

MANAGERS UPDATE

May 5, 2021

LEGAL UPDATE: Bill will discuss at the Board meeting.

PRIORITY PROJECTS: Our health insurance representative was contacted and asked to prepare a detailed analysis of our current program and other options that the Board may want to consider. A full report will be made available with the first draft of the budget at our June meeting.

Out of District rates and fees are being reviewed by staff and recommendations will be made during the budget process. FRWA is once again helping us.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE (CLAY): Both water plants are in the final design phases. The new lift station on Duane Palmer became active on May 3rd, and just a few punch list items need to be completed. The new tractor has arrived just in time for lot mowing season. The renovation of the old Comcast building is coming along nicely. Aquatics staff are focusing on problem areas with some positive results. If you see an area of concern have Cindy do a work order.

50TH ANNIVERSARY: \$11,275 has been secured from businesses and individuals for inclusion into the special anniversary issue of The Breeze. This will greatly offset the cost of printing and not incur any budget increases. The graphic designer has all the copy and I hope to have a draft by the end of the month.

SRF WATER PROJECTS: The bid opening was moved to May 6th, 2:00 p.m. at the District office.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Has re-opened as of May 1st. Staff has pointed out we have some roof issues, and we are asking a few companies to look at it. I had another meeting with Dr. James to firm up the Charter School, and monthly rental will begin August 1st.

COUNTY INITIATIVE: Our District remains a part of the County's plan to submit a proposal to FDEP to conduct a Preliminary Engineering Report that would lead to a County SRF loan. Since all District roads are County maintained, the PER segment for Spring Lake would involve the study and evaluation of all 37 control and drainage structures throughout the District. They are hoping to be on the FDEP SRF June agenda.

SURPLUS LAND: There was one bid submitted for the County Lands that were advertised twice in the News-Sun. The bid for the 26 lots is \$130,000, which comes to \$5,000 per lot. Considering we were going to sell these lots PLUS some of the STA property for \$160,000, we are now getting almost as much money and we get to keep the STA property. The bid was submitted by the people who own the ECO Village, Richard and Colleen Paul-Hus.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET: Staff continues to work on the first draft of the budget, which will be presented to the Board at the June meeting. I have met with a number of staff to discuss their job functions and the percentage of time they are spending in our various departments. There are going to be a number of shifts in percentage allocations that will have a positive impact on our utility expenses. After discussion of any revisions or changes, staff will present the second draft at the July meeting, and then the final budget at the August meeting, which will be a public meeting that includes utility rates and fees as well. The final budget is voted on at the September meeting and Diane sends our assessments to the Tax Collector following that meeting.