

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District

December 2018

2019 RATE INCREASE

As set forth by Ordinance 59, the District will increase the water rates based on the Social Security Administration cost of living increase plus half of one percent. Therefore, the 2019 rate increase will be 3.3 percent. This increase will take effect January 2019. Curran Gardner Townships Public Water District is dedicated to providing reliable water services in a cost-effective manner while protecting our water resources and the public's health.

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WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

In a few days the pages of the calendar will change not only to a new month but also to a new year. As 2018 winds down the construction on our water plant expansion project is nearing completion. For the next few weeks our contractors and staff will be working out the kinks and making final adjustments before we put the unit completely on-line.

This expansion will allow the District to treat an additional 1000 gallons of water per minute for our expanding customer base. More importantly, it will replace our old plant that was running on borrowed time since many replacement parts are no longer available. This was especially true of our electrical components and control panels. The plant now has a state-of-the-art electrical panel that will serve the plant for many years to come.

The design of the plant also had the input of not only our engineering firm (MECO Engineering) but also of our operating staff. This sounds like a "no-brainer", but many times plants are designed with no input from the people that will be operating them after the construction firms go home.

For example, our sand filter structure is constructed of stainless steel. Yes, it cost us more up front but will save our customers money well into the future. We will save money on more costly dehumidification

systems since the stainless steel will never rust. Conventional plants also have to paint all of their metal components with very expensive coatings to prevent rust and corrosion. Needed painting in our new plant will be held to a minimum due to the combination of the stainless steel tanks and non-metallic piping.

Our new SCADA controls will be able to notify our staff of any operational problems after hours with many such problems “fixable” without the need for the employee to travel to the plant in the middle of the night thereby reducing labor costs.

As you can see, we’re proud of these improvements. On a personal note, I want to say how proud I am of the experience and knowledge that our engineer Max Middendorf brought to this project as well as the great input received from our operating staff.

I also want to note that we borrowed the money for this project from USDA Rural Development. The agency’s default rate on loans is less than 1% nation-wide. To achieve such a record, it has one of the most complicated processes to complete before the first dollar is awarded. I want to thank Business Manager Cherril Graff and District treasurer Katherine Elsner for getting us through the application minefield. Finally, I want to thank our District board for making the hard but necessary decision to move forward with this project.

In closing, on behalf of the board and staff of the Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District, we want to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a joyous new year.

Wayne Nelson
Operations Manager

Monthly Board Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome. If you cannot join us, the minutes are located on our website at www.currangardner.com



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Happy Holidays!
The Curran Gardner Townships
Public Water District
Board and Staff

