

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESCUDILLA MOUNTAIN
DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF APACHE, ARIZONA,
December 9, 2023 at 2:00pm at the Alpine Fire Station #2 in Nutrioso, AZ**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm. Present were David Knobbe, Melissa Chivers by phone and Mike Draper by phone. Absent were John Cochran and Pat Cruse. Twelve district members were in attendance.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.** Mike Draper motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Melissa Chivers. Unanimously approved.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14, 2023 MEETING.** The minutes were previously distributed. Mike Draper motioned to approve, seconded by Melissa Chivers. Unanimously approved.
4. **CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS AND CLERK REPORTS.**
 - Lorie Knobbe reported that \$46,206 has been collected, less expenses of \$8411.50, leaving a current balance of \$37,794.50. The two large expenses this month were the GPM test by Richie Davis for \$1500 and the water quality test by Legend Technical Services, Inc. for \$3,402.00.
 - We now have a PO Box at the Nutrioso Post Office. It is box 371.
 - The price of the website from Rural Water Impact will be going up to \$46.00 per month from the current \$42.00 per month.
 - Alpine DWID told us previously that they have 2-4500 gallon water tanks that they are not using. Shawna Metzger, District Manager, knows that our district is interested in them and said she would put it on the Alpine DWID Agenda for this month.
 - David Knobbe reported on the results of the two tests conducted this past month. The GPM (gallons per minute) of the well is 20. The water analysis performed by Legend Technical Services, Inc. showed that the water is good. Big thanks Mark LaCombe for completing this testing. The results from the test can be found on the website under Forms and Reports>All Forms and Reports. This report is not the final Consumer Confidence Report. It is just the lab results.
5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SATISFYING ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS TO BRING OUR NEW WELL UP TO THE STANDARDS FOR USE AS A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY.** We need to complete the Capacity Development and Drinking Water Source Adequacy Requirements to meet Arizona Department of Environmental Quality - ADEQ Standards, get power to the well, get a survey of the plot and fence the well, have a professional engineer inspection and identify easements to access the well site. Pat Cruse has already begun investigating obtaining power from NEC. The beginning estimate he got from NEC to bring power to the well was between \$2000 and \$5000. Mike Draper moved to begin all the steps necessary to bring the district well up to the

necessary standards required for a public water supply. Melissa Chivers seconded. Unanimously approved.

- 6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTING A POTENTIAL STANDPIPE LOCATION.** Factors to take into consideration include land in close proximity to the well, accessibility to the district owners and consider the nuisance factor to nearby property owners. Mike Draper motioned to begin the search for a potential standpipe location. Melissa Chivers seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING AN ENGINEER TO PROVIDE AN OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS TO MOVE THE WATER FROM THE WELL SITE TO THE STANDPIPE LOCATION.** This will give the district a relatively accurate estimate. Then we will have a better idea of how much we need to borrow from WIFA and/or the USDA to complete the Standpipe Project. Mike Draper motioned to research and hire an engineer once the Standpipe Location is determined. Melissa Chivers seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 8. CALL TO PUBLIC.** J DeWitt cautioned that the quote from NEC only covers the cost to bring the power to the well and we should plan on at least another \$5000 for set up and a commercial meter. We have received notice from several district property owners that they will donate the necessary labor to connect.
- 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2024.
- 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None required.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT** - Mike Draper motioned to adjourn. Melissa Chivers seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:38.

Minutes approved at 3-9-2024 meeting

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