

March 2, 2017

To: White Bluff Rate Payers (WBRP)

From: Your WBRP Committee, Marshall Snyder, John Upchurch, Scott Shelton, John Bass

As of yesterday, the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, Double Diamond Utilities (DDU) has not filed a revised Water/Sewer Rate Application. We on the WBRP Committee have been advised by our Counsel that we may petition for the case to be dismissed at any time now. We have also been advised that if we dismiss this case and DDU then refiles in 4 or 5 months, we would have to go through the petition process all over again. We would have to re-engage the Counsel, re-engage the Rate-Expert, and this could require additional expense. Therefore, your WBRP Committee has opted to grant DDU's request, filed yesterday March 1<sup>st</sup>, for a 60 day extension. The cost to the Rate Payers is negligible and at any time we determine it is not to our advantage we can petition for dismissal of the case.

As of right now, your WBPOA Board, has agreed to set aside matching funds (with a limit) for this effort which may not be available again without Board approval on a new case. On the off chance that Double Diamond/RMW (DD/RMW) should gain control again of the WBPOA Board at the annual meeting in May, that opportunity of matching funds would be lost. We do not feel that will happen, but we would rather be safe than sorry.

Your WBRP Committee has pledged their time to act on your behalf to make sure our water and sewer rates are fair and equitable. Whatever that may take. We ask you, the Rate Payers, to contribute to our fund's ongoing efforts to retain the most competent professionals we can to help us in this endeavor. So far, so good. We would like to thank everyone of you for your continued support. If you have not contributed yet, you may now. We are asking for \$100 from every Rate Payer, but will gladly accept whatever you think the effort is worth that will save you thousands over time. To date, we are \$1150 short of our next matching funds goal where the WBPOA Board will donate. Make your check payable to WBRP and mail it to WBRP, PO Box 37, Whitney, Texas 76692.