

April 05, 2023

The Board of Directors of Bell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Bell County, Texas met at a Budget Workshop, at the district office located at 201 South 38th Street, Killeen, Texas, at 9:00a.m., on April 05, 2023.

Robert R. Robinson	President	Richard Grandy	Director
Kenny Wells	Vice President	Dale Treadway	Director
Sandra Blankenship	Secretary	Brian Dosa	Fort Hood Representative
Ricky Wilson	Director	Ricky Garrett	General Manager
Joyce Bateman Jones	Director		

Public attendees were Thad Imerman, Killeen Daily Herald and Steve Kana, City of Killeen.

All members present except the following absentee(s): none, thus constituting a quorum. President Robinson opened the workshop at 9:00a.m.

The first item of business was the budget workshop. Mr. Garrett, General Manager, gave a power point presentation reflecting the year in review for both water and wastewater systems projects; budget overview and what goes into costs associated with the budgets.

Salaries, chemicals, maintenance of equipment, operating expenses, and maintenance of building and grounds expenses main key factors in overall budget increases.

Projected gallons sold for budget year to be 12.1 billion gallons.

The water budget reflects an increase in overall salary which will include a cost-of-living increase of 3.0% and a merit increase of up to 3.0%.

Chemical expense up 20% due to Chlorine increasing over 100% from last year as well as the other chemicals used increasing in cost.

Lab supplies up by 10%; Operating Expense phone and fiber up \$6,000.00; electrical expenses up \$5,000.00 monthly for base monthly costs.

Maintenance of building and grounds; increase by \$135,000 for new A/C and gas heaters; maintenance of equipment included \$921,000.00 for filter maintenance, \$200,000.00 for high service/raw water pump & motor maintenance.

The proposed rate will be .85/1000 gallons, up from .78/1000 gallons.

At 10:05am board took a 15minute recess. Meeting back in session at 10:15.

Wastewater: similar in what changes affect new budget as in water budget with salaries and chemical costs.

Operating expenses had additional funds put in for loader lease; phone and fiber increased. Sludge disposal up from last year. Maintenance of building and grounds; \$18,000 for new rod iron fencing at plant 1, \$14,000 for new TPO roof, and \$28,000 for asphalt crack seal and top coat at plant 3.

Engineering went up \$25,000 due to TCEQ permit renewals, now at \$30,000.00.

Capital Improvements include \$220,000.00 for new Mack haul truck, \$46,000 for new pickup truck for Plant 3 to replace old tundra.

The proposed rate will be 1.14/1000 gallons, up from 1.06/1000 gallons.

General Manager, Ricky Garrett, thanked staff for all their hard work.
Secretary Blankenship was hoping for a 3.5% COLA increase.

General Manager, Ricky Garrett presented a proposal to the board members about setting up workshops for operations of both water and sewer plants.

There being no further business, President Robinson made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Director Grandy. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.



Sandra Blankenship, Secretary
Board of Directors

