AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
Resolution; Establishing the Schedule of Fees and Rates for Water Service within the Dos Rios Division of the Gunnison County Water and Sewer District; This Resolution Supersedes Resolution 13-34

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
The annual water rate resolution for the Dos Rios Division of the Gunnison County Sewer and Water District. A 2% rate increase is proposed for 2015, which results in $0.70 more per month for a typical residential user.

Fiscal Impact: $258,390

Submitted by: Ben Cowan **Submitter's Email Address:** bcowan@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ● Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ● Required ○ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\atrezise Discharge Date: 12/2/2014 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ○ No ●

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 12/2/2014

● Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted:

Agenda Date: 12/16/2014 Follow Up Agenda Date:

Revised April 2013

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 14-___

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND RATES FOR WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE DOS RIOS DIVISION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

THIS RESOLUTION SUPERSEDES RESOLUTION 13-34

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 30-20-402(1)(f), the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado may prescribe, revise and collect, in advance or otherwise, rates, fees, tolls and charges, including but not limited to availability fees, tap fees, and reasonable delinquency penalties for water facilities; and

WHEREAS, Gunnison County must upgrade and maintain the water lines and treatment facilities within the Dos Rios Division; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners not to pay for such costs from the capital reserve;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that:

1. Schedule of Rates. The rate schedule is adopted each year as part of the budget process and is available as Appendix A attached hereto. The schedule of rates will remain in full force and effect for the calendar year for which it was approved. The rate structure will be published in the newspaper and is available from the Gunnison County Finance Office at 200 East Virginia, Gunnison, CO 81230. Any past due account shall be subject to a penalty charge of 1% per month or portion thereof, and any past due amount may, at the option of the Gunnison County Finance Office, be certified for collection in the manner as though they were part of the taxes pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 30-20-420.

2. Residential Water User Fees. User fees for each residence will be charged upon final meter inspection by the Gunnison County Utility Department. Any user with a three-quarter inch (3/4") meter will be considered a residential user for billing purposes. Additionally, all integrated secondary residences, secondary or accessory residences, multiple-family residences, townhomes, or condominiums will be billed at the residential rate. Base user fees will be billed in advance and overage user fees will be billed in arrears.

3. Commercial Water User Fees. User fees for each commercial connection will be charged upon final meter inspection by the Gunnison County Utility Department. Base user fees will be billed in advance and overage user fees will be billed in arrears. The base user fee will equal the product of the Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs), seventy-five percent (75%), and the current residential base rate according to Appendix A attached hereto. The ERUs will equal the

product of the factor according to Appendix C and the number of factor units according to Appendix C.

The base gallons for each commercial connection will equal the product of the ERUs and the residential base gallons according to Appendix A attached hereto.

4. Availability of Service Fee. An availability of service fee will be charged for each parcel of real property in the Dos Rios Division which has water service available to that parcel but which parcel is not connected to the Division water lines. The availability of service fee will start on the date of final board approval for proposed property developments, subdivisions, etc.

5. Tap Connection Fee. There is a fee for water service tap connection within the Dos Rios Division for each connection based on Appendix B attached hereto according to meter size. The tap connection includes the cost of a Gunnison County water meter and required installation materials. This fee also includes the first inspection of the meter. If an additional inspection is required, the additional inspection fee will be charged.

6. Excessive Connection Costs. Water service will be extended to the property line, unless cost of such extension of service exceeds three thousand dollars ($3,000) or the product of the number of new users to be served by said sewer extension and three thousand dollars ($3,000). Costs exceeding three thousand dollars for a single user or the product of the number of new users to be served by said sewer extension and three thousand dollars ($3,000) will be the sole responsibility of the property owner(s) to be served. An estimate of the total costs will be provided to users in advance of work performed. Such work will be managed by Gunnison County staff.

7. Building Permit Shall Not Be Issued. No building permit shall be issued for any building on a parcel of land in the Dos Rios Division unless the tap fee for that parcel has been paid in full as set forth above.

8. Minimum Charges. Any property connected to the system shall pay the minimum rate for four quarters per year whether or not the property is occupied or the water system is used.

9. Perpetual Lien. Until paid, all fees, rates, tolls, penalties, interests on delinquencies, and other costs shall constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property served, and any such lien may be collected in any manner legally permissible, including certification to the Gunnison County Treasurer as provided by law.

10. Additional Inspection Fee. The first inspection of the water service line is included with the meter fee. If an additional inspection is required, the additional inspection fee will be charged.

11. Repair Responsibility. Customers are responsible for costs associated with leaks and repairs that occur after water has passed through the curb stop. The County is responsible for costs associated with leaks and repairs on the main line, the service line that reaches from the main line to the curb stop, and the curb stop.

12. Meter Malfunction. Should a customer reasonably and prudently believe a meter is malfunctioning, a replacement meter and/or readout will be provided free of charge. The replacement meter and/or readout must be installed by a licensed plumber at the customer's expense.

13. Fees May Be Amended. The fees hereby established may be amended from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that a review of the fees and rates be conducted each year, if such review is not conducted, the then current fees shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these fees shall remain in effect until changed by resolution by the Board of County Commissioners.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner _____, seconded by

Commissioner _____, and adopted this ____ day of December, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

By _____
Paula Swenson, Chairperson

By _____
Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

By _____
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Attest:

_____
Deputy County Clerk

APPENDIX A

GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
DOS RIOS DIVISION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF RATES - WATER

	QTRLY BASE RATE	BASE GAL.	OVERAGE RATES
RESIDENTIAL	$ 102.90 per quarter	18,000	$ 5.90 / 1,000 gal. to 36,000 gal. $ 9.34 / 1,000 gal. over 36,000 gal.
COMMERCIAL	See Appendix C	See Appendix C	$ 6.21 / 1,000 gal. over base gal.
AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE	$ 43.20 per quarter		
ADD'L INSPECTION FEE	$ 50.00 per additional inspection		

APPENDIX B

GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
DOS RIOS DIVISION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF RATES - WATER TAP CONNECTION FEE

Meter Size	FEE
0.75	$ 3,000.00
1.00	$ 4,000.00
1.50	$ 5,500.00
2.00	$ 7,000.00
3.00	$ 10,500.00
4.00	$ 14,000.00
6.00	$ 20,500.00

NOTE: Meter size is measured by inches

APPENDIX C

GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO
DOS RIOS DIVISION OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FACTORS

CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	FACTOR UNIT
Office	1.0000	Office
Veterinary Clinic	1.0000	Veterinary Clinic
Motel Room w/ kitchen	0.7500	Motel Room
Motel Room w/o kitchen	0.2000	Motel Room
Campground w/ full sewer hookup	0.2000	Camp Space
Campground w/ water only	0.0525	Camp Space
Restaurant w/ banquet facilities	0.0525	Seating Capacity
Restaurant	0.0500	Seating Capacity
Golf Club (Dos Rios Country Club)	0.0500	Seating Capacity
Lounge	0.0250	Seating Capacity
Concrete Plant	13.0000	Concrete Plant