

- If future industrial users later connect to the system, will their payments reduce, offset, or reimburse the infrastructure burden being approved now?

Ideally it will help offset the current debt load and any future needs.

- If future large industrial users, including any proposed data centers, connect to the system, will they be required to bear their proportional share of the infrastructure costs associated with the capacity they would use?

The District's stance on any needs from any industrial developer or residential developer is they are responsible for extending, upgrading District infrastructure to meet their needs.

Scope of the proposed authority

- Why does the ballot language appear broader than the district's public-facing summary materials?

The District is required to use bond council to seek and utilize bond proceeds. The language on the ballot is from Gilmore and Belle the Districts bond council. The purpose of the flyer and information to the public is for transparency.

- Please identify exactly what categories of work, expense, and authority are covered under the proposed bond issue, including land acquisition, rights-of-way, operation and maintenance costs, and future improvements or extensions.

The scope of the proceeds of the proposed bond initiative is to make upgrades to current infrastructure serving current customers. The District will be closing multiple wastewater treatment facilities and sending the waste to either new or more capable treatment facilities. This will meet the new requirements being imposed on the District by Missouri Department of Natural Resources and EPA. The regionalization taking place in the District will require easement acquisition and potential land purchase. The proposed bond issue is "Phase II" of the Districts plan to improve current infrastructure. The District is currently making improvements to infrastructure which has been in motion since 2023. The process to make the required changes is lengthy and takes a lot of planning.

The big take away for the proposed Bond issue is the District must make these improvements to the wastewater system or face penalties from MO DNR. The water system improvements are needed to continue providing a high-level service to the District's customers. All the planned improvements are for current infrastructure serving the Districts current customers. The Bond issue is for the people of the District to approve bonding authority, so the District has the opportunity to borrow money at a much lower interest rate, reducing the total repayment amount. If the bond does not pass, the District will be forced to borrow the funds at conventional interest rates, increasing the repayment amount.