

## **KMUD In February: Plan Approved For Inspection Of All Sewer Lines**

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The Kleinwood MUD (the "Water Board") met once in February in which the primary items of discussion included 1) developing the overall program for inspecting all underground sewer lines within Kleinwood, 2) awarding the contract for the construction of the Steubner-Airline utilities, and 3) reviewing the cost estimate for maintenance repair work at the two water plants. Please note that the Water Board holds its monthly meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Kleinwood Clubhouse, beginning at 6 PM. Residents of the Kleinwood MUD are welcome to attend, as these meetings are open to the general public.

--- In the coming months, the Board will undertake a comprehensive inspection program of the existing underground sanitary sewer pipes throughout the Kleinwood subdivision. A contract will be competitively bid in April to televise the lines to determine the extent of deterioration that has occurred over the past 35-40 years. The first lines were installed in Section 1 in 1972, and in Section 2 in 1976. There is over 33,000 lineal feet of pipe throughout Kleinwood, the majority of which is 8 inch and 10 inch pipe. The trunk line that runs along Squyres Road down to the Waste Treatment Plant is 24 inch from Louetta Road to Kleingreen, and 30 inch from Kleingreen to the Treatment Plant. The cost to televise all these lines is expected to be in the \$100,000 to \$125,000 range. Depending on the extent of the repair needed, further cost estimates will be developed for the rehabilitation of the lines. It is expected that the majority of the repairs will be accomplished through "slip-lining", i.e., installing a plastic pipe inside the existing concrete pipe. All efforts will be made to minimize the excavation to repair the pipes.

--- The District's Engineer, Jones & Carter, reported that the project to construct water and sanitary sewer lines along Steubner-Airline was competitively bid by nine contractors. The successful bid was awarded to AR Turnkey Construction Company in the amount of \$374,803, which was substantially less than the \$450,000 cost estimate. These lines will be installed along the west side of Stuebner-Airline, from Lyons School Road south to Cypresswood Drive, and then along Cypresswood Drive west to the Meyer Park boundary. The installation of these lines will enable owners of property along these roads to develop their land for commercial purposes, following their official annexation into the District.

--- In late January, the Board received a letter from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) reporting on their November 2010 investigation of the Kleinwood water plant facilities. This investigation is conducted annually as to compliance with TCEQ requirements for public water supply systems. The TCEQ found no violations in their investigation, and stated that the Kleinwood Water District continues to be rated as a "Superior" system.

--- The Board reviewed the Engineer's cost estimate to apply a new corrosion resistant coating to the two hydro pneumatic tanks at the Squyres Road water plant, and the one hydro tank at the Louetta Road plant. The work would also include smaller items of equipment that need to be recoated and the estimated cost for recoating this work is in the \$125,000 range. In addition, separate pricing will be requested at the same time for recoating the floor of the west ground storage tank and the walls of the east tank, both of which are located at the Squyres Road plant. The Engineer will prepare the formal bid documents to obtain competitive bids for this work.

--- District statistics through January included a 91.52% collection of the 2010 taxes, a substantial increase over the 38.74% collection of the 2010 taxes from the previous month, the water "billed-to-pumped" ratio at 90.0% (over 90% is very good), and the District had 826 service connections, an increase of two connections from the previous month.

### **A Piece Of Kleinwood Area History: One Tall Building**

Throughout the 1970's and 1980's, Spring was home to one of the tallest buildings -- if not the tallest -- between Houston and Dallas.

The building was easily recognizable by local residents, as well as first time visitors to the area. The occupant of the building made periodic visits to special events held in the southwest, southeast, and midwestern states, mostly high profile football games. The building was torn down sometime in the early 90's, leaving behind only its memory. Do you remember this building?

Answer: On the southwest corner of Louetta and Interstate-45, about where Lowes Hardware is currently located, stood the hangar building for the Goodyear blimp. Some 8-10 stories high, the unusual shape of the building was easily noticed by anyone driving past on the North Freeway. The Spring site was referred to as the "Southwest Operations" by Goodyear, and at the time was one of only four sites throughout the country. Alas, the Southwest Operation no doubt fell under the all too familiar "budget reductions" common among corporations today. But the memory is still with us.