

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MARANA DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

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, January 27, 2014**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON MDWID PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

**1. Hearing and Opening Roll**

**2. Overview Rate Increase**

**3. Public Comments on Proposed Budget**

Two members of the public were present.  
No Public Comment was made.

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

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

Chairman Mr. Sostarich called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.

Mr. Sostarich ask Mr. Young to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call.**

Upon roll call, those present were as follows:

Board Members Present were;

Anthony Sostarich, Chairman  
Don Peetoom, Vice-Chairman (absent)  
Michael Young  
Teresa Ball-Cummings (absent)  
Michael Sniffen

Staff Members present were;

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System Manager, Sig Danielson  
Clerk, L. Katy Walker

2 Members of Public Present.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Rate Increase**

Mr. Sostarich: We talked about raising the water rates, the base rate \$5.00 a month.

Mr. Young: Correct.

Mr. Sostarich: As I understand it, \$3.15 of that \$5.00 per month will go to pay for Health Insurance, is that correct?

Mr. Danielson: Pretty much so, \$3.00, a little bit over for insurance.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, how much, out of that, that's not going to involve giving the employees a raise, correct?

Mr. Danielson: No it is not.

Mr. Sostarich: So the potential raises and infrastructure will be a \$1.85 out of that?

Mr. Danielson: Between a \$1.85 and \$2.00, depending on customers, yes.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, we've discussed raising the rate increase to \$5.00 an hour, we've had a month to think about it. We'll now vote on the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Sniffen, seconded by Mr. Young, and carried that;  
**increase the rate increase to the \$5.**

**We do**

**3 Ayes**

**0 Opposed**

**2 Absent**

Mr. Sostarich: The move passes to raise the rate increase to \$5.00, the base rate \$5.00 per month.

Mr. Sniffen: When will that be effective, just next month, February 1st?

Mr. Danielson: Yes, starting with the January 31<sup>st</sup> billing, yes.

Mr. Sostarich: As long as we're on the subject, when is the next weekly wipe coming out, the next newsletter?

Mr. Danielson: I had not planned on writing one, I can write one for the end of, able to get one done for the end of January.

I might be

Mr. Sostarich: When is the February billing going out?

Mr. Danielson: On Friday.

Mr. Sostarich: I mean the billing for the month of January.

Mr. Danielson: On Friday.

Mr. Sostarich: I mean the next month.

Mr. Danielson: It would be the last business day of February.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, I would be inclined to write this notice myself, if it would be okay with you, because you've got kind of a full plate, don't you?

Mr. Danielson: Okay, Yeah, yes this time of year, I do.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, how about, because my out-of-town employment is going to be ended at the end of this month, that will give me time to write about, which will give us time to get together for a preview. You know how flavored my newsletters are. I would be willing to handle that, since you have a full plate anyway and I would appreciate your viewing of it before it actually goes out.

Mr. Danielson: Okay, yes.

Mr. Sostarich: So when would you like a final draft, with keep a margin for a personal reviewing, or a basic draft?

Mr. Danielson: A week before the end of the month. The last business day of the month is, is it a Thursday, or Friday?

Mr. Sniffen: Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sostarich: That's the last day of the month.

Mr. Sniffen: Correct. That's the last day of the month, but it's the last business day also.

Mr. Sostarich: So you would need, around the 18<sup>th</sup> I can get together with you, with a preliminary draft and have the wrinkles ironed out.

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, then that gives us time to duplicate it and fold it and get it.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, so the rate increase will be effective for the billing month of January or February?

Mr. Danielson: Yeah, the bills that are sent out this Friday will include the rate increase.

Mr. Young: That's what I wanted to clarify. If it's approved today, it should be on Friday's billing, as far as I'm concerned.

Mr. Danielson: Yes.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, you concur with that?

Mr. Sniffen: Yes, that's what I thought we decided, yes.

Mr. Young: We got to fix the sinking ship.

Mr. Sostarich: All right, well the ship's been torpedoed.

Mr. Young: It's like being on the Titanic and

(Inaudible, overlapping statements)

Mr. Sostarich: More like a destroyer on the South Pacific in '44. Okay, 18<sup>th</sup> of February, draft. Any further discussion of item 3?

Mr. Young: Yeah, I'd like to see in the newsletter that nobody from the public was here to talk about, concern about raising the water rates.

Mr. Sostarich: I think your primary concern should be decapscalating the comments of sarcasm.

Mr. Young: It's not sarcasm, it's fact.

Mr. Sostarich: I'm as hot under the collar about this as you were when you got snippy that time.

Mr. Young: That's right.

Mr. Sostarich: Okay, any other comments on item number 3?

Ms. Walker: Are you on 2 or 3?

Mr. Danielson: Three.

Mr. Sostarich: The discussion concerning the rate increase has ended. The rates will be raised, retro for January's billing. Is that correct?

Mr. Danielson: Yes.

Mr. Young: One other question, now can we pass this with just 3, without the other Board Members, since it's a majority?

Mr. Danielson: Yes, you have a quorum.

Mr. Young: Okay, all right.

**4. Announcement of Next Scheduled Meeting.**

**The next scheduled meeting of the Marana Domestic  
Water Improvement District Board of Directors shall be on  
P.M. at the District Office**

**Water Improve-  
Monday, February 10, 2014 at 4:00**

**5. Adjournment.**

It was moved by Mr. Sniffen; seconded by Mr. Sostarich and carried that; **This meeting of  
the Board of Directors of the Marana Domestic Water Improvement District  
shall be adjourned at: 4:10 P.M.**

**3 Ayes**

**0 Opposed**

**2 Absent**

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Minutes prepared by

L. Katy Walker

**Clerk of the Board**