

MAURICEVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a meeting was held on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 in the Board room of the Mauriceville Municipal Utility District with the following in attendance:

Board Members: Corey Oldbury, President  
Jon Sherwin, Vice President  
Nelda Burton, Secretary  
Dennis Rountree, Director  
Jay Scheiderer, Director

Others Present: Brian Gipson, General Manager  
Rex Peveto, Attorney for MMUD  
Ronnie D. Beard  
Faye Beard  
James Spector  
Dean Champeaux

Not in Attendance: Joe Alford, Attorney for MMUD

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Corey Oldbury gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Closed Meeting to discuss the water main damage on Highway 12.**

Entered into closed meeting at 6:54 P.M.

Reentered open meeting at 8:25 P.M.

**4. Discussion and possible action on the repair costs and billing of the water main damage:**

Brian Gipson passed out a copy of the proposed bill for damages to the water line on Hwy12. Jon Sherwin inquired about how we determined the amount of lost water. Brian Gipson explained that the process was to take two days before, and one after average the pumping for those days and use that number as the water pumped for that day and anything over would be caused by the leak. The Board and Brian Gipson discussed in-depth the procedures and pricing for billing. Jon Sherwin made the recommendation's to add materials to invoice, adjust truck & trailer rates, verify equipment rates, and add labor burden to "crew labor". The board agreed with his recommendation.

## 5. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Corey Oldbury explained the agenda item to the Board and Public and opened the floor for comment. James Spector explained what he had was some concerns that he would like for the Board to address amongst themselves. James Spector explained the first is on a boil water notice, boil water is a serious thing that you are dealing with because you could make a lot of people sick, and people have small children, He has a wife at home with advanced Alzheimer's and she may walk in the kitchen and turn the tap on and run water and take a drink without me realizing she was doing it. James Spector explained he did not know there was a boil water notice but I calculated that there had to be so I called the M.M.U.D. office, and I was told yes there is a boil water notice. James Spector then asked who did you tell, The M.M.U.D. explained they told the media, James Spector explained he watched channel 6 and there wasn't a word on there, he listened to KLVI and KOGT and the didn't say a word. James Spector explained the cease boil water, he made it a point to listen to all three, flipping around the channels between 6:00 and 10:00 O'clock to see if one of the T.V. stations said anything about ceasing boil water and they didn't. James Spector explained the next thing was his neighbor had a picture of two of the M.M.U.D. employees off in that hole down there trying to fix the leak down in that muddy water, because he was told that the pipe line workers said that the people in the hole didn't know where to turn off isolation valves. James Spector explained that's totally unacceptable when you're dealing with something as serious as what you're dealing with that every employee should know where the maps are and find the isolation valves write off the bat particularly the Manager, should know where every isolation valve on this system is so you could cut that water off, pump that hole out and we wouldn't have got near the mud in our water that we got. James Spector explained the next thing is I called the TCEQ and they said that the M.M.U.D. had not notified them, but that the M.M.U.D had three days to send in a written notice. James Spector explained the problem he has with that is twofold, first off you're living up to the minimum requirement and that shouldn't be in a public business. James Spector explained your minimum that TCEQ said is that you have to notify one news outlet. James Spector explained that's the minimum and you should look to do something better than the minimum, if you have any respect for the people paying for all this water. James Spector explained the second thing is that this three day written notice, I've called Dade Phelan's office and his Chief of staff called back and their supposed to look into it because this outfit has computers, TCEQ has computers, you've got clerical help, Why not sit down write an e-mail and within minutes they've got a notice that we've got a water break, but that don't happen it didn't happen. James Spector explained that he didn't know if the M.M.U.D. sent the three day notice or not because he didn't request that. James Spector explained the last thing he has is for the boil water it should not be a problem to set up with AT&T or whoever and send a telephone alert out to every customer you got, you've got a phone number for everybody, send out a telephone notice that we've got a boil water notice, you don't have to go into detail. The Board thanked James Spector for coming.

Dean Champeaux explained that James Spector pretty much covered everything he had to say. Dean Champeaux explained that Brian Gipson knew what he wanted to gripe about, his filters and junk that he needs replaced. Dean Champeaux explained that someone is responsible, he said the District says it's not responsible and the pipeline says it's not responsible. Dean Champeaux explained he has been back and forth with

both and he wants to know who to go at. Brian Gipson explained that he wished James Spector wouldn't have had to leave because he would have liked to answer his questions. Brian Gipson explained that his employees as well as himself know where the shut off valves are and that what was explained to the pipeline company was that the District leaves the water running so that it keeps the bacteria and dirt from getting in.

Brian Gipson explained that as far as the locates and the information from the pipeline the District did not receive a locate request from the pipeline company. Brian Gipson explained that he had a packet of the fax confirmations and notices that were sent to TCEQ, KOGT, Channels 4, 6, and, 12 for the boil water notice as well as the resend order.

Brian Gipson explained that AT&T at this time does not provide the capability to the District for a lot of the burst calling options but that the District was spending a lot of time and money on putting things in place to give the District more options. Dean Champeaux inquired as to why the District did not flush the lines after the break. Brian Gipson explained that as soon as the leak was repaired that the District started flushing the affected areas in an order as to not cause more of a problem. Brian Gipson explained the reasoning and methods used by the District. Dean Champeaux explained as he finished that all he would like to know is who is at fault. The Board thanked Dean Champeaux for coming and extended an offer to put him on the next regular Board Meeting if he would like. Dean Champeaux explained that would not be necessary.

**6. COMMENTS:**

Corey Oldbury explained that in the meeting we discussed the bill that we would be sending the pipeline, also that we are going to add another line of notification we are going to try burst calling. Corey Oldbury explained in the interim that all of the Board members have volunteered their time to make phone calls until such time that that can happen.

**7. ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Nelda Burton seconded by Jon Sherwin to adjourn the meeting.

ALL Voted AYE: Motion Carried

Corey Oldbury adjourned the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:26 P.M.

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MMUD PRESIDENT

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MMUD SECRETARY