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HAVASU HEIGHTS DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

October 18, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Call to Order.

Chairperson, Mark Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m. on October 18, 2022

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

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

4. Call to the Public

No Action.

5. A. System Operator's Report.

Operator Don Shed reported We had a really bad time with the Bac-T testing. With a lot of cross contamination (outside sources) Took 8 tests to get it right. We had to move our Upstream test site a house up. The house that we wanted to use did not have any outside faucets. Jacqueline got the paper work done and approved. James Wilson, operator stated we were not the only ones with issues due to the rains. Don Shed also reported that he worked with the engineers for well sites and answered a few questions for them. Installed a volt meter at the tank, so he can check in morning, so he won't get a dead battery. Rudy and Arlo (contractors) still are not getting blue stakes. Don stated it's just a matter of time before they do damage to our lines specially on Seely. They are working right over the top of our line and is only about 18 inch deep and blue tape exposed. Checked with the county and checked with everybody and I get the response to tell them to stop. Mark Schroeder, chairperson asked if we spoke the hotline service again? Don Shed, operator stated they are worthless. Mark Schroeder, chairperson asked if he had pestered them? Don Shed and James Wilson, both responded with yes. Don Shed, operator stated he is getting pictures. James Wilson, Operator asked Rudy to under cover all the valves he buried on Seely and it's been months now. I even marked it with a big blue circle and question mark. He had 2 sticks with feathers on it, so he would know where it was at, but after the rain knocked the sticks down, and he just keeps pushing dirt to widen the road. All we can see now is our waterline below. Don Shed stated he check with the county and he has no permits. Last time James Wilson contacted Rudy was

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in August. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson asked James Wilson, Operator to contact him again. And get it done sooner than later. Don Shed, operator stated that the CL2 pump at well 2 is down. Got quotes, about \$3k for new pump, \$2.5K to have one rebuilt. Going to take the pump apart and teach myself how to rebuilt the pump. Don't want to spend \$3k on a pump that will be thrown away after we get the new tank done. At pump station 2 found a water loss. When I shut down the chlorine pump down, our chlorine pump inlet is before the meter. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson asked if it's not metering what's going through the chlorinator? Corrected it's going around the outside of it. (About 36,000 gallons) It will need to be re-plumped. James Wilson stated we figured it out during this Bac-t issue. Don Billups, Board Member asked any updates on the generator? Don responded trying to find out if it's 440 capable. Found a transformer to go from 223 to 440. We can get a switch for about \$700 and transformer about \$800. We'll also need a propane tank. When they tie in our lines we can have them run an electrical line from this pump to the other two in the same ditch as the water line. As of right now we'll only be able to run one. Generator is still at Bulldogs. James Wilson, Operator states that about it. Bac-T was the big thing. Took a little over a week to get it figured out. Blue Stakes issues. Two weeks ago, I ordered paint from Home Depot for the hydrants maintenance. It's on hold for 6 weeks due to an aerosol shortage. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson request to keep on Rudy to get our valves uncovered. Maybe do an agree or timeline. If that don't work, maybe we do the work and send him the bill. As far as the blue staking, concerned about our lines getting cut into. Contaminating our system, people without water and extra testing. Don Shed, operator stated, just them running over it with heavy can cause a problem. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson person stated to continue with the hotline and make yourself unpleasant.

B. Administrative Manager Report.

Jacqueline Moore reported M3 Engineering should be wrapping up in the next couple months. They also offered to help us get quotes if needed for additional cost. Spoke with Morgan Burgess with WIFA regarding other grant money. She stated no other grants available for the type of work we are doing. ADWR (Static water test) will be out here tomorrow (October 19, 2022) will meet with operator Don Shed. Monitoring Assistance Program (ADEQ) went from \$250 last year to \$787.13. Called to check on cost difference, they stated they had too much funds in their accounts. Credit was given last year. Had some issues with the Bac-t testing. Everything is okay now and passed. The only thing we have to do is fill out an assessment form for ADEQ which the operators will need to fill out. Need to order new checks, want to verify it's okay to order online instead of bank. \$43.12 for 300 checks online compared to \$109.42 for 160 checks through PNC Bank. Board okay with ordering checks online. Tim Campbell quoted us \$180 to spray for bugs at the office, Wells and Tank. (Lots of spiders at the tank) He'll be

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Administrative Manager Report Cont.

getting this done this week. Insurance policy came in (265 pages) if anyone of the board members what to look it over, I can email to you. DanaMatic called us regarding a app to read meters. No meter upgrade required. Price is \$160 a month and a onetime fee of \$2,000 which is lifetime unlimited support, Training and Set-up. Board asked for more information and demo on the product if possible.

5. Consent Agenda Items:

Bill Stellhorn made a motion to approve items A-D. Cal Robbins, 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.

Covered in Administrative Manager Report. Debbie Jacobs, public asked if there would be an additional cost to customers. Mark Schroeder, Chairperson stated hopefully nothing. We are not looking at the cost of the loan, we are looking to get more funding from WIFA (low interest, Government loan). This will help make our water even better than it is today. (If that's possible) Trying get the system modernized. To clarify, I don't want to say it's cost the customer any more money, our goal is that it does not.

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

Looking at Jacqueline's reports from July, August & September we have a handful of people that are using excess water.

Current Rates:

0-10,000 @ \$.00281

10,000 – 30,000 @ \$.00305

30,000 – 50,000 @ \$.00329

Over 50,000 @ \$.00406

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Changing it to:
0-10,000 @ \$.00281
10,000 – 30,000 @ \$.00305
30,000 – 50,000 @ \$.00329
50,000 – 70,000 @ \$.00406
Over 70,000 @ \$.00605
Starting January 1, 2023

Mark Schroeder, Chairperson stated that as a home owner it's your sole responsibility to keep your equipment up and running properly. As a results, you have a leak, we can be apathetic, but someone will have to pay for it and it shouldn't fall on our water district. Taking out of our payment and have to pay for the water. Melinda Crawford, public asked where is the customer responsible. Don Shed, Operator responded, anything after the meter to the house. For a payment plan it would have to be a really excess bill.

Don Billups, Board Member made a motion to approve rate increase and tier changes 50,000 – 70,000 @ \$.00406, Over 70,000 @ \$.00605
Jimmy Wilson, Clerk, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Announcements.

A. Future Meeting Date

The next **Board Meeting** will be **Tuesday, November 15th, 2022** at 6:00 p.m.

B. Future Board Agenda Items

Announce results of the election. (If available)

Mark Schroeder, Chairperson stated November 8, 2022 is voting day. Can't express enough how important this election is. We have three (3) positions open for the water board. Get your family, friends and neighbors out and vote. This is the first time in history we have gone to elections. Must own property in the Havasu Heights and registered to vote in Arizona.

8. Adjournment.

Jimmy Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Cal Robbins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jacquelin Moore
Administrative Service Manager

Jessie White
Acknowledged...Chairperson or Clerk

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Date