

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-23

WHEREAS the President of the Board of Directors of the County Water District of Billings Heights exercised his authority to appoint a Special Committee of the Board to review and consider the proposal brought forward by the District's employed consultant, Raftelis Inc., as well as an alternative proposal developed by the Board for adoption of a new set of water rates intended to comply with the provisions of MCA 7-13-2301 to annually review and "adopt a system of charges and rates to require that each recipient of facility services pays its proportionate share of the costs of operation, maintenance, and replacement", and

WHEREAS said Committee met and worked collaboratively to develop a set of water rates and charges, including system development fees and a tiered rate structure intended to promote the conservation of water, a precious resource, by multiple rate classes, and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors met in a public Work Session on October 5, 2023 and reviewed the work of the Committee including asking questions to verify that the new Committee Proposal met the goal of improving the District's systems of rates and charges to better comply with MCA 7-13-2301,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the County Water District of Billings Heights directs that all requirements of Montana law with respect to posting notice, mailing notice and any other items be initiated by the Secretary and General Manager of the District so that a Public Hearing may be held on said Rates at the District Meeting to be held at 600 pm on November 15, 2023 so that, following notice and public hearing complying with the law, said rates could be adopted, if the Board so chooses, to be effective on December 1, 2023.

**PASSED** by the Board of Directors of the County Water District of Billings Heights and **APPROVED** this <u>18</u> day of September, 2023.

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT OF BILLINGS HEIGHTS

BY:

ITS: President, Doug Kary

Attest:

Board Secretary Jennifer Burnside