

KMUD In April: Board Approves Contract To Televis U/G Lines

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The Kleinwood MUD (the "Water Board") met once in April in which the primary items of discussion included 1) approving the contract to televise all underground sewer lines within Kleinwood, 2) reviewing the outcome of the mediation hearing to resolve the lawsuit against JP/Raveneaux, and 3) preparing the plan to increase usage of surface water as mandated by the NHCRWA. 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.

--- During the month, the District's Engineer, Jones & Carter, received bids from seven qualified contractors to televise the lines throughout Kleinwood. The successful bidder, Quality Pipe Services, was awarded the contract in the amount of \$73,405. The purpose of the televising is 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.

--- In late March, Jones & Carter held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, AR Turnkey Construction Company, who was selected to install the water and sanitary sewer lines along Stuebner-Airline. 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. The expected duration of this construction is approximately 60 days, targeted for June 7.

--- On April 1, two members of the Board met with representatives from JP/Raveneaux to resolve the several years old lawsuit before the dispute went to trial. Essentially, KMUD sued JP/Raveneaux to recover legal and engineering expenses incurred by KMUD during the planning phase to annex the Raveneaux property into the Kleinwood Water District. JP/Raveneaux subsequently entered into a similar agreement with the Champions Forest water district, thereby negating the contract with KMUD. The suit was resolved to the Board's satisfaction with JP/Raveneaux agreeing to pay, over a 15 month period, the requested amount to cover the expenses incurred by the Kleinwood MUD during that planning phase period.

--- The Board received in March a letter from the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) stressing the importance of KMUD using more surface water over the next six months to achieve the 12 month

mandate on surface water usage. KMUD experienced lower water usage during the fourth quarter 2010, which was attributed to mechanical control problems at Water Plant #2. These control problems have now been fixed and surface water usage for February and March was 93% and 98%, respectively.

--- The new diesel generators for the Louetta Road water plant and lift station were delivered and installed in April. Centerpoint installed a natural gas service line to the lift station later in April, and the units should be fully operational in May. The District's goal last fall was to have this backup power supply in place and fully operational prior to the start of the hurricane season.

A Piece Of Kleinwood Area History: Town of Spring – Part 1

The early years 1800 – 1875

The old part of Spring is sleepy, revealing little of its bustling past as a commercial and railroading center. Once the air rang with laughter from the saloons and the clamor of trains in the round house, while across the tracks came the buzz of the veneer sawmill and the shouts of children in the schoolyard.

In 1838 Spring was a trading post on Spring Creek run by William Pierpont, a settler from Connecticut. The area was frequented earlier by Orcoquisac Indians and visited by Spanish and French explorers. In the 1820's a number of Austin colonists settled nearby, and the mid-1840's brought German immigrants like the Carl Wunsches from Saxony. In 1846 land around Spring sold for as little as 10 cents to 25 cents per acre. Property was purchased by Americans from Dixie, including French-Louisianans like the Sellers family. In 1878 there were enough people in the area to establish a post office.

The early days were agricultural, and Spring was isolated by mud and mire until the train made it accessible to Houston. The early farmer had to make an overnight wagon trip to take produce to the Houston market. Nearly everyone had a sugar cane patch and brought the crop to the town's sugar mill for syrup making. Farmers brought their cotton to Charles Wunsche or to Antone Mittelstaedt's gin near town.

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