

Monthly Newsletter

October 2020



"POC Water"

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Important Dates:

POC Water Board Meetings
are held on the second
Thursday of each month @
1pm

October 8th * November 17th *
December 10th

Roll off Trash Bin

First Saturday of each
month behind the POCID
Office from 8am -2pm or
UNTIL FULL
October 3 * November 7 *
December 5

Billing

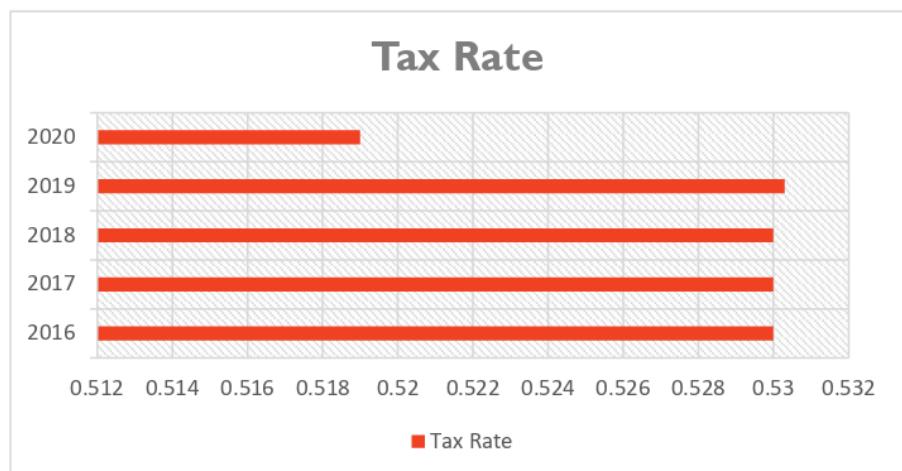
Bills are mailed by the 1st of each month and are due on 20th of every month and a late fee will be accessed on the 21st unless that falls on a weekend and then it will be due the following Monday.

Payment Methods:

Credit Card*Mail*Automatic
Bank Draft*Automatic Credit Card
Draft*In Person*Payment Drop
Box* Bill Pay through your
Financial Institute

Your Board of Directors began an aggressive cost saving measures to save the District money. As a result, a repayment plan was developed that has resulted in debt reduction savings of \$968,658.02 and \$302,536.91 in interest payments. These two early payments saved the Port O'Connor residents \$1,271,194.90.

New lower tax rate



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Reddico Construction Company was contracted by the "POC Water" to construct improvements on the existing vacuum sewer collection system. These improvements include installation of new vacuum sewer mains to replace some of the existing vacuum sewer mains. The reason for the replacement is to increase flow capacity to the vacuum sewer station. Their contract is being extended by change order to construct vacuum sewage collection lines to some currently unserved areas of the District. This additional work will be completed over the next 30 days.

Mercer Controls was contracted by "POC Water" to improve portions of the electrical controls at Vacuum Stations 1 & 2 and this work has been completed.



Texas Water Development Board Project 21750 has been completed and is now fully in service. Final cost of the project was \$2,210,764. The Project included installation of approximately 2,300 feet of new 2-inch, 2,200-feet of new 4-inch, 21,600 feet of new 6-inch and 20,500 feet of new 8-inch water line and 44 new fire hydrants.

2016 Texas Water Development Board Project Updates The New Vacuum Station 2 Force Main & Vacuum Sewage Collection System improvements have been completed. R & A Road Boring LLC out of Houston will begin the Phase II Water System Improvements Project in mid-October. This project will install approximately 16,700 feet of new 6-inch water line and nine fire hydrants. Additional water lines may be installed by change order. Future water and/or sewer projects are being considered to further enhance and improve the water supply and distribution system and the sewage collection system.

2020 Texas Water Development Board Project Updates The plans for the new water wells and the connecting water lines are nearing completion as are the plans for a new raw water ground storage tank to be constructed at the Denman Road plant. Design of the reverse osmosis treatment facility is progressing. Upon completion of all of the environmental and permitting for the projects in the first quarter of 2021, and pending TCEQ timely approval, construction of the projects should begin in mid-2021.

Mission Statement

To proactively and efficiently manage the affairs of the District for the benefit of its customers, protect the health of the community, produce safe drinking water in adequate quantities, offer competitive rates, assure financial stability, and practice excellence in customer service.

Winter Averaging

Recently the Board of Directors clarified the Rules and Regulations regarding Winter Averaging.

“What is Winter Averaging?”

Since the district does not have a monitoring system on individual customer's wastewater, Winter Averaging is utilized to assess the individual sewer charge on a customer's monthly bill. The individual sewer charge is in addition to the sewer base rate or monthly charge. Generally, Winter Averaging takes place during the winter months since the amount of outside watering is at a minimum. Outside watering does not utilize the District's wastewater collection system. The current Winter Averaging Period was set by the District's Board of Directors in 2016 and runs from November 20th through February 19th. The amount of water you use during three complete billing cycles is the basis for your individually assessed sewer fee for the entire year. By conserving water during the winter months, you can reduce the cost you pay over the entire year.

“How are the rates determined?”

The customer water usage on the three- month time period set by the Board of Directors is averaged. Any rounding of the totals is done in favor of the customer. For example, a customer has the following water usage:

November-December: 2,000 gallons

December—January: 4,000 gallons

January-February: 2,000 gallons

The customer's total water usage was 8,000 gallons of water during the Winter Averaging Period. Therefore, the average is 2,667 gallons of water usage per month. In rounding that number to the nearest thousand gallons, the District would use 2,000 gallons as the final average.

“How is Winter Averaging Calculated if I am a new customer that was not here during the Winter Averaging Period or if I am only at my Port O'Connor home in the summer and had no usage during the Winter Averaging Period?”

When there is not a record of water usage during the Winter Averaging Period—whether due to a new customer, or due to the fact that the dwelling is only utilized during the summer months—the Board of Directors has elected to utilize a minimum individual sewer charge based on 2,000 gallons of water usage a month. The current individual charge, based on 2,000 gallons of water usage a month, is \$2.25 per thousand a month.

If you have any questions on this subject, please let us know.



Friendly Reminders

Check out our Website @ www.pocid.org

*Sign up for Alerts

* Pay your bill

* Applications/Forms

* Sign up for Auto Draft

* Current Projects

* Agendas/Minutes

* Updates

* Sign up for paperless billing

Customer Service Valve

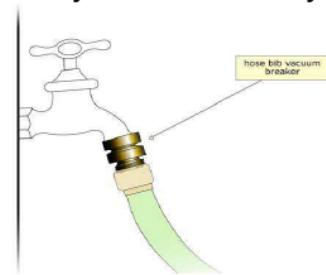
Remember to install a customer service valve on your side of the meter. Please turn your customer service valve off if you live out of town to keep any water leaks turning into a disaster. Turning on/off the POCID meter is against District Policy.



We are scheduling appointments for Customer Service Inspections (CSI) to be in compliance with the state. This is to make sure you don't have any

lead pipes or cross connections.

Make sure you have hose bib vacuum breakers on all your outside faucets!



Please post your correct 911 address on your house. This is not just to help POCID but if you need EMS, fire or any other Emergency Care.

Thank you for your assistance with this.



Please come out and vote!

"POC Water"

Board of Directors Election

Early Voting starts Oct 13th

*General Election:
November 3, 2020*



Candidates

1. Erny McDonough
2. Ed Hall
3. John "Red" Childress
4. David Randolph
5. Steve Barzewski
6. Nathan T. O'Neill



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**Get the
DROP**

