MUD 136 Report

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By Barry Greer, Vice President

With continued restrictions on meeting in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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, March 11, 2021.

In our March 2021 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 agenda items pertinent to our District.

As of the date of our current meeting, we can happily report that construction has finally concluded regarding the electrical improvements at the water plant except for several final, minor punch-out items. Our District Engineer, Bob Wempe (Pape-Dawson Engineering), Keith Arrant with MOC, the District Operator and the Contractor, among others met for a final walk-through recently. As work on these improvements was in the final stages, the record freeze occurred. All involved in providing water and sewer service to our District worked diligently (some literally around the clock for several days during the peak of the event) to keep our facilities working. Unfortunately, the CenterPoint power outage to the area, brought about the start-up of our emergency back-up generator. However, shortly thereafter, our back-up generator shut down causing a significant water pressure issue. This latter situation was relatively quickly addressed, although a boiled water notice was necessary for a short time.

Due to the pandemic and resulting Disaster Declaration by the State of Texas, MUD 136 has not been assessing late fees or termination of water service. We again stress that these temporary measures that have been in-place for a considerable period does not mean forgiveness of water use payments. These temporary measures will be lifted soon although Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo has requested water districts in the County to delay rescinding these measures. Once again, we stress that those customers with accumulated, extraordinarily large, multiple month charges contact Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) about their plans for payments or to set up a payment schedule to avoid possible water service termination that could result from no action.

Several members of the public from Deerfield joined our meeting this month to express their feelings pertaining to the proposed perimeter fence project. They were joined by Eric Toureilles, President of the DVCA Board of Trustees. A majority of the MUD 136 Board of Directors voted to direct our legal counsel to proceed with the preparation of an agreement with DVCA that would enable a monetary contribution by MUD 136 towards this project. DVCA has indicated that this contribution would lower the term and therefore, financing costs to Deerfield residents pay through their yearly assessment (and special assessments).

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 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.