

Fayette County WCID – Monument Hill NEWSLETTER

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The Board invites all members of the District to attend its monthly Board of Directors meetings held on the second Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the District office, located at 100 Country Club Drive. Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, however, sometimes the meetings need to be moved to another day or time. Please contact the District office (968-5514) to verify that the meeting will be held on its regular date and time. If someone would like to address the Board during a meeting, the District requests that they notify the office no later than 72 hours prior to a scheduled meeting so they can be added to the meeting agenda.

Board Adopts FY 2019 - 2020 District Budget

The District recently held a duly posted public hearing on March 14, 2019, to receive public comments on its proposed FY 2019—2020 Operations & Maintenance and Capital Expenditures Budget. No public comments were received and the public hearing was adjourned.

During the regular meeting of the Fayette County WCID—Monument Hill Board of Directors, immediately following the public hearing, a motion was made, and carried, to adopt the proposed FY 2019—2020 Operations & Maintenance and Capital Improvement Budget.

Budgeted annual revenues for the new fiscal year were forecasted to be \$408,680. Budgeted annual operations and maintenance expenses were forecasted to be \$351,140. The only significant

budgeted increase over last years budget was made to the line item “Laboratory Expenses”, in the amount of \$12,500, due to the increased demand for water samples and water quality parameters as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). These additional samples must be collected in order for the District to satisfy TCEQ’s requirements for obtaining full certification to operate its new Water Well #4. Next fiscal year, 2020—2021, should see this expense reduced to its normal \$2,500 annually.

Capital Improvements funded by ad valorem taxes total \$100,000 and are broken down as follows: water system capital improvements include \$60,000 earmarked for the future painting of the ground storage tanks and pressure tanks, hopefully in 2022; \$22,000 for the ➡

Water & Sewer Rates

At the March 14, 2019 regular Board of Directors Meeting, the Board also considered, and approved, a motion to keep the base water and sewer rates unchanged from the last two fiscal years. As a reminder,

the base rate for a 3/4” x 5/8” water meter will remain at \$36.00 per month, a 1” water meter will remain at \$90.00 and a 2” water meter will remain at \$288.00. All base rates are for service only and do not include any water used. The District bills in 1,000 gallon increments and, as a reminder, the cost for water used is as indicated in the adjoining table:

From	To	Rate per 1,000 gallons
0 Gallons	10,000	\$2.50
10,001	20,000	\$2.90
20,001	30,000	\$3.20
30,001	40,000	\$3.60
40,001	50,000	\$3.90
50,001	And up	\$4.60



FY 2019 - 2020 Budget

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purchase and installation of new Kamstrup water meters; \$10,000 for future water line replacement and \$3,000 earmarked for future repairs to Well #3's pump and motor. Waste water system capital improvements included setting aside \$5,000 for the future rebuild of lift station pumps.

The District's Bond Capital Improvements Budget was approved at \$515,000 and includes \$340,000 designated for the replacement of two or three critical sewer system collection lines and \$175,000 designated for a portable generator for the lift stations. No remaining bond funds were designated for the water system, as most, if not all, of those projects have already been completed.

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Sewer rates for every fiscal year (April 1st—March 31st) are calculated based on each individual customer's winter water use average, as determined by their water use during the months of December, January and February. Each residential and commercial customer is allotted 3,000 gallons per month in accordance with the Waste Water Treatment Contract the District holds with the City of La Grange, who is responsible for the treatment of the District's waste water. All residential customers whose winter water use average is 3,000 gallons or less will be charged the sewer base rate of \$35.45 and all commercial customers whose winter water use average is 3,000 gallons or less will be charged the sewer base rate of \$36.96. Any residential or commercial customer whose winter water use average exceeds 3,000 gallons per month will be charged their appropriate base rate plus an additional \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed, as determined during the winter water use averaging period. This higher amount then becomes their fixed monthly sewer rate for the next twelve months.

The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 4 p.m., at its office located at 100 Country Club Drive, La Grange, Texas.

The District offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 19, 2019; on Monday, May 27, 2019, for Memorial Day; on Thursday, July 4, 2019, for Independence Day.



Pay Your Water Bill Via Auto Bank Draft

This service is offered at no charge and as a courtesy to our members. If interested, visit the District's website at www.monumenthillwater.com for the "FCWCID ACH Draft Authorization Form", fill it out and return it to the District office or contact Lori Steffek at (979) 968-5514 for assistance.

TTHM Update

Sampling Period	Location 1 Results (mg/L)	Location 2 Results (mg/L)
2Q2018 LRAA	0.1010 0.0766	0.1050 0.0699
3Q2018 LRAA	0.0504 0.0869	0.0480 0.0801
4Q2018 LRAA	0.0353 0.0699	0.0336 0.0699
1Q2019 LRAA	0.0341 0.0552	0.0361 0.0557

The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 80 mg/L. All of our samples have been well below the MCL since Water Well #4 was put into operation in early July 2018., however, our locational running annual average (LRAA) exceeded the 80 mg/L during 3Q2018 due to the elevated sample results obtained in 2Q2018. We expect the results we received the last two quarters to continue forward.

Sign up for Emergency Alerts

After the devastation brought about by the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, it's never been more important that everyone sign up to receive emergency alerts from the Water District. In order to sign up for alerts and/or emails, please visit the District's website at www.monumenthillwater.com, and from our homepage, click on the orange "Sign Up for Alerts" button on the right side panel of the screen. Your mailbox will NOT be flooded with junk mail. Need help subscribing? Not sure if you've already subscribed? Please contact Lori Steffek at (979) 968-5514 and she will gladly assist you.



If you're sewer clean out drain cover looks like this one, it's time to replace it! If you need a cover that has a flat top, instead of the usual protruding square nut head cover, please drop by the office, and we'll be happy to provide you with one....free of charge!

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