## **Item 1 | Real Estate Matters**

Due to the ever-increasing workload experienced by the District related to impending water production from the Goodland Farm Project (Upwell Water), there is a real need for the District to explore expanding office space to accommodate increased staffing and storage needs. District staff launched a survey of possible properties within the Hearne, Texas city limits that would fit the needs of needed expansion.

The Building Committee (Mark Carrabba, Jeff Kennedy, Jayson Barfknecht) met to discuss the properties that had been located. Suggestions were made as to how to proceed with a more in-depth investigation of some of the candidate properties.

District Staff worked with the owner of the H&R Block building and have settled on a purchase price of \$103,603.50 (885.5 sq ft @ \$117/sq ft).

It is the recommendation by the Building Committee and General Manager to purchase the next door property (H&R Block building) from Legacy Builders 21, LLC as an addition to the existing District facility.