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May 13, 2024

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hill County Water District will hold a public hearing to discuss an ordinance amending Section 1.4 regarding water charges and Section 1.5 regarding bulk station charges. Discussion will be on increasing fees for the fixed, variable, and bulk rates.

The hearing will take place on June 5, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the District's office at 104 Second Street, Hingham, Montana.

Any questions or concerns can be sent to P.O. Box 95, Hingham, MT 59528 or by calling Tammy Pike at 406-397-3387. Thank you.

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## JUNE 2024 AGENDA

**June 5, 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– second and final reading.
3. Financial Report

### OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

### OTHER:

1. Delinquencies
2. Bills

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – July 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

The regular meeting of the Hill County Water District was held on May 1, 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 and the chairman declared a quorum present. Also present was Manager Chad Hedges and Secretary Tammy Pike.

**MIKE LIPP/DILLON LIPP:** Without objection, the Chairman changed the order of business and called upon Mike Lipp and Dillon Lipp to address the Board. Dillon Lipp advised the Board he would be building a house 1 mile south in Mike Lipp's yard on the South Hingham branch line and wanted to hook onto the water line. Lowell Strissel advised the District was at capacity and would not be able to add any more connections at this time. Discussion took place on the Districts system failing and its inability to pump as much water as it used to. The Board advised new hookups would be allowed if the situation changes or upon the District connecting to the North Central Regional water line.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Paul Wolery of Inverness, MT, Dillon Lipp, Mike Lipp and Ray Lipp of Hingham, MT, Charlie Smart and Amy Hackett of Kremlin, MT were present.

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

The Chairman asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 9, 2024, regular board meeting previously received by all board members. On motion by Tina Wood, seconded by Rob Moog, the Board approved the minutes of the April 9, 2024, regular board meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Chairman declared the public hearing open for the purpose of gathering public comment on the Ordinance increasing fixed, variable and bulk rates.

Ray Lipp and Paul Wolery discussed the bulk rates and expressed opinions on graduated billing and billing of in town and out of town users.

Charlie Smart inquired about the fire hydrant in Kremlin, Montana that needed to be repaired and who to contact in Kremlin.

The Board reviewed the Ordinance Amending Sections 1.4 Water Charges and Section 1.5 Stand Pipe Charges. The Ordinance would increase the fixed, variable and bulk rates. The Ordinance was reviewed for its first reading and opened to the public for comment. No changes were made to the Ordinance.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed and moved on to the Board's other agenda items.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EMPLOYEE REPORT:** Chad Hedges reported the cellular endpoints with incomplete readings have been replaced and all branch line meters are reading correctly.

Mr. Hedges advised the seal on pump 2 on the Joplin-Inverness pumps failed and new seals have been ordered. Mr. Hedges is also working on getting more production out of the Joplin-Inverness pumps 1 and 3.

Mr. Hedges also advised he is exercising valves at the river to try and improve flow.

Mr. Hedges reported Tammy Pike's pickup should arrive later in the week.

Mr. Hedges also reported the District had its first big call for water of 429,120 gallons in a day and the max flow the District could pump was 298 gpm without issues. With the District not being able to pump at higher gpm as it has in previous years, the District will struggle to provide enough water for its users from June through October. A Notice on conserving water will be provided to users to make them aware of the situation.

Mr. Hedges discussed purchasing new sensors for the Kuntze analyzers. The District may also be able to obtain sensors for the Kuntze analyzers for monitoring chloramines once the District connects to the North Central water line.

Mr. Hedges reported a leak was found on the East Kremlin branch line and repairs were being made.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tammy Pike advised she did not have all the information for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report. The report will be presented at the next regular meeting.

**CD RENEWAL:** Tammy Pike referred the Board to the Investment Report included with the meeting materials. She reported that a portion of the District's existing CD investments is subject to reinvestment in May. Ms. Pike reviewed with the Board CD investment options and quoted rates from banks noting that Independence Bank had the best rates. On motion by Rob Moog, seconded by Jason Myers, the Board approved renewing the existing CD at Independence Bank for one year at a rate of 4.41% and authorized the officers to execute any documents required.

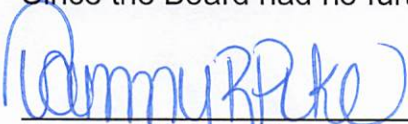
**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

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**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 Shane Borlaug, 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 and Public Hearing – Wednesday June 5, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the District's office at 104 Second Street, Hingham, Montana.

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.

1 1/2" 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



HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

5/1/2024 4:15 PM

Register: 1021 · Cash in Bank-Independence Bank

From 04/04/2024 through 05/01/2024

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
04/04/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit		X	296.71	114,142.74
04/04/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Mobile Deposit		X	114.13	114,256.87
04/04/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit		X	92.60	114,349.47
04/04/2024			-split-	Deposit		X	185.76	114,535.23
04/05/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	100.00	114,635.23
04/08/2024	eft	United States Treasury	-split-	81-0297216	3,160.18	X		111,475.05
04/08/2024	eft	Montana Dept. of Re...	2100 · State Wtihholding	4026077-002-...	330.00	X		111,145.05
04/08/2024	eft	Unemployment Insur...	-split-	031 4163	345.08	X		110,799.97
04/08/2024	eft	I Bank Visa 2008	2005 · Accounts Payab...		1,254.59	X		109,545.38
04/08/2024	eft	I Bank Visa 2016	2005 · Accounts Payab...		745.86	X		108,799.52
04/08/2024	eft	Allegiance	2005 · Accounts Payab...		10.50	X		108,789.02
04/08/2024	2167	ME Lab	2005 · Accounts Payab...		35.00	X		108,754.02
04/08/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	74.38	108,828.40
04/09/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit		X	7,967.55	116,795.95
04/09/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit		X	52.00	116,847.95
04/09/2024	2168	Daniel Hybner	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			116,767.95
04/09/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	61.00	116,828.95
04/10/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	150.00	116,978.95
04/10/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	200.00	117,178.95
04/11/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit		X	451.08	117,630.03
04/11/2024	eft	Montana DPHHS La...	2005 · Accounts Payab...		151.19	X		117,478.84
04/11/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	65.31	117,544.15
04/12/2024	TP		2145-03 · LC Flex	Funds Transfer	329.87	X		117,214.28
04/13/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit		X	52.00	117,266.28
04/13/2024	TP		2145-03 · LC Flex	Funds Transfer	368.72	X		116,897.56
04/16/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit		X	114.53	117,012.09
04/16/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	75.00	117,087.09
04/17/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit		X	4,836.81	121,923.90
04/18/2024			12000 · Undeposited F...	Deposit		X	70.00	121,993.90
04/19/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	129.84	122,123.74
04/22/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	120.00	122,243.74
04/26/2024		QuickBooks Payroll ...	2110 · Wages Payable	Created by Pay...	9,290.25	X		112,953.49
04/27/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...			X	67.77	113,021.26
04/29/2024			-split-	Mobile Deposit		X	385.35	113,406.61
04/29/2024	eft	American Funds	-split-		2,263.56	X		111,143.05
04/29/2024		Cady, Lonnie M.	-split-	Direct Deposit		X		111,143.05
04/29/2024		Hedges, Chad M	-split-	Direct Deposit		X		111,143.05
04/29/2024		Pike, Tammy R.	-split-	Direct Deposit		X		111,143.05
04/29/2024	TP		1145 · Accounts Recei...				65.97	111,209.02
04/30/2024			4320 · Interest Income	Interest		X	81.85	111,290.87

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From 04/04/2024 through 05/01/2024

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04/30/2024	eft	Blue Cross Blue Shie...	2005 · Accounts Payab...		3,114.30	X		108,176.57
04/30/2024	eft	Heartland	2005 · Accounts Payab...		10.00	X		108,166.57
05/01/2024	eft	I Bank Visa 2008	2005 · Accounts Payab...		843.13			107,323.44
05/01/2024	eft	I Bank Visa 2016	2005 · Accounts Payab...		390.08			106,933.36
05/01/2024	2169	C & H Tires Inc.	2005 · Accounts Payab...	39345	44.95			106,888.41
05/01/2024	2170	Daniel Hybner	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			106,808.41
05/01/2024	2171	Farmers Union Oil	2005 · Accounts Payab...		611.09			106,197.32
05/01/2024	2172	Jason Myers	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			106,117.32
05/01/2024	2173	Kevin W. Springer	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			106,037.32
05/01/2024	2174	Larry J. Fossen	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			105,957.32
05/01/2024	2175	Lowell Strissel	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			105,877.32
05/01/2024	2176	Northwest Pipe Fittin...	2005 · Accounts Payab...	40721	1,595.33			104,281.99
05/01/2024	2177	Northwestern Energy	2005 · Accounts Payab...		1,117.65			103,164.34
05/01/2024	2178	Office Equipment Co.	2005 · Accounts Payab...	HCWD08	180.72			102,983.62
05/01/2024	2179	Rob Moog	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			102,903.62
05/01/2024	2180	Shane Borlaug	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			102,823.62
05/01/2024	2181	Tina Wood	2005 · Accounts Payab...		80.00			102,743.62
05/01/2024	2182	Verizon Wireless	2005 · Accounts Payab...		317.25			102,426.37
05/01/2024	2183	Tilleman Motor Co	2005 · Accounts Payab...		27,250.00			75,176.37