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Menomonee Falls - The Davis for President Campaign released figures today that support the costs for taxpayers of Menomonee Falls of having paid out over \$100 million for MMSD and Milwaukee Water since 1997.

Jefferson E. Davis is running for the Open Seat of Village President and is opposed by Randy Newman for the April 7th Election. The current office holder is stepping down after 4 years.

In releasing the over \$100 million in MMSD and Milwaukee Water costs to taxpayers since 1997 today Davis said,

"Homeowners overwhelmingly told the Village Board in the taxpayer funded 2006 Community Survey conducted by UW-Whitewater that they felt their water and sewer bills were excessively high and needed to be immediately addressed.

The taxpayers are right as usual. Their bills are excessively high and need to be lower.

This is what we know in the aftermath of the "settlement" agreement with MMSD and purchasing Milwaukee Water.

The following is a summary of the "costs" since 1997 with MMSD and Milwaukee Water purchases:

- \$37 million in debt service costs to settle with MMSD

- \$13 million in treatment charges

- \$40 million in "capital charges" or taxes based on home values

- \$10-\$12 million in water purchases to blend with Falls water

- Summaries are available at www.jefferson-davis.info (Issues Page)

If the taxpayers would have had any idea that this was going to be the result of "settling" with MMSD in the '90's, I don't think they would have allowed this to happen.

Talk Show Host Mark Belling was the only voice in the wilderness who tried to warn about the travails of accepting something like this and the repercussions of doing so.

A portion of Menomonee Falls homeowners pay approximately \$4.5 - \$5 million a year in taxes to MMSD based on a 2008 tax rate of \$1.28 per \$1,000 assessed value having nothing to do with treatment charges.

These homeowners also pay about \$1.2 million a year for treatment charges above and beyond the \$4.5 - \$5 million in taxes.

The annual \$1.6 million debt service settlement charges are scheduled to be finished after 2012.

Homeowners also pay about \$1.2 million in water fees for Milwaukee water to be blended with Menomonee Falls water and stored in water tanks throughout the Village.

Taxpayers have made it clear they want lower water and sewer bills and I agree.

My opponent supports the continuation of the \$100 million + in payouts to MMSD and Milwaukee Water as his voting

