

BMDWCA
April 10, 2020

Brazos Membership:

Dear Members of the BMDWCA,

We hope this letter finds everyone well.

These are very troubling times we find ourselves in, and with that being said, the Board of Directors wants you to know what is happening in the Brazos.

In accordance with the Health Proclamation Act put out by the Governor of New Mexico:

The action that the Brazos Board of Directors takes is in response to and complies with the Governor's Executive Orders 2020-004 through 2020-14. Executive Order 2020-004 "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency" was executed in accordance with the authority of the "All Hazard Emergency Act", NMSA 1978 Sections 12-10-1 through 12-10-10. For Brazos, Sections 12-10-10 of that Act mandates that all political subdivisions of the State comply with the enforcement of the Governor's Orders and all subsequent orders under the All Hazard Emergency Act. Executive Order 2020-004 remains in effect "until further notice." The Board believes that the action(s) it has taken at the meeting held on March 29th, 2020, relative to the annual meeting and elections complies with the Act, the numerous Executive Orders issued by the Governor, and statutory mandate.

With these Orders in place, we are postponing the Annual Meeting and Elections until at least October 2020. We will review the situation then, if the Elections and Annual Meeting can be rescheduled or postponed to a later date, or if an alternative means for conducting the election can be developed that will comply with both the election laws and any Executive Orders that are still in effect.

The water system made it through the entire summer of 2019 with plenty of water. A major factor was that we had plenty of snow the winter before. There have been no major problems during this past year. We had a good snowfall this past season, so we are hoping for the same results in 2020 with the availability of ground water. Our system is currently running well, with plenty of water stored.

The board has contracted with Martin & Martin Consulting Engineers to do a GIS-GPA model of our system in order to help us better understand where we might need to make improvements or find weak spots that need to be corrected. Also, having this report will be a huge help when we apply for loans or grants. The engineer also provided us with plans for an exploratory well and we have contracted with Stewart Brothers Drilling of Grants, NM to drill that well. At present, we are just waiting for the weather and roads to dry up enough to allow us to get in and start the drilling. As you know, lack of good ground water is our biggest challenge in meeting the needs of the community. We believe this supplemental well will meet those needs for current and future residents, for years to come.

The board will do all we can to keep the community updated on our progress with the drilling of this additional/necessary supplemental well. We also commit to keeping the community aware of the COVID-19 updates and how that effects the board from doing business as usual. On behalf of the board, we appreciate everyone's understanding.

One last reminder: The annual water bill will be coming out very soon. So be watching for that.

Please check in occasionally on the Website for any new updates we may have available.

Sincerely,

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