

## HAVASU HEIGHTS DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

September 20, 2022

**APPROVED**  
By Board  
10-15-2022

### PUBLIC MEETING

**1. Call to Order.**

Chairperson, Mark Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m. on September 20, 2022

**2. Roll Call.**

Mark Schroeder, Chairperson, Jimmy Wilson, Clerk; Cal Robbins, Board Member; Don Billups, Board Member and Bill Stellhorn,

**3. Call to the Public**

No Action.

**4. A. System Operator's Report.**

Operator Don Shed reported RWAA (Rural Water Association of Arizona) came out and looked at our storm damage. Stated there are low interest loans we can apply for if needed. Don talked to Mohave County Road and they have been out here working and filling in a lot at no cost to us. (It's their easements, they brought in 200 yards of dirt.) Don stated they figured out the Telemetry issue on the tank. They replaced the pressure switch and the battery. (We have it on the calendar to alert us every 2 years to replace the battery.) Don stated he will be putting a gauge down below on a toggle stitch so it won't affect the battery life. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson asked if the operators were contemplating putting another solar panel down low as well? James Wilson stated they will be running a wire from the top down. So don't have to go on top the tank.

There is sediment in the tank ever once in a while have to clean out the pressure switch, which translate to the level of the tank. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson asked about the sediment in the tank, wanted to know when we recoat the tank that all will be taken out. James Wilson Operator stated yes. They will pressure wash it, squeegee it all out. They basically will fill the tank twice and waste a whole tank of water because, they will fill it up disinfectant, sit for 24 hours, send to lab, if it passes drain it and put live. Don stated has done repairs due to storm damage, lot of tractor work and filling on exposed pipes. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson, asked if all our exposed tape is covered? James Wilson Operator stated Yes, that the County Roads take care of. We have a few areas like Seely and White Gate which are the roads they do not take care of. Don Shed Operator stated not sure what to do about White Gate as it's exposed on the high side. Don stated he is going to get with the County Roads again and take them there and see

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what we can do. The issue is Rudy cut down very low on the high side that's over our pump because he was making the road wider. When he did that, he exposed all the tape, whatever we put there will run into the gully. Jimmy Wilson, Chairperson stated where ever County Roads put cones, they have taken responsibility for it. Don Shed and James Wilson, Operators will also get with the county regarding Seely also. As our valve has been covered and a few other things by making the road wider. Don Shed operator stated the county is now double checking, Rudy's permits. Don Shed stated that he worked with Desert Hills Fire Department with a time check, to see how fast they can fill up their tank. We did it with and without pumps on. With the pump on they filled a 1,000 tank in under 3 minutes. Made contact with the people on Lot 146 on Seely again. They used 50k gallons in the first 7 days of the month. It had a lot of run off. They were also using our valve to turn it off and on. Customer stated their valve was broke. Don Shed stated We should give on warning and start fining for using the district valves. Worked with Lot 239, customer feels are meters are off. He had admitted that he had a pond. Don showed him the leak meter that it's something on his side. Lot 93 had storm damage. It's been repaired on our side. Lot 12 fixed the two exposed pipes (2 small pipes coming from the main pipe) Mark Schroeder, Chairperson asked if the operators were contemplating putting another solar panel down low

James Wilson, Operators reports did several blue stakes. One was lot 93. She was upset and wanted her service moved. They hired a neighbor and he thought he could dig in the easement. I shut him down. It was a mess. Don met up with the owners. (Renters live there) Still not fixed as of Friday, on their side properly. (The storm tore out about 25-30 feet of pipe on their side) No issues on our side. Cal Robbins, Board Member asked Don Shed where we are on getting the generator. Don Shed Operator says he got the generator, going to do a test fire first. (propane) One thing worried about is the tie in. Can get a transfer switch but it's very expensive. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson states we can run without a transfer switch, we would have to manually switch it over. Mark stated that the board members could know how to trip it in an emergency situation. Don Shed stated we are looking at about \$500 for the generator.

### **B. Administrative Manager Report.**

Jacqueline Moore reported ACCI (Accurate Corrosion Control Inc) report came back good. Did have an increase of \$100 from quoted, assuming fuel cost for coming out here. Bac-T came back clear. Fire Department has been doing some training so they have been using some water for that. Jaime Wilson stated that Desert Hills Department stopped him on Saturday and stated that they had used

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### **Administrative Manager Report Cont.**

water on Friday (September 16) to help with 2 fires in town and also Saturday morning for the semi fire on the highway. Jacqueline reported talked to Luis from M3 engineering wanting to know about the piping, got together with the Operators and got information over to M3 that they were requesting. They also were asking if their analysis shows the existing tank is oversized and new one could be smaller, do we want to go with the smaller tank? After much discussion it was determined to stay with the same size tank (150,000). Jacqueline talked to Morgan with WIFA expect us to pull on the loan within 3 years. That loan was closed on 3/26/21. If not, it's not a big issue. We will stay in contact every couple months. Adding more funds in not a problem either. Jimmy Wilson, clerk asked if there is any more grant money we can get? Jacqueline stated she would contact Morgan and check.

### **5. Consent Agenda Items:**

Cal Robbins made a motion to approve items A. Jimmy Wilson, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cal Robbins made a motion to approve items B-D. Don Billups, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **6. Regular Agenda Items.**

#### **A. Discussion and possible action re: Increasing amount of W.I.F.A. loan to help pay additional storage tank and possible new line for all three "3" wells to pump directly to storage tank and one "1" chlorination system at the tank.**

Jacqueline Moore, will contact WIFA to see if there are any new grants we can apply for.

#### **B. Discussion and possible action re: Adding an additional tier for higher usage customers.**

Discussed to change tier Over 50,000 gallons at .00406 to 50,000 – 70,000 at .00506 and add another tier 70,000 – Up at .00605.

It was also discussed on weather a credit should be issued when customers have a leak with a higher bill. Carried over to next meeting October 20, 2022 for further discussion. Jacqueline Moore to pull reports for July and August water use by customer.

**C. Discussion and possible re: Starting each board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and if approved the purchase of a flag.**

Jimmy Wilson states that he is on several board meeting and they all start with the Pledge of Allegiance. He would like to start our meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jimmy will look into cost of the flag and stand. Cal Robbins states that the flag stands for freedom and people should have the freedom to not pledge if it's against their religion and conscience of liberty to stand during the pledge.

Jimmy Wilson made a motion to approved the start of each meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and the purchase of a flag. Mark Schroeder, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, except for Cal Robbins who up stained from voting.

**7. Announcements.**

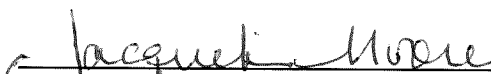
**A. Future Meeting Date**

The next **Board Meeting** will be **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at 6:00 p.m.

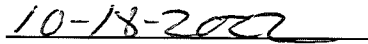
**B. Future Board Agenda Items**

**8. Adjournment.**

Bill Stellhorn made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Cal Robbins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Administrative Service Manager

  
Acknowledged...Chairperson or Clerk

  
Date