

JCSUD NEWS

PRESS RELEASE

Board of Directors June 2021 Regular Meeting

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JOSHUA—In a public meeting on June 15, 2021, The Johnson County Special Utility District Board welcomed Jeremiah Bihl, the newest member of the JCSUD Management Team. Jeremiah is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas and holds a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. He will be coordinating engineering work in support of a wide range of projects for the District.

JCSUD has experienced rapid growth in the portion of the system surrounding the Chisholm Trail Parkway that will require additional elevated storage. This portion of JCSUD's system is primarily the Plant 08 pressure plane. This pressure plane includes the portion of the system west of Joshua and east of Godley. The existing Plant 08 pressure plane is at the limit of available connections to be served. Open market financing is the most advantageous financing from a schedule standpoint and the current low interest rates.

In order to finance the project, the Texas Water Code requires the District to seek approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue bonds. The Board approved a resolution authorizing an application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the approval of water projects and the issuance of bonds. During the approval process, the TCEQ will determine whether the project to be financed by the bonds is feasible and issue an order either approving or disapproving the issuance of the bonds. The bond would provide approximately \$6,800,000.00 for the purpose of constructing, renovating and upgrading its water system, specifically to construct a one-million-gallon elevated water storage tank and construct new water distribution lines (Plant 08 Project). The \$6,800,000.00 will be reimbursed to the District by Developers through a "Contribution in Aid of Construction."

The Board heard from General Manager, Pete Kampfer concerning the 2021 JCSUD Emergency Response Plan (ERP). A great portion of the ERP was generated after the February Winter Storm Uri, which revealed several institutional strengths and weaknesses. The JCSUD staff has committed an abundance of time and effort to advance the ERP to offset any future emergency events. Kampfer included a management analysis, recommendations, and next steps to be better prepared for future emergency events. The plan will remain a living document and is posted for review at jcsud.com.

JCSUD will be posting a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for a District Water Master Plan. Changes are needed to the original plan due to current demand and the projected growth rates within the system. More information about the RFQ can be found at jcsud.com.

JCSUD partnered with AM Agency to complete a branding process. The process served as a foundation for what will become a complete brand experience as it's ultimately applied across all communication touchpoints; branding, marketing, content, website, integrations, recruiting, onboarding, sales process, and lead generation. The brand package was presented and will be rolled out in the coming weeks.



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