Comanche County Rural Water District 2

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October 27, 2022

Dear Member,

With the increasing cost of operating expenditures and to cover the cost of maintaining, replacing and improving the infrastructure of our aging water system, it has become necessary to adjust our billing rates. Beginning with the water billing that is due by December 15th, 2022 the minimum will increase to \$56.00 for 0 to 2,000 gallons and each tier of our billing schedule will increase by \$1.00 per thousand. This increase is also necessary to meet our debt service required by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

In our endeavor to continue to provide the level of service that you have come to depend upon and to meet the growing demand for water within our service area, your Board of Directors has taken the following course of action:

- 1) Paid off the original loan with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in the amount of \$840,000.00, ten months early, saving the district \$6667.00.
- 2) Entered into a DWSRF Loan through the OWRB in the amount of 2,545,000.00; in which \$636,250.00 of the original loan amount was forgiven. This loan will be used to replace approximately 13 miles of 2", 4" and 6" diameter pipe. The majority of the area where lines are being replaced will be on Stoney Point Road, from the intersection of NW Tackle Box Road, running North to North Road and then east to the Edgewater Standpipe and on McCracken Road (Tackle Box Road) from Stoney Point Road East to US Highway 62 and on Chibitty Road from Meers/Porter Hill Road North to NW Wolf Road and then West to the McClung Tank and on Welch Road from 4-Mile Road West to ½ mile east of Chibitty Road and on NW Madische Road from McCracken Road North ½ mile. Construction will begin around December 1st, 2022.
- 3) We are in the process of obtaining a second DWSRF Loan through the OWRB. This loan will be used to construct a larger booster station at our Stoney Point Standpipe and replace old water lines running west from Porter Hill to the new Stoney Point Booster and continuing west to Chibitty Road with 5-1/4 miles of 10" and 8" diameter pipe. We have projected ARPA Funding from the County in the amount of \$500,000.00 and

projected IHS grant funding of \$445,000.00 for use in this project. The project will be going out for bid within next few weeks

4) We have applied for an ARPA Grant through the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality/Oklahoma Rural Water Association to be used for maintenance on the aging water standpipes at Edgewater Park, Porter Hill, Stoney Point and McClung area. The total cost of the project is \$223,355.00. We have projected ARPA Funding in the amount of \$73,685.00. The balance will be paid with funds on hand.

During these unprecedented times, the Board of Directors and Staff of Comanche County Rural Water District #2 would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we continuously strive to keep all cost down, to provide the water quality that you expect and to strengthen our system for future growth. And to do your part, we ask that you provide the office with an updated cellular phone number and email address in order for the office to contact you if necessary or in case of an emergency.

If you would like to know more about the above listed projects or have any questions concerning your water service, please contact the office at 580-588-3330.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors Comanche Co. RWD #2