

**TYLER COUNTY SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**PO DRAWER 138 SPURGER, TEXAS 77660**

November 30, 2018

The Honorable Jacques Blanchette  
Tyler County Commissioners' Court  
100 West Bluff  
Woodville, Texas 75979

Dear Judge Blanchette,

As 2018 nears a close, the Tyler County Special Utility District (TCSUD) requests the court's attention to matters of utmost importance to a large number of Tyler County water customers and your constituents whom we serve. We are the largest potable water supplier in the county. To continue our diligent efforts and maintain our Texas Superior Public Water System designation from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), we must constantly upgrade our facilities and our ability to provide the cleanest water and best service possible.

We operate seven wells with over 250 miles of mains extending from south of Fred to just west of Colmesneil and northeast to Recreational Road 255. Recently, the well in Fred failed. Thanks to a previous action by you and the commissioners to help us install an interconnecting line, we were able to divert supply from Spurger with only momentary interruption. However, we cannot continue to operate one well short of an optimum system for which we constantly strive.

We understand that very soon, grant funds will be available through the Community Development Block Grant program, along with other funding programs in the near future. We respectfully request the Commissioners' Court consider the TCSUD for these funds.

For the last several years we have been planning, prioritizing, and setting goals for the future. With the failure of one of our wells, the solutions are no longer "planning issues" but "action issues". Therefore, we are submitting two important projects. These viable and prominent actions will solve both our immediate supply needs. To ensure uninterrupted service throughout our system these are as follows:

**PROJECT # 1:** To drill and install a new well in the vicinity of the intersection of US 190W and FM 256. Depending on the exact location, the project would include the well, a ground storage tank, booster pump station, and property acquisition. The TCSUD already owns property in one location and that would be the first choice. The cost of this project would be approximately **\$600,000**.


**PROJECT # 2:** Installation of a Connecting Water Main from Highway 190 / 256 to the Rockland Water Service Area. This service area currently has a "one-way water feed" from the Rockland Well and continuous water supply (which is required by the TCEQ) is difficult to maintain under disaster and system failure conditions. The project would include: 6" water main, appurtenances, and road bores, with an estimated cost of **\$400,000**. NOTE: As was the case


with the Spurger-Fred connecting main, a beneficial project previously approved by the County Commissioners, the installation of the Rockland Connecting Main would be accomplished via TCSUD In-House forces, and would entail a significant cost-savings.

These projects would positively benefit almost the entire water system. A well in this area would provide an integrated water system where all our service communities, from there to Dam B, Spurger, Hillister and Fred, would be interconnected, a highly recommended goal of the TCEQ. It would substantially boost our producing capacity in the event of another well failure. The Rockland Connecting Main would further enhance this project by connecting to the Rockland Service Area -- currently a stand-alone system in need of backup. NOTE: The Dies well is already interconnected to the city of Colmesneil system.

The benefits of these proposed projects are self-evident: more capacity, more backup, and an integrated system providing not only quality, but quantity and an uninterrupted clean water supply.

With kindest regards, we thank you and the commissioners for your attention to Tyler County's water needs.

  
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