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## MAY 2024 AGENDA

**May 1, 2024 - 7:30 p.m. at the District's office at 104 Second Street at Hingham, Montana.**

Recognition of visitors; Public comments, limited to any matter not on this agenda and within the jurisdiction of the District Board; 3-minute time limit per speaker.

Call to order and approval of minutes of previous meeting.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

Public comment to discuss an ordinance amending Section 1.4 regarding water rates and Section 1.5 regarding bulk rates. Discussion will be on increasing the District's water rates for monthly services.

### OLD BUSINESS:

### OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Employee Report
2. Review of Proposed Ordinance –
  - a. Ordinance Amending Section 1.4 pertaining to water rates and Section 1.5 pertaining to bulk rates– first reading.
3. Financial Report

### OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

### OTHER:

1. Delinquencies
2. Bills

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – June 5, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Hill County Water District was held on April 9, 2024, at the District's office at Hingham, Montana.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** No visitors were present.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Lowell Strissel, who acted as Chairman. All board members were present, except Kevin Springer and the chairman declared a quorum present. Also present was Manager Chad Hedges and Secretary Tammy Pike.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No other members of the public were present or made any comments.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

The Chairman asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 6, 2024, regular board meeting previously received by all board members. On motion by Shane Borlaug, seconded by Dan Hybner, the Board approved the minutes of the March 6, 2024, regular board meeting as presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **OTHER OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**EMPLOYEE REPORT:** Chad Hedges reported the pumps and motors for Joplin have been installed.

Mr. Hedges advised on installing remote switches on pump 3 at BPS#1 and BPS#2.

Mr. Hedges also advised the cellular endpoints have arrived and will be switched out with endpoints that are showing incomplete satellite readings.

Mr. Hedges reported Tammy Pike's pickup should arrive in 3 to 4 weeks.

Mr. Hedges also reported that surge protectors will be installed on all pumpstations.

**DISTRICT SERVICES:** The Board discussed individuals requesting new water service

connections. The Board was advised several individuals were given approval last year to obtain new water service connections. Since 2023, no other new water service connections have been approved as the District has reached capacity and has seen a shift in its ability to pump enough water to meet further demand. Due to the District's system starting to fail, the District will also halt sales of bulk keys and will limit usage at bulk stations to its current customers. The District will resume approval of new service connections and bulk key sales if its ability to meet further demand changes or upon purchase of water from the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tammy Pike referred the Board to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report completed by Douglas Wilson & Company, P.C. and the Profit & Loss Statements included with the meeting materials. Ms. Pike noted water system revenues were down 5% from the previous year, expenses were up 9% from the previous year and the net position decreased 10% from the previous year. The Board reviewed the reports and discussion took place. On motion by Jason Myers, seconded by Shane Borlaug, the Board approved the reports as presented.

### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

**WATER QUALITY REPORT:** Tammy Pike referred the Board to the Water Quality Report included with the meeting materials. A copy of said Report is appended to these minutes. Ms. Pike advised the Report has been posted on the District's website and a copy will be provided to all users with their monthly statement and will be posted with the Minutes in all post offices.

**RATE INCREASE PROPOSAL:** Tammy Pike discussed her conversation with Jody Hellegaard of North Central Montana Regional Water Authority. The Authority has turned in its proposal for the construction of the District's segment of water line to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Once the proposal has been approved, it will be put out for bid. Construction of the water line could start as early as this year. The Authority anticipates providing water to the District in 2027. Ms. Pike advised when the District purchases water from the Authority they will also be required to pay their allocation fee of \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Ms. Pike provided documentation to the Board and advised the District does not have the funds to cover the fees and would need to consider increasing rates. Ms. Pike advised the costs from the District's vendors have increased throughout the years and the rates the District charges have not been increased since 2012. Ms. Pike went over a proposal to help defray costs which consisted of increasing the fixed rate \$3 each year, increasing the variable rate \$.50 each year and increasing the bulk rate \$.60 each year for the next five years. The District would hold public meetings in May and June of each year for the next five years and the new rate would become effective in July of each year. Ms. Pike also provided the Board with a proposed Ordinance amending sections 1.4 and 1.5 of the District's Rules and Regulations. A copy of said proposed Ordinance is appended to these minutes. The Board reviewed the documentation and after further discussion and on motion by Larry Fossen, seconded by Rob Moog, the Board approved the rate increase proposal and advised Ms. Pike to move forward with setting up the public hearings. Ms. Pike will also post a Notice of Hearing in public places in each community, post on the website and will insert the Notice in each bill.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

DELINQUENCIES: The Board reviewed the report on current delinquencies.

BILLS: The Board reviewed the list of monthly bills; a copy of the list of current bills is appended to these minutes. On motion Tina Wood, seconded by Larry Fossen, the Board approved all such bills for payment.

Since the Board had no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

  
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Tammy R. Pike, Board Secretary

Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday May 1, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the District's office at 104 Second Street, Hingham, Montana.

HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

4/9/2024 9:20 AM

Register: 1021 · Cash in Bank-Independence Bank

From 03/07/2024 through 04/09/2024

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
03/07/2024			-split-	Deposit		X	484.47	134,410.32
03/07/2024			-split-	Deposit		X	777.44	135,187.76
03/08/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	90.83	135,278.59
03/08/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	61.00	135,339.59
03/11/2024	eft	Montana Dept. of Re...	2100 · State Withholding	4026077-002-...	476.00	X		134,863.59
03/12/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit		X	1,535.41	136,399.00
03/12/2024		United States Treasury	-split-	81-0297216	4,086.92	X		132,312.08
03/12/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	74.38	132,386.46
03/13/2024	eft	Montana DPHHS La...	2005 · Accounts Payab...		7.19	X		132,379.27
03/13/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	69.45	132,448.72
03/14/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	500.00	132,948.72
03/14/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	95.67	133,044.39
03/15/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	75.21	133,119.60
03/18/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	108.79	133,228.39
03/19/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit		X	55.00	133,283.39
03/21/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit		X	112.18	133,395.57
03/25/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	95.00	133,490.57
03/26/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit		X	1,006.13	134,496.70
03/26/2024		Northwest Pipe Fittin...	2005 · Accounts Payab...	QuickBooks ge...		X		134,496.70
03/26/2024		Northwest Pipe Fittin...	2005 · Accounts Payab...	QuickBooks ge...		X		134,496.70
03/26/2024	2148	Northwest Pipe Fittin...	2005 · Accounts Payab...	40721	392.21			134,104.49
03/26/2024	2149	Micro-Comm Inc.	2005 · Accounts Payab...		6,111.28			127,993.21
03/26/2024	2150	Northwest Hardware	2005 · Accounts Payab...	2000666	5.99			127,987.22
03/26/2024	2151	Northwest Pipe Fittin...	2005 · Accounts Payab...	40721	811.38			127,175.84
03/26/2024	2152	Office Equipment Co.	2005 · Accounts Payab...	HCWD08	119.76	X		127,056.08
03/26/2024		QuickBooks Payroll ...	2110 · Wages Payable	Created by Pay...	8,957.59	X		118,098.49
03/27/2024	EFT	American Funds	-split-		2,240.39	X		115,858.10
03/27/2024	2147	Blue Cross Blue Shie...	2005 · Accounts Payab...		1.98			115,856.12
03/27/2024		Cady, Lonnie M.	-split-	Direct Deposit		X		115,856.12
03/27/2024		Pike, Tammy R.	-split-	Direct Deposit		X		115,856.12
03/27/2024		Hedges, Chad M	-split-	Direct Deposit		X		115,856.12
03/27/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	64.56	115,920.68
03/29/2024	eft	Blue Cross Blue Shie...	2005 · Accounts Payab...		3,114.30	X		112,806.38
03/31/2024			4320 · Interest Income	Interest		X	90.66	112,897.04
04/01/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...				543.26	113,440.30
04/01/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...				150.00	113,590.30
04/02/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit			51.15	113,641.45
04/02/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit			12,821.53	126,462.98
04/02/2024	eft	Montana State Fund	2005 · Accounts Payab...	03-039359-9	5,598.11			120,864.87
04/02/2024	eft	Hill County Electric	2005 · Accounts Payab...		3,151.20			117,713.67

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04/02/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...				12.50	117,726.17
04/02/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...				185.13	117,911.30
04/03/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit			8,119.78	126,031.08
04/03/2024	eft	Triangle Communica...	2005 · Accounts Payab...		266.87			125,764.21
04/03/2024	2153	American Welding &...	2005 · Accounts Payab...		83.85			125,680.36
04/03/2024	2154	Farmers Union Oil	2005 · Accounts Payab...		12.56			125,667.80
04/03/2024	2155	Fraser's Oil	2005 · Accounts Payab...		257.49			125,410.31
04/03/2024	2156	Hach Company	2005 · Accounts Payab...	243730	128.00			125,282.31
04/03/2024	2157	Northwest Pipe Fittin...	2005 · Accounts Payab...	40721	8,456.80			116,825.51
04/03/2024	2158	Northwestern Energy	2005 · Accounts Payab...		1,157.13			115,668.38
04/03/2024	2159	Verizon Wireless	2005 · Accounts Payab...		326.35			115,342.03
04/03/2024	2160	Jason Myers	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			115,262.03
04/03/2024	2161	Kevin W. Springer	2005 · Accounts Payab...	VOID:		X		115,262.03
04/03/2024	2162	Larry J. Fossen	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			115,182.03
04/03/2024	2163	Lowell Strissel	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			115,102.03
04/03/2024	2164	Rob Moog	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			115,022.03
04/03/2024	2165	Shane Borlaug	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			114,942.03
04/03/2024	2166	Tina Wood	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			114,862.03
04/04/2024			-split-	Deposit			185.26	115,047.29
04/04/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit			296.71	115,344.00
04/04/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Mobile Deposit			114.13	115,458.13
04/04/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit			92.60	115,550.73
04/05/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...				100.00	115,650.73
04/08/2024	eft	United States Treasury	-split-	81-0297216	3,160.18			112,490.55
04/08/2024	eft	Montana Dept. of Re...	2100 · State Wtihholding	4026077-002-...	330.00			112,160.55
04/08/2024	eft	Unemployment Insur...	-split-	031 4163	345.08			111,815.47
04/08/2024	eft	I Bank Visa 2008	2005 · Accounts Payab...		1,254.59			110,560.88
04/08/2024	eft	I Bank Visa 2016	2005 · Accounts Payab...		745.86			109,815.02
04/08/2024	2167	ME Lab	2005 · Accounts Payab...		35.00			109,780.02
04/08/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...				74.38	109,854.40
04/09/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit			7,967.55	117,821.95
04/09/2024	2168	Daniel Hybner	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			117,741.95

# HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Montana Public Water Supply ID number 00249

## *2023 Water Quality Report*

In compliance with the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act and in an effort to keep you informed about the quality of water and services we provide to you each day, we're pleased to provide you with our Annual Water Quality Report. This report is a snapshot of the quality of water we provided you last year. It includes details regarding the source of your water, what your water contains and how it compares to EPA and the State of Montana standards.

Our drinking water comes from an infiltration gallery next to the Marias River, south of Inverness. As the water flows from the river into the infiltration gallery (the well) the water is purified by natural riverbank filtration. To disinfect the water we treat it by running it past a powerful ultraviolet light (UV) and then to insure it's purity throughout the distribution system, we add a small amount of chlorine. We have 705 service connections in the communities of Kremlin, Gilford, Hingham, Rudyard, Inverness and Joplin. We also service branch lines North and South of those communities spanning from East Kremlin to North Joplin. We added two new service connections last year.

We want you, our valued customers to be informed about your water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the HCWD office at 104 Second Street in Hingham. You may also visit our website at [www.hillcountywaterdistrict.com](http://www.hillcountywaterdistrict.com). If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Scott Decker at (406) 397-3387. Scott is our certified operator with 25 years of experience. He attends periodic training sessions to meet continuing education requirements. The most recent training course he received was in March of last year.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive elements. Water can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in water include:

- 1) Microbial contaminants such as viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife
- 2) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic waste water discharges, oil and gas production, mining and farming.
- 3) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- 4) Volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes, petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- 5) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. We send our water samples to Montana Environmental Laboratory in Kalispell (406-755-2131). They are a private laboratory that is certified by the State of Montana and the EPA to analyze drinking water. Our sampling frequency complies with EPA and state drinking water regulations.

Our sampling frequency complies with EPA and state drinking water regulations. The following tests were performed to identify possible contaminants in our system during the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023:

- 72 coliform bacteria tests – all were coliform free.
- One nitrate plus nitrite test –result was within EPA guidelines.
- Tests to determine the possible presence of eleven inorganic contaminants – results were within EPA standards.
- Tests to determine the possible presence of 61 organic contaminants – none were detected.
- Tests to determine the possible presence of 40 pesticides & herbicides – none were detected.
- Tests to determine the possible presence of radiological contaminants – results were within EPA guidelines.
- Tests to determine the possible presence of 10 disinfection byproducts in our distribution system – results were within EPA guidelines.

The following table lists the contaminants detected during recent testing. Some of the data in this table may be more than one year old, since certain chemical contaminants are monitored less than once per year.

#### Regulated Contaminants

CONTAMINANT	VIOLATION Y/N	SAMPLE DATE	HIGHEST LEVEL DETECTED	UNIT MEASURE-MENT	MCLG	MCL	LIKELY SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION
Barium	N	3-17-23	0.03	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	N	2023	0.8 (0.6-0.8)	ppm	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper	N	7-16-21	90 <sup>th</sup> % is 1.27	ppm	1.3	AL= 1.3	Corrosion of Household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	N	3-17-23	0.24	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead	N	7-16-21	90 <sup>th</sup> % is 3	ppb	0	AL= 15	Corrosion of Household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate + Nitrite	N	3-17-23	0.16	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA's)	N	8-10-23	16	ppb	0	60	By product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	N	8-10-23	40	ppb	0	80	By product of drinking water chlorination
Uranium	N	3-15-23	1.5	ppb	0	30	Erosion of natural deposits



### Unregulated Contaminants

CONTAMINANT	SAMPLE DATE	HIGHEST LEVEL DETECTED	UNIT MEASUREMENT	SMCL	LIKELY SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION
Sulfate	3-17-23	238	ppm	500	Naturally occurring

**DEFINITIONS:**

**MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level** - The “Maximum Allowed” is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**MRDLG - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal**-The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**SMCL - Suggested Maximum Contaminant Level** - the "Suggested Maximum Contaminant Levels" (SMCL) are secondary drinking water standards established by the EPA that set non enforceable MCLs for contaminants that affect water's taste, color, odor, or appearance.

**PPM - Parts per million or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**PPB - Parts per billion or Micrograms per liter** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**AL - Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**pCi/L - Pico Curies per Liter** - a very small unit of measurement of radioactivity.

### What do these tables tell us?

As you can see our system had no MCL violations. MCL’s are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects of exceeding the MCL, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL for a lifetime to have a one in a million chance of having any adverse health effects. Although we have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected, the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by contaminants that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those contaminants can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or online at [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, or online at [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater).

Lead in drinking water comes primarily from materials and components of the service lines and home plumbing systems. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. Our water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in private home plumbing systems. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested by a certified laboratory like the one we send our samples to (Montana Environmental Laboratory, 406-755-2131). When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap until the water temperature has stabilized (usually for 30 seconds to 2 minutes) before you use the water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure to lead is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791, or online at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

In 2007 Montana Rural Water Systems completed a source water protection plan for our system. This report provides additional information on the potential vulnerability of our wells to contamination. This report is available for review from Scott Decker. It is also available online at <https://deq.mt.gov/water/programs/dw#accordion1-collapse2>. The report can be summarized in the following table:

#### **Significant Potential Contaminant Sources**

Source	Contaminant	Hazard Rating	Barriers	Susceptibility	Management
Septic Systems (Marias)	Sewage, Nitrate, Nitrite, Pathogens	Low	None	Low	Growth management
Cultivated Cropland (Marias)	Pesticides and Nitrate	Moderate	Dilution, clay soils	Moderate	Best management practices

We have been working hard to improve our water. The Hill County Water District is committed to providing our customers with safe, pure water and we are pleased that our water meets or exceeds all established state and federal standards. Thank you for reviewing this report.

Prepared by Montana Environmental Lab, LLC 3/24

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1.4 WATER CHARGES AND 1.5 STAND PIPE CHARGES OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Hill County Water District that:

Section 1.4 Water Charges of the Rules and Regulations of the Hill County Water District, is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.4 Water Charges:

Water rates for Hill County Water District users shall be as follows:

3/4", 5/8" & 1" residential - \$48 monthly plus \$3.00/1,000 gallon.

1½" residential & commercial - \$88 monthly plus \$3.00/1,000 gallon.

2" residential & commercial - \$168 monthly plus \$3.00/1,000 gallon.

3/4", 5/8" & 1" agricultural taps - \$48 monthly plus \$3.00/1,000 gallon, charged and payable only in months when actually used.

A user shall be defined as a household or business establishment which is connected to a Hill County Water District service line, whether or not water is used in the month of the charge, unless an exception within these rules relieves the user from a fee.

An ag tap user shall be defined as a hydrant/tap used for servicing livestock, gardens, trees and lawns and shall never be connected to any buildings.

Section 1.5 Stand Pipe Charges of the Rules and Regulations of the Hill County Water District, is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.15 Bulk Station Charges:

Water being metered at bulk stations shall be charged at the rate of \$3.60/1,000 gallons.

PASSED and approved by the Hill County Water District on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

By \_\_\_\_\_

President

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary