

Mt Lemmon Domestic Water Improvement District
Board Meeting Minutes
Mt Lemmon DWID Administrative Office
12601 N Sabino Canyon Parkway
Mt Lemmon, AZ 85619
September 20, 2025

1. Stu Shacter called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Board members present were Stu Shacter, Diana Osborne, Grey Carpenter, Mitch Cusolito and Pat Klein.

Guests: Gordon Hunter, Teri Carpenter, Claire Danvers, Doug Nelson, Jim Ammon, Tom Partridge, Sherry Tune, Kenn Block, Ann Youberg, Ade, Jenni Zimmerman, Connor Sohns, Tess Simons, Steven Miller, Lori Miller, Jim DeSando, Richard Westervelt, Cherie Nelson, Ginny, Dan Schotter, Michael Stanley, Christina Grossman, Steve Brigham & John Able

2. Call to the public: Richard Westervelt asked that preventative maintenance on all the vehicles and machines the water department owns is on the next agenda. Tess Simmons and Connor expressed they were upset about being locked off and that the businesses have no limits on their water usage. Steve Brigham also shared that he was locked off for his painter using a power washer. He explained Nate was very stern but professional, and he explain the curtailment to him. Dan Schotter asked if there was a schedule or timeline to replace all the pipes, etc in the town. Ann Youberg also inquired about the towns pipe replacement goals. John Able shared his experience with his lock off for construction water usage. The communication wasn't there and it went through the contractor and it should've went directly through the homeowner.

3. Manager's report: Spring flow is about the same even with the little rain received. There is approximately 1.3 million gallons in storage now. Tank levels are holding - See attached report

4. Minutes from the emergency board meeting on August 16, 2025 were unanimously approved.

5. Regular agenda items:

A. No concerns at this time

B. Financial statements for July & August 2025 were unanimously approved.

C. New SCADA system – The 6” meters are in
New AMI system – This project will need to be completed by next year because it's grant money. Metron isn't reporting all the meters. Metron sent out a tech but still can't find the issue. The meters are being read manually. Nate thinks it might be the owners disturbing the antennas on the meters. Customers might have to start using their own shut of valves & not the actual meter to shut their water off. Christina Grossman asked that maybe pictures or a workshop be held to show homeowners the difference

D. Nathan and Pat are worked to complete the FS299 form. Forest Service approved the request. We can start looking for some money for engineering. The board needs to meet with Loma Sabino about placement & sizes of tanks. WIFA advised that when we are shovel ready we can ask about the loan. Grossman suggested the department look into qualifying for a regular loan with a loan officer to see if they qualify.

E. CEC sent a request of change order. Some areas needed more surveying so they need to come back up. About 75-80% of the area is completed. Dan Schotter, Claire, Captain Dan (MLFD) & Chief Joe walked Guthrie to look at placement for new fire hydrants. They found locations for the 3 they want installed. Claire will reach out to property owners to ask if they can be placed on the edge of their property. Dan Schotter also suggested that the town have a fundraiser to pay for the hydrants. In the past, that is what they have done when hydrants were needed. Dan asked the board to make a motion the water department pay for the hydrants if the fundraising isn't completed yet. Reason being so it doesn't hold up the Guthrie Road project because the money for the hydrants has been raised yet

F. Business Curtailment - Currently businesses don't have to curtail during this time. Mitch suggested we take an average of their water usage for a year & give them a percentage they have to cut back. It could be something like a mandatory 25-30% cut back. A committee was formed with Pat Klein heading it to discuss what business curtailment could look like. Pat will report back to the board at the next meeting.

The lawyer looked over the agreement for businesses to truck water up here & be placed in our tanks. In section 4 paragraph 2 was deleted due to it not being legal actions.

Stu suggested taxes be lowered & a supplement charge be added to everyone's monthly bill to help pay for the department to truck water up during curtailment. He also suggested possibly having rates changes again.

The guests suggested capping water usage even when we aren't in curtailment.

Next meeting scheduled for October 18, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM