



## **CITY OF ROCKDALE SECURES WATER RESOURCES**

### **Rockdale Municipal Development District Helps Pay for Water Well Improvements**

(August 16, 2022) ROCKDALE, Texas – The City of Rockdale relies upon groundwater for its water supply and has a series of five wells. One of those wells, the Texas Street well, was not pumping to its design specifications and needed some equipment replaced. “The engineers determined that replacing the pump and motor would allow this well to perform the way it was designed,” explained Rockdale Public Works Director Jerald Brunson. “By replacing the pump and motor, the well can produce an additional 584,600 gallons of water each day.” The work to replace the pump and motor started on Monday, July 25, and was fully operational by Monday, August 15.

The Rockdale Municipal Development District Board of Directors extended an offer to the City to pay for the needed equipment and installation. “The MDD Board realized that spending a little over \$30,000 to get extra water is a great investment,” said RMDD Board President Nathan Bland. State law allows the MDD to spend money on projects such as this.

“The City’s Enterprise Fund (the Water Utility Fund) has a lot of obligations,” explained Rockdale City Manager, Barbara Holly. “Everything from maintenance to debt obligations. Paying an extra \$30,000 would have been difficult for the City. Securing water, especially in a drought, is critical for the City’s future.”

“The City is going to need additional water capacity in order to meet demand as new housing and industry are looking to come to Rockdale,” said RMDD Economic Development Director Jim Gibson. “This is a great example of how the City and RMDD can work together to make Rockdale better.” Presently, the City can now produce over 3.5 million gallons of water a day while it consumes around one million gallons.