



## \*\*Board of Directors Meeting Update\*\*

Last Thursday night Elm Ridge WCID held its March Board of Directors meeting. Here is a summary of some of the actions taken and information discussed:

1. Elm Ridge Directors conducted responses related to “Ask the Board” feature on the website. 1 multiple question was submitted regarding Fire plan.
2. Minutes from Board of Directors meeting of January 2024, Tax Assessor report, Developers report, and Bookkeeper’s report were approved.
3. \$23,835,000 Bond was sold, and the Board of Directors approved the closing documents and disbursement of bond proceeds.
4. Authorized posting of election day roster. Election day is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Adopt resolution to utilize voting system Denton County Elections uses.
5. The Project Manager updated residents and the board of directors on the progress of the Municipal Complex and Police Department building:  
It is anticipated that the facility will be completed by February 15, 2025, weather permitting. The Elm Ridge WCID board of directors, police department and staff are grateful for the support they have received thus far, and they are looking forward to opening the doors to the communities they serve and celebrating with an open house and tours when the completion date finally arrives. Police parking lot & canopies were removed; plumbing, sewer & electrical to begin 1<sup>st</sup> week of April; Foundation to be poured in May; A change of generator for the building saved \$15,000; Looking at decreasing elevator load to save money.
6. Received monthly report from Engineering Dept. on engineering design projects for new Artesia Water line and new ground storage tank; updated bid status for 2024 Elm Ridge roads repair project, bid to be opened March 27, 2024.
7. Received monthly operator’s report for Artesia Utility System.
8. Received General Manager’s report on the daily management of the District. Some of the items covered were: Mandatory Stage 1 water restrictions will become permanent May 1, 2024, and will be in effect year round; Elm Ridge received formal notice from Upper Trinity Regional Water District for the formal water conservation standards to follow as well as the Mandatory Stage 1 water restrictions that will go into place May 1, 2024. While processed drinking water capacity has increased from last year by 8%, the growth rate of Denton County has risen by 15%. Upper Trinity and Mustang Water have serious concerns that if we don't have cooperation and compliance, we will see that boil water notice sometime this summer. To urge more residents to be compliant, the GM recommend increasing the fines from \$75, for 2nd violation and \$125 for 3rd violation, to \$100 and \$150, respectively for Artesia water customers. 1<sup>st</sup> violation will be a warning. GM also recommend adopting the following watering days – Odd addresses, Tuesdays & Saturdays; Even addresses,



Monday & Friday; Commercial and HOA's Wednesdays & Sundays. This watering schedule is to coordinate with Mustang Water and its customers of Arrowbrooke & Savannah. Mustang Water will issue fines for Arrowbrooke and Savannah. There will be no irrigation watering on Thursdays; Due to last week's hailstorm we have damage to all 3 buildings we own and several squad cars. GM has opened claims for the vehicles and the buildings; May 8th is scheduled with ADA compliance officer to submit report to Texas Dept of Regulation & Licensing for Arrowbrooke Park Concession/Restroom bldg; Permanent electrical line was installed at EST gate replacing solar panel; Administration and PD assisted Savannah HOA to approve a plan for a 5K race that is an HOA event; Monthly streetlight outages were reported; Community Bulk and recycling day is April 6, 2024; Community bulk & recycling day is April 27, 2024 for Arrowbrooke; We are starting initial plans and scope to bid the additional parking lot at Arrowbrooke Park. Elm Ridge worked with Savannah HOA and met with Denton County Fire Marshall and Denton County Commissioner Ryan Williams to make changes to approve 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks event in Savannah. GM working with Waste Connections to clarify and publish "bulk" policy.

9. District has a contract for the last lot on Harper Road for sale at \$190,000 (appraised value). This is an all-cash offer, should close quickly.
10. The Board received a report from Triton Communications on monthly website activity and improvements. Residents urged to sign up for the text alert system for non-emergency information.
11. Annual contract with Denton County Sheriff for dispatch services was approved.
12. Monthly report on calls from Aubrey Fire Department and Prosper Fire Department was given.
13. Chief Kennedy gave a report for the Elm Ridge Police Department:  
All Ford Explorers ordered in late 2022 have arrived and are now in service. Retired Units 1803 and 1902 have been sold to the Whitewright Police Department. Funds placed in the PD Vehicle Reserve line. Administration met with F1RST, an employee wellness program focusing on mental and physical wellness. Previously, the department did not offer a program of this nature. New budget line was created, "Employee Wellness," to begin this program; Department completed Search and Entry training and firearms training/qualifications in February; Sergeant Flohr, Officer Dilawar, and Officer Leos received commendations for their compassion during a traffic accident; New employee evaluation matrix is being created to assist in annual performance evaluations. Data is being collected to establish a "department average" in several categories. This average will assist supervisors in grading fairly and consistently on the evaluation scale; Cross training for the Criminal Investigations Division has been offered to patrol officers. Department intends to place an additional Detective in CID this summer (not a new, additional position); Minor fleet accident with Unit 2401. Insurance gathered from the responsible



party for repair; Chief Kennedy met with a newly formed “377 Chief’s Meeting” in February. Chiefs from surrounding agencies and Denton County will begin attempting to meet monthly to discuss crime trends, personnel trends, law updates, and more;

Activity Report -Total calls for service was 2232. 254 were dispatched and 1978 were initiated by officers. This shows that 88% of the calls were self -initiated by officers. This is an increase of 462 total calls from last month; The department had 387 traffic contacts in the month of February to which 88% of violators were issued warnings; Department assisted neighboring agencies 14 times in the month of February; The Department completed 4002 calls for service YTD, as of the end of February 2024; Radar trailer placed at Magnolia/Holly Anne in Savannah during the month of February; Personnel Update - Recruits are making strong progress in the Police Academy. No known issues.

14. Reviewed Emergency Preparedness Plan and approved filing with State.
15. Approved report from District Facilities Committee. Updates on website reported and posted and History of District being reviewed for posting.
16. Reviewed and adopted Drought Contingency Plan to submit to the Texas Water Development Board and TCEQ. This is required every 5 years.

For a COMPLETE review of all actions taken and discussions, please visit our website to view the Minutes of all Board meetings. Minutes are uploaded once approved by the Board at the next month’s meeting.

Please join us for our next Board meeting April 18, 2024, to see how your Board of Directors are working for you.

ELM RIDGE WCID BOARD OF DIRECTORS