

**MINUTES OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION FOR  
THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010 @ 6:00PM  
3632 EAST HIGHWAY 260, STAR VALLEY, AZ  
STAR VALLEY TOWN HALL**

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-led by VERN LEIS**
- **ROLL CALL:**

**Present: Chairperson Leis, Vice-Chairperson Davis, Commission Member Heath, Commission Member Hibbert, Commission Member Lyons, Commission Member Freegard, Wayne Van Horn.**

- **Staff Present:** Josie Castillo, Deputy Town Clerk
- **Others Present:** Bob Sanchez, Barbara Hartwell

- **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**


1. **Approval of the Regular Water and Sewer Commission meeting minutes held on December 3, 2009.**

 **Motion: Approve the consent agenda items, Moved by Vice-Chairperson Davis, Seconded by Commission Member Heath.**

**The motion is voted on and passed 7-0.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Discussion, possible action and update on Water and Sewer Commission's appointment of the alternate to the Commission.**


 Chairperson Leis stated that a letter of appreciation will be drafted to former Commission Member Brad Jones and that Mr. Jones has created a PowerPoint Presentation for the Water & Sewer Commission entitled *Clean Water for Star Valley*.

 **Motion: To appoint Wayne Van Horn as a Member to the Water & Sewer Commission, Moved by Vice-Chairperson Davis, Seconded by Commission Member Lyons.**


**The motion is voted on and passed 7-0.**

Chairperson Leis stated that there have been a couple of applications submitted demonstrating interest in being appointed as Alternates to the Water & Sewer Commission, including Bobbie Davis who is a Star Valley resident and employed by The Payson Roundup.


2. **Discussion regarding water conservation article "*Runoff as a usable water supply.*"**

 Vice-Chairperson Davis stated that he obtained this article from the Arizona Republic and highlighted points from the article with the Commission. Vice-Chairperson Davis stated that there are financial incentives to homeowners who collect rainwater and more information can be obtained at [www.azdwr.gov](http://www.azdwr.gov), however there is only \$250K total for all homeowners. The Commission discussed the definition of runoff water and surface water, which SRP has legal rights to, and discussed this in detail. Chairperson Leis directed Deputy Town Clerk Josie Castillo to obtain a printing quote for copies of the handbook *Potential Rainfall and Runoff Utilization* provided by Vice-Chairperson Davis.


### **3. Discussion and update on Sewer project.**

 Chairperson Leis stated that he and Commission Member Lyons reviewed the alternate sewer treatment sites with Tetra Tech and these sites will be incorporated into the final report from Tetra Tech. Chairperson Leis stated that the final report will be written in laymen's terms and the full finished product will be presented at the next Water & Sewer Commission Meeting on February 4, 2010 at the Water & Sewer Commission; a review will be done one week prior to this meeting for the Water & Sewer Commission only.


### **4. Discussion and update on monitoring of well and rain gauges.**

 Chairperson Leis stated that the Town Council has approved cancelling the contract with LFR and approved the contract with Tetra Tech. Chairperson Leis stated that a hydrologist from Tetra Tech was scheduled to speak at tonight's meeting, however, cancelled due to illness. The contract price from Tetra Tech is \$11.5K, and an additional \$1200-\$1500 to upload the archived data. Chairperson Leis gave an overview and credentials of the hydrology department of Tetra Tech and stated that they are a nationwide organization. Chairperson Leis stated that the new probe will operate in the Tower Well and will be installed and gave an overview of the probes currently installed throughout the wells in Star Valley.

### **5. Discussion regarding the MAG Greening Water and Wastewater Infrastructure workshop held January 12, 2010.**

 Chairperson Leis stated that the time of departure for the workshop, which Commission Members Bill Heath and Wayne Van Horn have agreed to attend is 6:15AM; start time for the workshop is 8:00AM.


### **6. Discussion and comments from the Chairman.**

 Chairperson Leis stated that on December 31, 2009, a Star Valley citizen called Chairperson Leis and stated that he had a problem with his private well. The gentlemen stated that he has a report from the ADEQ dated December 31, 2009 informing him that his well was unfit for human and animal consumption. The gentlemen stated that he was prompted to have the well tested after family members became ill after well water consumption. Upon inspection of the well, it was determined that rat droppings were covering the surface of the well. The citizen poured gallons of bleach down the well to sanitize, and then pumped the well out onto the ground, which resulted in complaints from a neighbor. Chairperson Leis stated that this problem illustrates the great potential in Star Valley for water contamination.

- **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

 No comments.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

 **Motion: To adjourn the meeting, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Vice-Chairperson Davis, Seconded by Commission Member Hibbert. The motion is voted on and passed 7-0.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Vern Leis, Chairperson**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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**Josie Castillo, Executive Assistant**

**CERTIFICATION:**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission of the Town of Star Valley held on this day, the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010**

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**Josie Castillo, Executive Assistant**