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Open Letter to Randview Subdivision Lagoon Members

Information, Summary Statement, and Questionnaire

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Information:

1). As you already know, our former trustee, Mr. Tommy Waldrop, sold his ownership in our community lagoon (November 19, 2020) to a Missouri based, for profit company, named Bluegrass Water UOC, LLC. The total purchase price (see General Warranty Deed at Graves County Courthouse) was set as "Ten Thousand Dollars and other good and valuable consideration."

2). Bluegrass Water UOC, LLC has been purchasing several privately owned community lagoon interests across our state of Kentucky over the recent years. (Bluegrass Water is a division of Central States Water Resources).

3). On November 19, 2020, Bluegrass Water UOC, LLC announced to us here in the Randview subdivision that they were our new owners, and that they were requesting a rate increase from the \$25.00 (twenty five dollars) per month fee to \$96.14 (ninety six dollars and 14 cents). They stated that this increase was subject to approval of the Kentucky PSC (Public Service Commission).

4). The PSC replied to Bluegrass Water by stating that they would study the request for rate increase over the next six months, and that they would likely hold hearings on the issue before any decision would be made. They also stated that our Randview lagooners would continue to pay \$25.00 per month, until a decision had been reached.

5). Legal proceedings have been conducted with, and by, the KY PSC concerning our CASE # 2020-00290 throughout this current year. Virtual public hearings have also occurred. Testimony from Josiah Cox, President of Bluegrass, has also been submitted.

During testimony, Bluegrass acknowledged the fact that they have been aware of a public utility (Mayfield Electric and Water) was already operating sewer services within the same Randview subdivision, and they are presently servicing 10 residential customers **within the county section** of Randview. When asked by the KY PSC if Bluegrass had ever reached out to make contact with this public utility, Mayfield Electric and Water, to investigate the possibility of forming a joint effort to provide a more economical sewer service arrangement for all of Randview's customers, Bluegrass Water freely admitted that they had not made any such contact. (To the best of our knowledge, and after talking to Mayfield Electric, we are rather certain that this remains the case..... no contact has ever been made).

6). Please NOTE: Mayfield Electric and Water bills their sewer fees based on location (in city or county) and amount of water used in a given month. Bluegrass Water UOC, LLC bills on a flat fee basis , with no consideration to monthly water usage. (YOU can check on possible bill rates at MEWS).

7). On February 23, 2021, Graves County Attorney John R. Cunningham filed a letter regarding our Randview Septic Corporation (Lagoon). In his remarks, he states that the **Randview "property owners are not required to use the services of a privately owned business"**, and still further that there exist **"no requirement that property owners use the septic system"**. Therefore, property owners in Randview are free to choose what method or system of sewage disposal they care to employ..... (choose lagoon, or private septic system, or use of a public utility service when/where available).

8). On August 2, 2021, the KY PSC filed its findings regarding the allowable monthly rate for Bluegrass Water to charge their customers across many of their lagoon property holdings in Kentucky (including our Randview Subdivision lagoon). The new sewer rate, effective August 1, 2021, is now set at **\$85.97** per month on households and **\$214.93** per month on businesses. This rate will be in effect until April, 2022, when a new rate will be considered. Therefore, households in our Randview subdivision that are using Bluegrass' lagoon service can expect to receive a bill this September in the amount of **\$85.97** for August, 2021 usage.

Summary Statement:

Summary: Since the sale of our lagoon by our former "trustee", many of us participants (customers) have investigated the possibility of making changes to our individual sewer systems, AND many of us still continue to investigate.

Several of us have paid the required \$150.00 fee to have the Graves County Health Department come out and access the possibility of establishing our own private septic system. Still many others have inquired, and continue to inquire, to our public utility provider, Mayfield Electric and Water, seeking the possibility of running sewer lines out further into our Randview Subdivision (the county section) to bring in more properties into their sewer service system. ----- This, too, remains a possibility for us.

Some residents may remain satisfied in staying with the current service and cost of our lagoon service with our new provider, Bluegrass Water.

Questionnaire: (PLEASE fill out and return to 210 Bel Aire Rd.

ATTN: Kevin B. Krill.... Thank you.)

Circle Y for Yes, and N for NO.

- 1). Do you feel your property value has been positively affected by having Bluegrass Water as our new lagoon owner and sewer provider ? Y or N
- 2). Are you planning to further investigate the possibility of creating your own septic system on your property ? Y or N
- 3). Are you satisfied with the new sewer rate the KY PSC has approved for Bluegrass Water ? (residents pay \$85.97/per month)... Y or N
- 4). Would you be interested in joining with other residents to formally request Mayfield Electric and Water to study the possibility of installing additional sewer lines in our Randview Subdivision, and providing information of costs to us ? Y or N
- 5). Any COMMENTS you would care to make concerning this issue (our sewer services)...(PLEASE WRITE ON BACK).

If you are not currently on the lagoon system, please indicate so on back

Please return and thanks.

Your NAME _____ YOUR ADDRESS _____

Please return by Sept. 1