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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 PM

HELP US TO CONSERVE WATER

IF YOU SEE A LEAK IN A WATER LINE PLEASE REPORT IT PROMPTLY BY CALLING 512-556-7511. CALLS ARE ANSWERED 24 HOURS A DAY!

Kempner WSC Newsletter

Message from Our President

Dear KWSC members, it has been an honour to serve KWSC these past six years, the last two years as President. I feel it is time for me to move on. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Directors, management, and all the employees of KWSC. Their dedication to KWSC ensures that the operation of our system infrastructure and water purification

and distribution processes into the future. The future of our corporation is indeed bright, so please exercise your right to vote as a member owner. I also encourage you to attend our annual membership meeting. Again, thank you very much for these past six years of service to KWSC. I look to the continued success of KWSC.

Sincerely,
George Gondorchin

Message from Our General Manager

Who does not enjoy a little positive news every now and then? The KWSC management team and Board of Directors (BOD) are always looking for ways to benefit the organization and our members. We would like to make members aware of a couple positive changes that have taken place this year. In May of 2019, your BOD voted to decrease the franchise tax that the City of Kempner levied from members within the City of Kempner city limits from 5% to 2%. As a result, KWSC members residing within the City

limits have been able to see a little bit of savings on their monthly bill. In addition, the KWSC BOD voted a few months ago to allow management to investigate the possible benefits of refinancing the current debt that was held by Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) (just over \$38 million dollars). With interest rates at an extreme low, this was very beneficial for KWSC. We have officially closed on the refinancing, with HUGE savings. The outcome will save KWSC approximately

\$500,000 this year alone! Along with these savings and our loan for an additional five million dollars, KWSC will be able to upgrade and improve our infrastructure over the next few years.

As your general manager, I look forward to working with the upcoming board on our projected growth and needs of KWSC into the future.

Best regards,
Delores Coberley
General Manager
254-681-8042

**Central Texas
Water Supply Corp.
and KWSC Lawsuit**

Kempner Water Supply has been involved in litigation with Central Texas Water Supply over how CTWSC charges for the water that it provides to Kempner. In Kempner's view, CTWSC was not charging according to its contractual obligations. Ultimately, a hearing was had in a Bell County District Court where the trial judge agreed with Kempner, and found that CTWSC's billing methods did not comply with the contractual requirements. Accordingly, the judge found that Kempner owed less, and would owe less in water cost to be paid to CTWSC. CTWSC will likely appeal this ruling by the trial judge, and the attorneys are in the process of preparing and submitting a Final Judgment to the Court for approval.

Questions should be directed to KWSC's General Manager, Delores Coberley

Message From Our Consulting Engineer

Over the past year or so, we at Jones-Heroy & Associates have had the pleasure of supporting the engineering needs associated with KWSC's drinking water distribution system. As fellow residents of Central Texas, we are all witnessing the rapid growth that is occurring within the KWSC service area, which is expected to continue in the foreseeable future. In response to the growth, in August 2019, the KWSC Board of Directors authorized the financing, design, easement acquisition, and construction for a recommended 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank at its existing Stone Oaks pump station site as well as a new 8-inch waterline loop along FM 1113. These improvements are generally located west of Copperas Cove and north of Hwy 190 in KWSC's North Zone service area. The proposed North Zone improvements will build upon prior infrastructure investments, improve the reliability of water service to existing customers, and provide additional capacity to

serve approximately 400 new customers. In addition to improvements in the North Zone, the KWSC Board of Directors has authorized the financing for infrastructure improvements which are intended to improve reliability of water service to existing customers in the Northwest Zone service area. The proposed Northwest Zone improvements are generally located east of Hwy 281 and north of FM 580 and include rehabilitation of the existing CR 3420 pump station site with new pumps, building, pressure tank, and ground storage tank as well as a 2-inch waterline loop along CR 3600. The financing, engineering design, and easement acquisition for the proposed North and Northwest Zone improvements is well underway with construction expected to begin in 2020.



**Fire
Department
Contributions**

The members of KWSC exemplify their generosity when they contribute to the over-all welfare and safety of our community by giving to the various Fire Departments in the KWSC service area.

Thanks to those who contribute to the various fire departments that proudly serve our community.

Total contributions for the 2018-2019 fiscal year: \$12,660.06.

Your constituents contributed \$2,296.50 to the Copperas Cove FD; \$7,380.42 to the Kempner VFD; \$1,535.42 to the Oakalla/Briggs VFD; and \$1,447.72 to the Lampasas FD.

100% of your donations go to the Fire Departments.