MUD 136 Report

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By Adam Rodriguez, Secretary

With continued restrictions on meeting in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Harris County Municipal Utility District 136 (HCMUD 136) monthly meeting was again held remotely (via video conference using Zoom and tele-conference). The meeting was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

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 agenda items pertinent to our District.

The anticipated completion of water plant electrical improvements was delayed until the middle of February. We have been operating via our interconnect with MUD 183 and we appreciate their cooperation.

After the meeting, the MUD experiences a historic freeze that disrupted the water supply while we were connected to HCMUD 183 and while we were preparing to put our water plant back into operation. Due to a loss of power and other technical issues, MUD 183 was not able to supply both MUDs with water. WHCRWA also stopped sending surface water to the MUDs.

Our backup generator and water well were activated, but the generator ran low on oil and shut itself down so that it would not be damaged. Oil was refilled and the generator was restarted, but water pressure dropped enough during the outage to force the boil-water notice. Once water tests were completed, the boil-water notice was lifted and we remain on pumped water until WHCRWA service is reinstated and deemed to be safe. The generator was switched off and the plant returned to line power once it became reliable. Issues related to the operation of the new electrical controls were also addressed. The MUD would like to thank residents for conserving water during the freeze.

MUD 136 has not been assessing late fees or termination of water service. These temporary measures will be lifted soon and therefore, and 136 strongly recommends that those customers with accumulated, extraordinarily large charges contact Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) about their plans for payments or to set up a payment schedule.

Eric Toureilles, President of the DVCA made a presentation about the community association’s plan to replace the Deerfield Village perimeter fence and asked for MUD 136 financial participation of $85,000 to reduce loan and interest payment costs to the community. An informal straw poll of MUD 136 directors was taken, and the proposal was approved, contingent on a positive community result of the February 17 vote.  Once the DVCA provides an update and a formal request, we’ll take steps towards crafting an agreement between MUD 136 and the DVCA whereby we can assist in this important and long overdue community project.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6 P.M. Please visit our District website at [WWW.HCMUD136.ORG](http://WWW.HCMUD136.ORG) for confirmation of the meeting location (in person or virtual). 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.