



## JEFFERSON COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT #13

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*Message from your elected Water Board:*

December 31, 2021

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Here are a few of the major highlights for the 2021 year at Rural Water District #13.

### ***Long-Range Plan:***

We continue our work on the long-range plan for the Water District. We spent most of the year working on the documentation for a loan request to finance the plan. The historically low interest rates along with our budgeting efforts will allow us to secure a loan without increasing water rates as a consequence. The goal of all of this work is to ensure the stability of the District for the next 20 years.

### ***Rate Increase:***

At the September meeting the Board voted to increase the water rates from \$6.05 to \$6.20 per 1,000 gallons effective January 1, 2022. The standard monthly minimum remains the same at \$35.00. These increases reflect inflation and actual water production costs.

### ***Bylaw Changes:***

We have several changes proposed for the annual meeting. The proposed changes will be detailed in the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting to be included with the January 31, 2022 billing statements, posted at the District Office, and placed on our website.

### ***Rules & Regulations Changes:***

The most significant changes reflect our position on cross connections. This is a very serious threat to all of our water supply and we feel the need to be more proactive on preventing contamination. We met with representatives of Homeland Security this year and we are taking the lead from those meetings to implement appropriate changes to operations.

### ***Aqua Backflow, Inc.:***

We have secured the services of Aqua Backflow to supervise our cross connection program. You should expect to receive a mailer after the first of the year from them on our behalf. The completion of a short survey will be requested. We hope to have a good response from our Benefit Unit Holders.

### ***Feedback Welcome:***

We are encouraging patrons to provide feedback on water quality and pressure. As our District grows, we anticipate changes and we want to make sure we are still servicing all of our patrons fully.

### ***Annual Meeting:***

We will have three Board positions open for the 2022 meeting. Watch for more information coming out on those positions. It is important to note that the deadline for nominations is **February 17, 7:00 p.m.** The annual meeting will be held on **March 17, 7:00 p.m.** We will have details included in the Official Notice of the Annual meeting, dated January 31, 2022.

Best Regards,  
Gordon A. Brest, Board Chairman

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## Jefferson County Rural Water District #13

Effective January 1, 2022

### **Office:**

The office is located at 1951 Wellman Road. Office hours are Noon to 5:00 p.m., Monday –Thursday. There is a drop slot in the front door for your convenience.

### **Current Water Rates for Standard 5/8” Meter:**

The monthly minimum fee is \$35.00 (no water) plus \$6.20 per 1,000 gallons.

### **Billing Schedule:**

Meters are read monthly and bills are mailed by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Payment in full is due by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. A 10% late charge is added to bills not paid by 5pm on the 16<sup>th</sup>. See *Rules & Regulations* for disconnect procedures.

### **Payment Options:**

Bill payment can be made easy with our Automatic Payment Plan or PSN Services (view & pay your bill online, pay by phone, optional paperless billing). Call the office or check the website for details: [www.jfrwd13.com](http://www.jfrwd13.com)

### **Emergency Procedure:**

After hours, please call the District Manager, Joe Osborn, at 785-813-3589.

### **Board Members:**

The District is governed by a Board of Directors made up of Water District patrons. See *Bylaws* for details on the election, and terms and duties of directors and officers.

### **Board Meetings:**

Board Meetings are generally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and the Annual Meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in March. All patrons are encouraged to attend. Please give advance notice if you would like to be on the agenda.

District *Bylaws* and *Rules & Regulations* can be found on the website, or a copy may be obtained at the District Office. *We encourage you to be familiar with District policies.*

**Check out our website for current information on what is happening in the District:**

**[www.jfrwd13.com](http://www.jfrwd13.com)**

***Please call 785-842-1502 or email [linda@jfrwd13.com](mailto:linda@jfrwd13.com) for further information.***