

# MINUTES OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

## Diamond Valley Water District Board of Directors

PRESCOTT VALLEY CIVIC CENTER  
7501 SKOOG BLVD., ROOM 330  
PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ 86314

**4:00 PM Thursday, February 29, 2024**

### CALL to ORDER

Chair Mike Schumacher called the **Regular Meeting** to order at 4:08 pm.

### ROLL CALL of BOARD MEMBERS P= Present. NP= Not Present

**MIKE SCHUMACHER (P)**                      **JO AN HOLT (P)**                      **KURT WOMACK (P)**  
**NICHOLE KOWALSKI (P)**                      **RICK COSTIANES (P)**

**Also present:** No Members of the Public. **Dennis Charles** for District Management was in attendance.

### 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Update on future meeting location.  
Prescott Valley last Thursday of every month except holidays.

### 2. UPCOMING RATE HEARING

a. Discuss Prescott Valley rate increase impact on DVWD Rate Schedule for 5 years.  
Manager Dennis evaluated the the last Prescott Valley bill with their new rates. Because we get billed the highest rate, with a 4" meter, we needed to see the impact. We are keeping the same monthly service charges (base rate), the only changes are to the Commodity Rates.

	current	proposed	
0 - 3,000 gallons/month	\$6.42	\$6.82	per 1,000 gallons
3,001 - 8,000 gal./mo.	\$7.96	\$8.52	
Over 8,001 gal./mo.	\$9.97	\$11.16	

The average usage is 6,400 gallons, current bill is \$99.79, new bill would be \$108.36 for 2024. With each of 5 years increase, at current projections the bill could be \$134.18 by 2028.

M. Schumacher made the motion to accept the revised Rates, and move ahead with the Hearing; seconded by K. Womack.

**APPROVED:** 5-0 Schumacher - YES, Womack - YES, J.A. Holt - YES, Costianes - YES, Kowalski - YES.

### **3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

a. December 2023 & January 2024 Monthly Reports. [\[October last report M12.21.20123\]](#)

Category	30-Nov-23	31-Dec-23
Cash Balance	\$263,729.42	304,736.67
Accounts Receivable	\$ 95,243.28	90,595.06
Water Revenues	\$ 63,947.31	53,853.52
New Hookup Contributions/Fees Total Income	\$ 3,300.00	13,200.00
Cost of Water (Cal. Mo.)	\$ 17,213.54	19,992.44
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 4,676.28	3,572.09
Capital Outlay - Service Line Replacement	\$ 12,363.84	11,992.40

### **4. MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. Monthly Reports. Dennis gave his **January** 2023 Monthly Report:

•Total active customers 779. •Total Water Sales Revenue \$17,677.57. •Total Base Service \$34,806.67.  
•Total Tax Collected \$3,444.58 (AZ Municipal tax \$16.42). •Total Current charges \$58,495.56. •Total Establishment Fees \$385.

•Average water bill \$71.24. •Total gallons pumped 3,718,180. •Total gallons sold 2,519,561.  
•Accounted water loss 403,360. •Unaccounted water loss 795,259. •**Actual PERCENT WATER LOSS = 21.39%**. •Meters read from 12/19/23 to 01/19/24, 30 days.

Applications 6 owners and 1 renter.

On 1/31 at 1000 Turquoise Dr., 403,360 gallons 6 inch main. Water tank on Rose Quartz.

New issue, one home being built on Rose Quartz had been approved by the County, with no hook-up to the District, they show a water tank. K. Womack contacted Attorney Kozak, and then emailed Supervisor Mallory about it. Jeremy Dye said they would not issue a Certificate Of Occupancy until they were hooked up.

The EPA is requiring an inventory of all piping, lead, copper, etc. by October 2024, service lines and customer side too! They even offer funding to accomplish this. Big government at work.

b. Grant update, 69 estimate Engineering cost design.

Manager had run into a glitch with the County. Marty originally told Dennis that we didn't need to post a legal ad in the newspaper for the bid, but now we do, so we have to go through the process again. Schumacher immediately went to the Courier to run the legal ad, which was run in the Sunday paper. Because the County doesn't deal with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on a regular basis, they are learning as they go, which makes our task so much fun! At our March Regular Meeting, we will approve the CivilTech bid again (unless others come in), the Minutes will have to be immediately done, then we need a Special Session to approve these Minutes, so the County will be happy.

### **5. ADMINISTRATIVE**

a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes January 25, 2024.

J.A. Holt made the motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by M. Schumacher.

**APPROVED:** 5-0 Schumacher - YES, Womack - YES, J.A. Holt - YES, Costianes - YES, Kowalski - YES.

## **6. NEXT MEETING PREVIEW**

Regular Meeting will be this same location. Tentative Rate Hearing date is March 14. Regular Meeting is March 28. Soon after Special Session to approve 3/29 Minutes just for the County, ~~location can be at J.A. Holt's~~ and date TBA.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by consensus.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.**

NOTE: [M00.00.2023] indicates reference to Minutes from previous meetings. [aa] Robert's Rules Of Order. .

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kurt Womack, Clerk/Secretary and made available on 3/29/24.

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APPROVED ON: March 28, 2024 by M. Schumacher, K. Womack, J.A. Holt, N. Kowalski, R. Costianes