**Reinach Tank Project Update – November 6th 2020**

**We wanted to let everyone know the current status of the Reinach Tank project as we head in to colder weather this month and in light of a significant decision that the Board of Commissioners made at our meeting on Thursday.     
The project has been moving forward according to plans -- tank construction is complete, the new water main has been pressure tested and we are in the final stages of completing the pump house.  In order to finish, there are 2 final parts (2 pumps and an electrical transfer switch) that we need for completion and to initiate operation.  These have been on order for several months. Due to Covid-19 and the hurricanes there has been significant delays on these items.  We were hoping to have them in by now in order to complete the project and get the new tank in operation this fall.  Unfortunately, we were informed today that one of the pumps won't be available for several more weeks and there is no estimated delivery date for the transfer switch.  We were presented with an option to create a temporary "work around" for the switch and to operate with one pump on an interim basis. However, this would result in incremental project costs, operating without a backup pump, and would not be optimal for completing the 19 service link hooks-ups in late November or December.  Based on this information the Board decided to put the project on seasonal hold and will complete it when the parts are available and weather permits - anticipated for the spring of next year.  Fortunately, to be clear, there will not be any incremental cost for this delay.    
 If you are interested in further understanding these issues and our decision making process, we invite you to watch the video from the meeting (11/5/20) which included a very productive and informative discussion with our water operator, the project engineer and the construction contractor (started approximately 30 minutes from beginning of meeting) .  The video should be available on Madison TV in the next several days:**<https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/YhjrGzjr53TBI-xqCQGATh6xTOfUjhiy/playlists/7326/media/598772?sequenceNumber=1&autostart=true&showtabssearch=true> **We are disappointed about this delay but wanted to ensure that the large investment by the district on this critical project is successful in improving our water system for the long term.     
Reinach Tank Budget**

Warrant Article                $869,400  
DES Grant                       $295,000  
Capital Reserve Funds      $85,000  
Total Project Funding    $1,249,400  
Spent to date                ($1,081,070)  
Balance                             $168,330    
Of the $168,330 there is $64,537 left on the Dawson contract to complete the Reinach tank and the Upper Lakeview PRV and $10,000 on the Jones & Beach contracts.

Respectfully,

The Board of Commissioners

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