

## **Statement from the Morton County Water Resource District Board**

Morton County Planning & Zoning staff requested that the Morton County Water Resource District Board review and provide an official statement regarding the proposed Honey Hills Estates development. By consensus of the Board, they provided the following statement at their regular meeting on March 29, 2023. The below statement is paraphrased by Morton County Planning & Zoning staff.

### **Honey Hills Estates First**

The Morton County Water Resource District Board has confirmed that Missouri West Water System has the capacity to serve the 22 lots being proposed in Honey Hills Estates First with direct connections.

Caveats to this statement are:

- 1) for purposes of hydraulic modeling, the proposed commercial lot was assumed to have the same rate of consumption as a residential lot – no more, no less.
- 2) as with any MWW account, service is not guaranteed until the account is officially established via the policies and procedures laid out in the MWW System handbook. Furthermore, any established MWW account has a monthly base fee imposed, regardless of whether water is actually being used or not at the site where service has been established.

### **Honey Hills Estates Second**

After the applicant submits their official request for a hydraulic study to be performed for the number of lots currently being proposed in Honey Hills Estates Second, MWW's contracted engineering firm, Bartlett & West, will perform the hydraulic analysis. The analysis will assume that 22 direct accounts on the east side of the road are already in service. If the study concludes that the current proposal of 24 lots (in Honey Hills Second) cannot be served by direct connection, Bartlett & West will run additional scenario(s) to determine what number (if any) of direct connections can be served on the west side of Highway 1806 in the proposed subdivision.

### **Hydraulic Model and In-Place System**

There are some MWW subscribers in the vicinity of the proposed development who have expressed that they have water flow issues. The MCWRD Board proposed that it *may* be possible there *could be* an issue in the in-place system that is not currently accounted for within Bartlett & West's hydraulic model, in the vicinity of the proposed development. The direction of the Board was for Bartlett & West to bring forward a plan, at the April regular meeting of the MCWRD Board, for how Bartlett & West could investigate and/or assess possible discrepancies between the in-place water system and the hydraulic model being used, in the area of the proposed development.