

Belah Fellowship Water System

P O Box 154
Jena, LA 71342

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SYSTEM INFORMATION

Board of Directors

Name	Title	Address	City, State, Zip	Telephone
Clyde Crooks	President	620 Benelbie Rd	Trout, LA 71371	318-992-5306
Samuel Gulde	Vice-President	223 Gulde Rd	Trout, LA 71371	318-992-5892
David Vercher	Sec/Treas.	166 Ira Rd	Trout, LA 71371	318-992-8647
Allen Craig	Board Memb.	109 Leonard Rd	Trout, LA 71371	318-992-5157
Justin Barker	Board Memb.	636 Barker Rd	Trout, LA 71371	318-316-2735

Board Meetings:

Monthly Board Meetings are currently being held at The Vercher Group Office in Jena, LA at 4:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Maintenance and Repairs:

Tommy Reeves	Report Leaks	Ph# 318-992-0885
Will Huffman	Report Leaks	Ph# 318-729-2933 (Assistant to Tommy Reeves)

Water System Billing Rates: (Last rate increase August 24, 2017)

Residential Water (One Residence per Meter)

Minimum	\$30.00	First 2000 Gallons (\$29.00 for water system + \$1.00 per meter for Louisiana Safe Drinking Water Fee)
Each 1000 Gallons Thereafter	\$6.00 per/M	

Sales Tax Rates on Above:

Residential Consumption Only	Tax Exempt
All other water usage	2% Sales Tax

System Policy on Delinquent Accounts:

Accounts are due and payable IN FULL by the 20th of each month. Accounts not paid IN FULL by 21st will be assessed a 10% Late Fee and will be considered Past Due. Accounts that continue to be Past Due by the 1st of the following month will be sent a Disconnect Notice stating that meter will be locked if Past Due Balance is not PAID IN FULL plus a \$50.00 Lock/Unlock fee.

System Policy on NSF payments:

Drafts or checks return as NSF or Account Closed will be charged back the amount paid to their account plus \$25.00 NSF Fee.

Billing and Bookkeeping:

C & N Computer Services, Carl Newburg

Ph#: (318) 316-5438

Annual Audit:

T|C|B|T Certified Public Accounts

Ph#: (318) 352-3652

Meter Connection Prices:

New Meter Installation Cost:

New Meter Installation \$950.00 **(See Below)

Plus Refundable Deposit \$100.00

Total for New Meter Install \$1,050.00 (Effective 08/17/2021)

** Itemized material cost: Meter - \$275.00; 3" Tap – 41.00; Corp Stop - \$51.34; Check Valve - \$99.05

Meter Stop - \$72.35; Regulator - \$59.95; Meter Box - \$ 31.47

¾' Service Tubing – \$15.90; Excauator – Labor, etc. - \$403.84

Note: If Water System Main Line is on opposite side of road than your property then Road Bore will be necessary. You may find out if Road Bore will be required by contacting Tommy Reeves, Maintenance at 318-992-0885 and he will be able to quote you a price for Road Bore cost. State Highway price is different from Parish Roads.

Reconnection of Existing Meter Cost:

Status of land:

I own the land \$100.00 Refundable Deposit

I am renting the land \$200.00 Refundable Deposit

PLUS Reconnect Fee \$50.00

Total for Land Owner: \$150.00

Total for Renter \$250.00

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM WATER SYSTEM:

Anyone cutting Water System lock that has been placed on meter by Water System or Damaging Meter in order to turn water back on after Water System has locked meter is subject to Federal Law Violation and will be prosecuted by Belah Fellowship Water System and will also be charge for replacement of lock or meter parts that were damaged. According to Water System Policy each customer should have his own cut-off valve near meter to turn water off going to his property. Customers should not tamper with Water System Meter in any way.

Customers Requesting that Meter by Re-Read:

Anyone that feels that meter may have been miss-read can request to have meter re-read. However, if when meter is re-read and the original reading was correct the person requesting re-read will be charged a \$20.00 Re-Read Fee. Another option if you feel that meter was miss-read would be to re-read the meter yourself to see if reading is lower than original reading. If so then

there will be no cost to you and you should report the lower reading to Bookkeeping at (318) 316-5438 so that revised bill can be sent to you.

Policy on more than one residence on one meter:

According to changes made by Board of Directors only one residence is allowed per meter. In order for second residence to be supplied with water that residence must have its own meter and be registered with that residence's Name and Address. Cost for new meter is shown above under Meter Connection Prices.

Policy on changing of person living on property that System Water Meter supplies water to:

When person that paid Connection Fee moves or leaves property that Water System Meter supplies water to and someone else moves into that same property a Re-Connection Fee must be paid in order for person moving into that property can have water turned back on and lock removed from meter. See Re-Connection Prices above. Person moving into property may call Bookkeeping Office at 318-316-5438 to make arrangement to get Application for Meter Reconnection. If you have access to Internet you may go to www.ruralws.com and click on "Click Here for Meter Reconnection Application Form, fill out that form and either mail to address at top of form or take to CLB Community Bank (Prev. Bank of Jena) on Hwy 127 North along with payment of deposit and reconnect fee. Once Fees are paid IN FULL meter reader will be contacted and he will remove lock as soon as possible. Meter reader when removing lock will not turn valve on at meter for fear that a faucet or something may be on in your home. Person paying Re-Connection fee will need to turn water meter valve on when he is ready for water.