

Presidents Message September 2023

First off, I would like to thank those who came to our August meeting and voted. We had our largest turnout ever for a meeting of the L & F Water Association. Secondly, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve on the board of trustees to represent your interests. I will do everything I can to ensure you and I are getting the most value from every dollar collected to produce the cleanest and safest drinking water.

For those of you who may not know me, I live in the Forkville area where I currently own two houses. I have taught and coached at Morton High School but have spent most of my working career working in the petroleum industry. During that time, I have lived in South Texas, the Houston area and internationally, in Trinidad and Venezuela. I have served in positions with boards of international joint venture companies and as President of a Homeowners Association in Texas. My work experience allowed me to travel domestically and internationally, serving my clients interests. The later stages of my career I managed the interests of my half billion dollar a year company on a global basis. This vast experience allowed me to gain knowledge serving the needs of my clients and ensuring they were receiving the maximum value for each dollar spent. My goal is to take this knowledge and transfer my learnings to my current position as a member of your board of trustees.

There are numerous projects currently underway pertaining to our association. The most important is the federal grant we have received for improvements and upgrades to our water system. The grant documents have been signed and we should be securing funding around the first of October. A separate discussion regarding the projects to be undertaken will appear shortly in another area of the website. We are currently upgrading our website to include documents for you, the members, to better understand the work being performed by your elected board members. The bylaws of the association are being rewritten and will be available in the near term for everyone to view. The first part of the process is for us to mesh the old and new bylaws together in order for the changes to be compared to the original document written in 1968.

Once this is completed the association members will have the opportunity to vote on the new bylaws, and if approved, they will be submitted to the proper government entities for approval. Another area of expansion being undertaken is the creation of committees within the association. The goal is to allow members who wish to serve the association the opportunity to work on these committees. Some of the committees currently working for the betterment of your association are: website, bylaws, operating procedures and long term planning. If you would like to serve on any of the aforementioned committees, please contact a member of your board of trustees.

The name of this area is the Presidents Message. This is not a one-person board of trustees and thus in the future other members of the board will introduce themselves and provide you with information concerning association workings. We hope you will find this area informative and encourage other members of the association to register for the website. Thank you again for trusting in me to serve your needs.

Vince Scank President