MUD 136 Report

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By Barry Greer, Vice President

Due to the continued restrictions from the statewide disaster declaration by the Governor of State of Texas in conjunction with the temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act by the Attorney General of Texas, the Harris County Municipal Utility District 136 monthly meeting was again held remotely (via video conference using Zoom and tele-conference). The meeting was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

In our October, 2020 meeting the Board reviewed water and sanitary sewer operations from the previous month with presentations from our consultants, received an update from the District’s Engineer pertaining to the Capital Improvement Project at the MUD 136 water plant, trash and recycling services, in addition to other items pertinent to our District.

Our meeting on October 8th constituted the Public Hearing on the new tax rate that was set at $0.1660 on each $100 of assessed valuation. The Board voted to approve of the proposed rate.

Our District Engineer, Bob Wempe (Pape-Dawson Engineering) noted that the Contractor performing work on the water plant improvement project continues with work to date on-schedule for an expected, late November completion.

According to the most recent “Drought Map” (through October 6th), the Houston region is not included in an area experiencing drought conditions. However, dry weather continues to be experienced in our neighborhood and the MUD 136 Board continues to encourage our residents to implement wise water conservation measures during these fall months.

In accordance with the Disaster Declaration issued by the Governor of Texas and guidance issued by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, MUD 136 will not be assessing late fees or termination of water service until such time as the Declaration has been lifted. Once again, we continue to stress that this does not mean forgiveness of water use payments and those customers with accumulated, extraordinarily large, multi-month charges, should contact Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) about their plans for payments or to set up a payment schedule.

The West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) has proposed a $0.25 / per 1,000 Gallon water rate increase. WHCRWA will present the proposed increase in addition to other pertinent information in their Town Hall meeting to be held virtually on October 28th. Visit their website (WHCRWA.com) for instructions on accessing the Town Hall presentation.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6 P.M. At the time of this writing, it is likely that the meeting will once again be held via video or teleconference. Please visit our District website at [WWW.HCMUD136.ORG](http://WWW.HCMUD136.ORG) for confirmation of the meeting location. In order to comply with the open meeting requirements, access to the on-line video/teleconference meeting will be made available to the public through our District website for any desired attendance. As a continued reminder, please note that you may reach out to Board members with any issues or concerns or obtain pertinent information through the website.

Please be safe and we encourage all to wear your face masks and practice “social distancing”.