

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION OF  
THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY  
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010 @ 6:00PM  
3675 EAST HIGHWAY 260, STAR VALLEY, AZ  
STAR VALLEY TOWN HALL**

- **CALL TO ORDER:**

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT: VICE-CHAIRPERSON DAVIS, COMMISSION MEMBER HEATH, COMMISSION MEMBER HIBBERT, COMMISSION MEMBER LYONS, BOB SANCHEZ, WAYNE VAN HORN, JOSIE CASTILLO, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (NOT VOTING), CHAIRPERSON LEIS.**

**OTHERS PRESENT: BILL RAPPAPORT, TIMOTHY GRIER, BARBARA HARTWELL, PATY HENDERSON**

- **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Approval of the Workstudy Water & Sewer Commission meeting minutes held on February 26, 2010.**

**Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Vice-Chairperson Davis, Seconded by Commission Member Hibbert.**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).**

**Yes: Vice-Chairperson Davis, Commission Member Heath, Commission Member Hibbert, Commission Member Lyons, Bob Sanchez, Wayne Van Horn, Chairperson Leis.**

2. **Approval of the Regular Water and Sewer Commission meeting minutes held on March 4, 2010.**

**Motion:, Action: Approve, Moved by Wayne Van Horn, Seconded by Commission Member Hibbert.**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).**

**Yes: Vice-Chairperson Davis, Commission Member Heath, Commission Member Hibbert, Commission Member Lyons, Bob Sanchez, Wayne Van Horn, Chairperson Leis.**

3. **Approval of the Special Water & Sewer Commission meeting minutes held on March 11, 2010.**

**Motion:, Action: Approve, Moved by Commission Member Heath, Seconded by Vice-Chairperson Davis.**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).**

**Yes: Vice-Chairperson Davis, Commission Member Heath, Commission Member Hibbert, Commission Member Lyons, Bob Sanchez, Wayne Van Horn, Chairperson Leis.**

- **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Review and discussion of the 2010/2011 Water & Sewer general budget.**

Chairperson Leis reviewed with the Commission the first four (4) items of the Star Valley Water & Sewer Commission 2010/2011 Budget (see report). Vice-Chairperson Davis stated that he would like to employ the services of hydrogeologist Kristine Uhlman to interpret results of water quality testing and the Commission discussed how to categorize this line item. The Commission discussed the funding of the minute transcriptions as to whether they need to be included in the Water & Sewer budget or if they are included in the General Fund of the Town budget. Commission Member Van Horn questioned whether there was sufficient funding in the Trips/Education fund and the response was in the affirmative.

- 2. Review and discussion of the 2010/2011 capital budget requests for Water & Sewer projects.**

Chairperson Leis discussed the Star Valley Water System capital project and the breakdown for a Star Valley Water System. Chairperson Leis stated that due to attorney/client privileges, he is unable to discuss all the details included in the Star Valley Water System (\$188K) until the report is completed by the attorney. Chairperson Leis discussed the semantics of well drilling and costs involved. Vice-Chairperson Davis stated that grant funding may be available from Tohono Odham Gaming and gave an overview of his findings. Vice-Chairperson Davis stated that Star Valley will need to submit a proposal to petition for these funds, which are 12% of their gaming winnings and can be used to offset the \$18K for Well Monitoring for Contamination (Sewer). Vice-Chairperson Davis stated that language for the proposal can be borrowed from minutes of the meeting where Hydrogeologist Kristine Uhlman stated that Star Valley is in danger for water contamination; deadline for this grant is June 18, 2010. Vice-Chairperson Davis stated that he has been in contact with a local entity that can provide water quality testing for the wells at a reasonable price in comparison to a quote received from a tester in the Valley and the Commission discussed this in detail. The Commission discussed the valuable services of Ms. Uhlman which she provides at no cost and the importance of utilizing her expertise. Chairperson Leis stated that the item *Well & Rain Gauge Monitoring* will be placed back into the General Fund. Vice-Chairperson Davis suggested placing this item under Sewer projects instead of water system and Chairperson Leis concurred. Chairperson Leis stated the importance in being realistic in requests for budget funding in light of the economic situation.

- 3. Review and discussion of WIFA grant requests for water.**

Chairperson Leis stated that the grant is self-explanatory for the most part and reviewed the grant application with the Commission, which has already been submitted. The Commission discussed the map attached to the WIFA grant application denoting the registered wells in Star Valley.

- 4. Review and discussion of WIFA grant requests for sewer.**

Discussed together with agenda item number three (3).

**5. Update and discussion from individual sub-committees regarding status of their findings (tour of sanitary sewer systems, finance options, annexing into NGCSD, developing a Star Valley sanitary sewer department, contract with Tonto Apache Tribe for sewage treatment).**

Commission Members Heath stated that he and Commission Member Hibbert is the committee responsible for the touring of sanitary sewer system in other towns.

Commission Member Heath stated that they have had difficulty getting cooperation from other towns to facilitate these tours so he has enlisted the assistance of Mayor Rappaport to draft a letter (see letter) to contact the mayors of towns to help with the cooperation with this project. Commission Member Heath stated that Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Sedona, Snowflake, Taylor, St. Johns, Springerville and Showlow are the towns they are interested in touring. Commission Member Van Horn suggested contacting Frank Soto of Rural Water Association of Arizona and George Sereno of the Public Works Department of Coconino County, who are willing to assist the Town at any level. Vice-Chairperson Davis suggested contacting an organization similar to a California based federation of treatment operators to assist as a source of information.

Chairperson Leis stated that Joel Goode of the Northern Gila County Sanitary District (NGCSD) has agreed to facilitate a meeting with Star Valley representatives and NGCSD representatives to determine costs, engineering process and infrastructure needed to annex into the NGCSD. Chairperson Leis requested that each Commission Member select three (3) days in the last two (2) weeks in the month of May to conduct this tour, preferably mornings, and email these dates to Town Staff Josie Castillo. Commission Member Sanchez stated that May 18, 2010 is an election date and cannot be selected as a tour date.

Commission Member Lyons stated that he spent time with Garrett Goldman regarding financing options for his committee. Commission Member Lyons stated that Mr. Goldman feels that WIFA is the best funding option, USDA is a possible option due to the low population in Star Valley and potentially RCAC. Commission Member Lyons stated that he will continue to work on gathering more data for his committee. Commission Member Van Horn distributed a list of potential funding sources obtained from the Arizona Rural Infrastructure Committee and stated that the Arizona Rural Water Infrastructure is having a conference on June 23, 2010 in Prescott Valley.

• **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

1. Mayor Bill Rappaport stated that he is more than willing to be of assistance to the Water & Sewer committees and can contact other mayors from other cities and towns in order to facilitate better cooperation.
2. Star Valley resident Ray Lyons stated that he would like all the Commission Members to be open-minded and imaginative when considering all the options of the committees.

• **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion: , Action: Adjourn, Moved by Wayne Van Horn, Seconded by Commission Member Hibbert.**

**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).**

**Yes: Vice-Chairperson Davis, Commission Member Heath, Commission Member Hibbert, Commission Member Lyons, Bob Sanchez, Wayne Van Horn, Chairperson Leis.**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vern Leis, Chairperson**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010**

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**Josie Castillo, Executive Assistant**