Sostarich: No, what you're suggesting, I agree with, is what I'm getting at.

Mr. Kendrick: Oh okay, I'm sorry.

Mr. Sostarich: The County system is more involved than that.

Mr. Kendrick: Uh-huh.

Mr. Sostarich: If we could do that, still there's the concept of the contract option as well, right?

Mr. Danielson: Yes, there is.

Mr. Kendrick: Oh yeah, just because we hire somebody doesn't mean that, you know, that he could still be on a contract basis.

Mr. Sostarich: Well if we're in the market, which we are in the market for a part-time employee, why couldn't we begin by putting it in the Monthly Newsletter?

Mr. Kendrick: Uh-huh.

Mr. Sostarich: Which I believe you're writing that, aren't you?

Mr. Kendrick: That's already part of

Mr. Sostarich: When do you, I can't wait for this to come out, when will I get my copy?

Mr. Kendrick: You'll either have your copies before, I'm planning to have it in the next bill.

Mr. Sostarich: Speaking of bills, I forgot to drop this off the other day. Yeah, okay, why don't we start with that? The, what The Explorer, or whatever is the local paper out here?

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, pretty much so.

Mr. Sostarich: I think the Wall Street Journal would not be one we would want to advertise in, or probably not The Arizona Daily Star either. But what about Craig's List, do they have a help wanted in that

Mr. Kendrick: I think they do.

Mr. Sostarich: Think that might be worth checking out? What do you think Mike?

Mr. Kendrick: It's free.

Mr. Young: Do they have The Marana News in this area, don't they have that?

Mr. Kendrick: Yeah.

Mr. Young: I'd go to the Marana News.

Mr. Kendrick: There's a lot of

Mr. Young: But you want somebody from this area.

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Kendrick: There's a few different free publications we could put it in. Trico Newsletter is one of them.

Mr. Sostarich: Well I'm glad that you're on top of local media outlets, because I'm not. All right, any other Administrative Details?

Mr. Danielson: I don't have anything this time.

9. Call for Public Comment

Mr. Sostarich: Mr. Kline?

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Kendrick: I Just want to make a statement, before we do start, just remember that The Board cannot converse with you guys back and forth.

Mr. Kline: Yeah, you don't have to, okay. My name is George Kline, I live at 15950 W El Tiro, Marana, down the road. I was listening to you, over the Fire Department and the water problem. I was Fire Chief, we had a well, in fact we replaced 40 feet of that pipe in that well. So they have a well over there, so why aren't they using their well to pump their water for their trucks? That's my question, you don't have to answer it, that's it. And I thought that maybe, you'd like to know that.

Mr. Young: That's a good question.

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Kline: It's been there for many years.

Mr. Peetoom: Well have Sig check in to it.

(inaudible overlapping statements)

Mr. Young: That reminds me that they bought a valve from us cause when the Fire Truck drove off and pulled the valve off their hydrant, their well, yeah.

Mr. Danielson: And I gave them the manual, and I downloaded a repair manual and told them exactly what they needed to buy when they drove off with the truck still attached to the fire hydrant and took half the fire hydrant with them.

Mr. Young: Maybe they need to get their water off us.

Mr. Danielson: Maybe they do. Actually when they drove off with it and took half the fire hydrant with them, was the Town of Marana Fire Hydrant.

Mr. Sostarich: Did they bring it back?

(inaudible overlapping statements)

10. Possible Board Action to hold Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431. 03. (A) (1) to discuss possible disciplinary action against MDWID employee

Mr. Sostarich: I believe we've got a letter here saying that this employee wishes to be here and can't be.

Mr. Kendrick: We'll just table it until next month.

Mr. Peetoom: Table it until March.

Mr. Sostarich: That's exactly what I was going to ask about. You guys are really on top of things tonight, aren't you? Okay.

Ms. Walker: Does there need to be a vote on that, if you table it?

Mr. Kendrick: Yes.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, you made the movement

11. Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431. 03. (A) (1) to discuss possible disciplinary action against MDWID employe

12. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning disciplinary action against MDWID employee

It was moved by Mr, Kendrick, seconded by Mr, Peetoom and unanimously carried that; **This meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District that we table items number 10, 11, and 12 for March Meeting**

4 ayes

0 Opposed

1 Absent

13. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District Board of Directors shall be on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. at the District Office

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr, Peetoom seconded by Mr, Sostarich and unanimously carried

that; **This meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District shall be adjourned at: 4:48 P.M.**

4 Ayes

0 Opposed

1 Absent

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