

**MIDWAY WATER ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015
MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Midway Water Advisory Board meeting held July 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Midway City Office Building, 75 North 100 West, Midway, UT.

Roll Call

Irrigation Company Members: Steve Farrell, Grant Kohler, Brent Kelly and Mike Kohler.
Midway City: Mayor Colleen Bonner, Michael Henke, City Planner, Wes Johnson, City Engineer, Kraig Powell, City Attorney and Secretary Jennifer Sweat.

Council Member Kenneth VanWagoner and Council Member Karl Dodge were excused from the meeting.

General Consent Calendar

Mayor Bonner stated that because there was no other members from the City, the board would not be able to approve the General Consent Calendar tonight, and would be approved at the next Water Advisory Board meeting.

Discussion on Water Usage

Mayor Bonner stated that the reason we decided to have a meeting tonight was to discuss various Water Usage. Most importantly the water exchange program that we do for those citizens that do not have access to irrigation water. The City does not charge them overages, and they basically have unlimited access to culinary water. At a previous water board meeting last year it was discussed to put in place a policy for these users. Nothing has been done regarding this since that time.

The board reviewed the listing of all customers currently on the exchange program, their monthly usage and also their acreage of property according to the county tax rolls. The list has gone down since last year because the irrigation company added access to the irrigation connections so the list has been updated since the board last looked it. There are still around 60+ homes on the exchange program.

They also asked Mike Kohler, Midway Irrigation Company, if he thought there would be many more added to the exchange program. Mike Kohler said no he felt that if anything we would be taking people off because the company is working on getting irrigation to all citizens. Possibly Midway Highlands, which is a new subdivision, may need to be on the program once their houses are built, because currently there is no access. It is possible it could be available to them by the time the homes are completed.

The board, staff and irrigation company discussed a calculation that would be fair to use for the exchange program customers. Wes Johnson, City Engineer stated that he felt that he could do an analysis of the properties currently on the exchange program, and then he would sit down with Mike Kohler and make sure they are on same page.

It was discussed why irrigation wasn't available to everyone and it comes down to cost, and pot rock. It is something the irrigation company is looking at, but they are long term projects.

Mayor Bonner asked about the new P.U.D., The Sages, and Mike Kohler said they would be on irrigation water and would not need to be on the exchange program.

Wes Johnson again stated that he would get with staff at Horrocks, and they would take each property and determine what was irrigated and non-irrigated on the properties. Then a calculation would need to be determined to show how much water can be used monthly. Wes Johnson would review the irrigated and non-irrigated portions with Mike Kohler again to make sure we are on the same page. Then it would be brought back to the Water Advisory Board for review. A letter could be sent out to each homeowner on the exchange program and which would have the program explained to them, told how much water they are allowed monthly, and what the fees would be if they went over. It would most likely default to what the city charges now currently for overages. Which is 0-5,000 gallons is \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons and 5,000+ gallons is \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons. The board and staff felt that this was a good plan, and asked Wes Johnson to begin the process.

Mayor Bonner asked Mike Kohler how it is determined how much water we get from the tanks. He said that usually Gerber is all ours and Maghoney is about 400 gallons per minute. But usually Mike and Cory Lott, Public Works Supervisor work it out between each other. Recently the City needed both and they worked that out with little problem. It was felt that an agreement should be put in place for future generations. The Mayor stated when the Alpinhof Well comes online it will help but an agreement should be in place. Mike Kohler and Steve Farrell also suggested Kraig Powell should speak with Corbin Gordon, the Midway Irrigation Company attorney, because there may be an agreement already in place.

Irrigation Company Member Brent Kelly was excused at 6:55 p.m.

Steve Farrell stated that the county was working on putting a policy into place for water requirements. They then would take it to the State Engineer to review who will then hopefully let them know if they are going in the right direction or not. They hope to adopt the policy before the end of the year and then if Midway City wants they can adopt the same policy as well.

The board and staff discussed the different ideas of what should be in the policy.
Next meeting if business requires will be August 3, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. if business requires.

Mayor Bonner adjourned the meeting.