

Mt Lemmon Domestic Water Improvement District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Mt Lemmon DWID Administrative Office  
12601 N. Sabino Canyon Parkway  
Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619

November 18, 2023

1. Stu Shacter called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. All board members were present except Rick Burrows who was excused for this meeting. Guest: Christina Grossman, Michael Stanley, Richard Westervelt, Grey Carpenter, Justin Hafner, Jeni Zimmerman & John Osborne
2. Call to the public: Richard Westervelt asked questions about commercial water rates versus residential rate. Grey Carpenter & Justin Hafner inquired about adding more tanks. Both questions were addressed as they were already on the agenda
3. Managers Report: See attached from Nate Davis
4. The minutes from October 21, 2023 were approved
5. Agenda Items:
  - A. Customer, Employee/Board Member Concerns: Lodge & Hotel water usage is a concern for the department. The department is working towards a resolution to avoid such drastic future curtailments from heavy usage
  - B. District Financial: Only one past due, a letter will be sent out
  - C. WIFA Grant Update: Christian Grossman reported we got approved for the SCADA system grant. Christina is still working on future tiers/rounds to advance to the next levels to receive more grant money to keep improving our system
  - D. MLWD Website: Leanne Mack has requested from each board member a picture, a short bio about themselves & the position they hold. Leanne will upload past minutes & agendas to the site. Leanne is still asking for any water related pictures from the past
  - E. Mt Lemmon Radio club: Christina Grossman updated that the board. The frequency application was postponed to December 1. Still waiting on the legals to clear for use of the Loma Linda tank. Lease was drawn up by our lawyer for a 10 year term. Lease was excepted by the board
  - F. Employment Issues/Personal Policy Manual: Dale is now subcontracting for the department. Doug Mance is still working on the personal/policy manual & getting the information to the company to help update it
  - G. Future Easement Work: The land exchange has been recorded with Pima County. WLB sent a proposal with an estimate. Stu Shacter will review the sign & return the proposal. Need a time frame of when the survey can happen. The department needs to be "shovel ready" so they can work on getting a new tank ASAP
  - H. Revised Curtailment Policy: It needs better language & to be more clear. The current one is vague & confusing to customers. The board talked about adding no outside watering with MLW only with rain collection systems as a permanent restriction.
  - I. Commercial Water Rates: VRBO's are not considered commercial. The Pima County tax role is what determines commercial/residential. Stu came up with a graph showing a 15% increase for commercial rate. This issue needs more discussion.

## **Mt. Lemmon DWID System Status Report 10/21/2023**

Weekly Tank and Master

Monthly Customer Meter reads

Maintain water level in Tanks and residual.

Collecting monthly compliance samples and dropping them off at Legend Lab in Tucson

Monthly calibration checks on both Hach units

Monthly check PRV on system and PSI

We have had a leak on a lateral line in front of the Mt. Lemmon Lodge. This leak caused us to shut down the water to the Lodge as well as some of the residential houses on Sabino Canyon. The lateral valve that would have shut down the leak was buried and inaccessible. I hired Action Pipeline Contractors to stop the leak and get the Lodge back in water first. Then they ran a new water line across Sabino Canyon to the two houses. Then they dug up the old lateral valve to abandon it.

We are basically maintaining our water level. I think we caught the leak on the main road almost immediately, so we didn't seem to lose too much water.

Orion Sherry came into run the system with me and says he would like to start working here.

I hired Dale to install the fire hydrant signs. He has installed the signs on Turkey Run, Middle Sabino, Carter, and Miner's Ridge. We had to purchase the tools for this job. I have ordered more posts for the signs.

Tank Level

Miners Ridge tank: 14' 6"

Carter Canyon tank: 15' 0"

Sabino 212k tank: 18' 6"

Sabino 800k tank: 14' 4"

L.L. Big tank: 16' 6"

Carter Source: 4.5 gpm

Sabino Source Master: 4.2 gpm