

A quick note from Teri Fahs
President of the Brazos Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Association

CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL MEETING

It is with a mixture of sadness and hope I must convey that I have been directed by the NM Environmental Department (NMED) to cancel the Saturday, May 23, 2026, Annual Meeting of the Brazos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (BMDWCA).

Three or four Association members have consistently contacted NMED concerning the Annual Meeting. The first sentiment was, "there really is nothing to discuss at an Annual Meeting." Secondly, concern was expressed that the Brazos MDWCA's Annual Meeting was being held the same day as the Upper Brazos Property Owner's Association (UBPOA). Third, NMED is currently of the opinion that the Annual Meeting of the BMDWCA should be held with the regularly scheduled Board Meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 PM. Finally, the date of the meeting was not formally discussed by the Board. I set the date believing that Association members were expecting a Memorial Day Meeting. After subsequent discussion at the April Board meeting the date of the meeting was approved by a Board vote of 3 for, 2 abstentions, and 1 against having the meeting on Saturday, May 23rd.

While I disagree with the first three (3) contentions, I believe this interlude may well allow the time and workspace needed to help the Brazos MDWCA Board find a positive, mindful, and reasonable way forward. Krista Schultz of NMED is working diligently to partner the Brazos MDWCA Board with mentors to help examine, edit, and update our organizational documents. There is a fear that the 2008 State accepted Bylaws, and the 2026 BMDWCA OMA Resolution passed by the Board in December 2025, may contain language inconsistent (non-compliant) with today's NMED, Sanitary Projects Act (SPA), and Open Meeting Act(s) (OMA). Additionally, the 1999 Articles of Incorporation may need adjustment.

I sincerely hope that the Brazos MDWCA Board and community can find a positive, inclusive way forward. I hope that previous hurts, legends, and alliances can be left in the past. We must move forward for the benefit of the entire organization not individuals or factions.

2025-2026 Past Dues Annual Fee Notices

Several Association members received late notice invoices for their **2025-2026** annual fees at the beginning of April. If you are among them, but believe you have already paid, please review your bank statements for a cancelled check as confirmation. While several members submitted checks, some were unfortunately lost in transit. We regret the delay in notification; however, we have now completed verification with the bank regarding the checks deposited in the last two years. Kindly mail a copy of your cancelled check, along with the lower portion of the invoice for proper processing, to the address on the invoice. Please make sure to pay any overdue amounts as soon as possible. BMDWCA Bylaws allow for additional late fees to be added after June 1st, 2026.

2026 – 2027 Annual Fee Invoices

The **2026-2027** Annual Invoice was mailed on April 15, 2026. If you have not received your invoice, please contact our bookkeeper at martha.montoya@upperbrazoswater.org. We appreciate those who have already submitted their payments. When remitting your check, kindly include the lower portion of the invoice for proper processing. Payments received after **June 1, 2026**, will incur a late fee of 5% or \$31.61.

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled BMDWCA Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026. All are welcome and encouraged to participate, with several routes available to join. Public comment is always welcome along with ideas for the agenda. A draft agenda, including information on ways to join the meeting, is available on the BMDWCA website upperbrazoswater.org under the Meeting tab or posted in the notice box across from the Cliffview Restaurant ten days before the meeting. The final agenda will be available 3 days prior to a meeting.

President's Annual Letter

I will mail and place on the website the traditional Annual President's letter by the end of May.

Thank you for your attention and support. See you in the Brazos!

Teri Fahs