

Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District

2026-2027 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget and Fee Rates

EXPENSES	2025-2026 Amt	2026-2027 Amt	Total
Conservation Initiatives:			
Well Plugging Program	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Public Outreach	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	
School Education Program	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Total for Conservation Initiatives	\$ 5,500.00		\$ 6,500.00
Director Expenses:			
Conference & Training Fee	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Meals/Lodging	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Other	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Total for Director Expenses	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,500.00
Management Expenses:			
Conference & Training Fee	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Travel (all mileage)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Meals/Lodging	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Total for Management Expenses	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00
Insurance (non-employee):			
Liability	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	
Bonds	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
Total for Insurance (non-employee)	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,600.00
Professional Services:			
Audit	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 8,000.00	
Website	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Legal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
Consultants	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
Part-time employee	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	
Mgmt Services	\$ 112,300.00	\$ 115,400.00	
Total for Professional Services	\$ 159,000.00		\$ 206,900.00
Office Expenses:			
Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
P O Box rental	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Computer Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Software Expense	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 6,550.00	
Monitoring Equip.	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Misc. Office Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Postage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Total for Office Expenses	\$ 11,100.00		\$ 11,600.00
Utilities:			

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Telephone/Internet	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,100.00	
Cell Phone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00	
Total for Utilities	\$ 3,400.00		\$ 3,400.00
Other Expenses			
Membership & Dues	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	
Subscriptions	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Advertising	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	
Total for Other Expenses	\$ 2,300.00		\$ 2,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 194,900.00		\$ 244,800.00
			25.6 % increase

INCOME ANALYSIS			
Income (increase for FY 2023-2024):	\$0.05/1,000 gal.	\$0.05/1,000 gal.	
Production Fee Revenue	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	
Transport Fee Revenue	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Permit Fee Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Non-Compliance Fee/Penalties, etc.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Interest Income	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
Other Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Total Income	\$ 178,600.00		\$ 207,500.00
Total Expenses			\$ 244,800.00
Net Income or (Loss)			(\$37,300)

The recommended fee rates to fund proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027:

Production Fee	\$0.05/1,000 gallons of water produced
Transport Fee	\$0.212/1,000 gallons of water exported
Agricultural Irrigation Fee	\$0.25/acre foot of water produced
Permit Fee	\$100/permit application
Excess Production Fee	\$0.10/1,000 gallons of water over prod. Limit
Non-Compliance Penalties	Amount determined by Board of Directors

Note: Budget deficit to be taken out of reserve account, if needed.