The extension of distribution water mains may be initiated by the Board if the Board deems such extension necessary for public improvement. A request for an extension of a distribution water main may be initiated by an individual, group of individuals, or other entity desiring to purchase water from the district. Upon approval of proper application and as otherwise herein provided, water main extensions may be granted at the sole discretion of the Board.

In most cases the water line will run adjacent to the owner’s property. The District will determine the location of the meter set relative to the owner’s property. The property owner then is responsible for getting the water service from the meter set to the home including, but not limited to construction, installation, permits, engineering, survey and fees associated with the project. The property owner shall pay all connection fees, tapping fees and meter fees, as set forth in the Meter Set Charge & Policy adopted by this Board. If applicable, the property owner is also responsible for fees for hydraulic evaluation, engineering, drawings and approval from the State DNR.

If a distribution line extension becomes necessary for the individual(s) to receive rural water, all costs associated with the line extension are the responsibility of said individual(s). 100% of the estimated cost of the line extension shall be paid prior to construction beginning. If the actual cost of the line extension is more than the estimate, the individual(s) will be billed for the additional amount. This remaining amount must be paid before the water service will be instituted. If the actual cost of the line extension is less than the estimate, the individual(s) will be refunded for the difference once the line extension is completed.

All water mains and water service facilities shall be designed, reviewed and/or evaluated by the District’s Engineer. All water mains shall be installed by the District or the District’s contractor. At the time of line installation this extension is considered property of the district.

Any repairs or maintenance needed beyond the meter set by the district, shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

If the newly installed distribution line travels past existing properties, and the existing property owners choose not to become customers on rural water and choose not to contribute to the cost of the line extension project at the time it is constructed, they may do so. They are not required to become a customer. If at a later date, they decide to become a customer of rural water on this
new distribution line, they will only be required to pay the Meter Set Charge in effect at the time of connection.

The Water Districts’ sole purpose is to supply clean potable water to customers that request our services. The Water District is not in the business of litigation between property owners.

This policy shall supersede all other policies on this subject and any policy previously enacted which is in conflict with this policy shall be null and void.