

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2022
THOMAS F. ALLT UTILITIES TRAINING ROOM
270 WEST 1TH STREET
YUMA, AZ 85364**

Chairman Vinod Mohindra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vinod Mohindra Lorna Brooks
 Cecil Boelts Carrie Scott
 Tim Eisenmann Walt Schumacher

MEMBERS ABSENT:
 Michael Wicks

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy McCall, Utilities Director
 Kervina Landry, Administrative Specialist

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Administrative Items

Jeremy McCall introduced Walt Schumacher to the Commission

• **Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2022 (correction)**

The Approval of Minutes had the incorrect date of August 1, 2022 corrected to May 2, 2022. **Tim Eisenmann** made a motion to approve the correction; Lorna **Brooks** seconded the motion. (Ayes – Vinod Mohindra, Lorna Brooks, Carrie Scott, Tim Eisenmann, Cecil Boelts & Walt Schumacher)

Lorna Brooks made a motion to approve the August 1, 2022 minutes with correction, seconded by **Cecil Boelts** (Aye's were Vinod Mohindra, Lorna Brooks, Cecil Boelts, Carrie Scott and Tim Eisenmann).

Drought Update

Jeremy McCall briefed the Commission on the Water Drought

- Lake Mead Water Level
 - 1045' (was at 1040' in July)
- Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) 417 Water Consultation Meeting
 - Scheduled for October, 19th
 - Meeting with the Accounting Water Manager for BOR
 - Share water requests and they take it back to work on allocation for the next year
 - Go over the City of Yuma Water Conservation Plan
 - Contingencies, and
 - How we use that water
- City of Phoenix Take on Water
 - Newsweek 9/19/22
 - Published an article on the City of Phoenix philosophy which is Use Every Drop You Have, Don't Leave Anybody Else Any Water
 - Phoenix Water Managers will not defer any water even though no use for it.
 - Plan on still water banking it.
 - Take the water and put in the Ground Water Recharge in Maricopa Area.
 - Don't plan to leave any in the system
- Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona Annual Meeting
 - The Annual Meeting was 2 weeks ago
 - Very influential group
 - They control the majority water use in this area (irrigation district)
 - Everyone in the area are invited to participate
 - Shortage impacts Tier 2a
 - Colorado River tap water needs can be met
 - Phoenix loses ~ 10%--12%, would have lost closer to 30% without DCP mitigation
 - Chandler & Mesa lose~ 7%--they fare better because of effluent exchanges
 - Some cities are more vulnerable because they are using all of their Colorado River water for tap water-but water can move around between contractors

- Impacts of shortage include less aquifer recharge and fewer GSF deliveries
- Central Arizona Ground Recharge District (CAGRDR) loses - 7%--fares better because of GRIC exchange

Water and Wastewater Rates Study

- Willdan Financial Services
 - Target Spring Implementation
- Do away with the 5/8" meter
- Structured Rates – Residential
 - 0 – 10 hcf (7,480 gallons) = \$2.07
 - 11 – 30 hcf (22,440 gallons) = \$2.43
 - 31 hcf (23,188 gallons) and above = \$2.79
- Jeremy will arrange to have the Consultant come and present to the Commission

Status of Current Events

- Thomas F. Allt Grand Opening
 - Was postponed from when we moved in during the month of July
 - Will host on October 20th at 9:00 am
 - Light Refreshments
 - Plaque will be presented that has been installed on building
- WACOG
 - Low Income Assistance program (financial assistance with water Utility bill)
 - Currently fund \$75,000.00 a year to that program. Fiscal year, which runs from July to June.
 - They received a new endowment of \$75,000.00 in first part of July and used half already.
 - Up from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 next year but needs to monitor it better
 - They will budget for the rest of this year and funds will go to only those in need with references from the Customer Service
 - Jeremy McCall met with them to find out how they were referring everyone into the program
- AWC Power Support-power outage
 - We are supporting them by lending one of our large generator until they are able to make repairs

- We are not renting it out to them, but they are responsible for the fuel
- Water Meter Sales
 - Comparing residential sales
 - 60 % less than 2018
 - Last year did well
 - Not seeing growth
 - Construction down

Call to the Public

- None Present

Future Agenda Items

- Commission wants the public aware of water shortage
 - Conserve Water
 - Use Social Media
 - Every quarter do some sort of water conservation
 - Water Festival in November
 - Have a Water Management for Adults
 - Use plants
 - Have water conservation tours
- Disparity on sewage

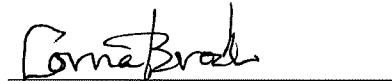
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Kervina Landry, Administrative Specialist

APPROVED:



Vice Chairman & Date