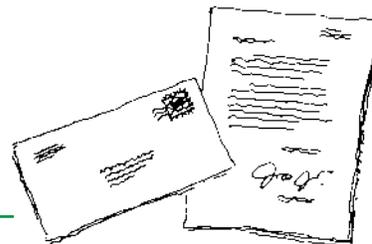


Letters



Thank you (Pat McCool) for your contribution to the Kansas Environmental Leadership Program training at Topeka! Thank you for sharing your expertise to enrich our program!

I do appreciate your discussion of the value and management needs of the utility infrastructure. Your knowledge and experience gave the class how things are in the real world!

Thanks again.

*Judy Willingham
Kansas Environmental Leadership Program*

Bert Zerr and Doug Guenther were both SO knowledgeable and helpful! You have two good employees at your service. Thanks for training them so well and sending them so promptly to help us.

*Renee Geyer, CMC
City Clerk, City of Leoti*

Thank you (Elmer) for your part in supporting us to win the Silver Faucet Award for 2010. To win this award would always be special but to win it as a totally new rural water district was very special. Your efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated.

You and the KRWA staff have always gone “the extra mile” in supporting us as we struggled through the process and trials of bringing this RWD online. We would not be where we are today without the assistance of the KRWA.

It has been a pleasure and we look forward to a continuing, productive relationship in the future.

Sincerely,

*Earl Kay Kinter
Chairman, Board of Directors
Phillips County RWD 1*

We would like to extend a grateful “Thank You” to Gary Armentrout and the KRWA staff. We had a water leak problem near a residence in Weir, and Gary brought his equipment not once, but TWICE to help in locating the problem. When the main was uncovered and the pipe blew from the release of the pressure, Gary was right there in the hole, shovel in hand, to help! Individuals who are dedicated to their job and willing to go above and beyond are the kind of employees who make America great.

Thank you again, Gary!

*Don Harris and Mike Sheward, Operators
Saundra Stricklin, Mayor
City of Weir, Kansas*

I would like to give a special thanks to Lonny Boller and Tony Kimmi for the assistance in finding the leak in Willis, KS. The city of Willis was losing about 20,000 gallons of water per day when I called Lonny for help.

Tony came out after hours and assisted me with trying to locate the leak; then the next day, Lonnie and Tony found and corrected the problem which turned out to be an old service line leading to an abandoned structure.

Thanks for your continued support and dedication to assisting me with these types of situations.

*Dave Grimm
Contact Operator
City of Willis, KS*

Hey Greg Metz! Thank you so much for all your help in finding and repairing our leak! Sure been a much longer night without you!! Have a great week! Hopefully don't see ya' soon!! LOL!

*Andrew N. Wadlington
City of Hanover*

I want to thank you (Katie Miller) for the link to the story (pages 104-106 of the March 2010 KRWA magazine) and for your concern for the environment and your compassion for family history.

What a wonderful story you told. Your passion is environment but people are in your heart.

Thank you for stumbling onto the cemetery, I have been there only once, about two years ago. It was grown up in weeds the end of May and I wanted to go back in the fall when the leaves had fallen and there would be a less likely chance to encounter a snake. I was hoping to find more dates and names when I could dig around and clear the stones.

Through my research and other family members I too have come to know much more about our ancestors and the lives they lived.

If there is a way to be a part of this process please let me know.

Thank you for all you are doing and have done to preserve our family history and to clean up the environment.

*Judy Stuck
Oklahoma City, OK*

Congratulations on the Association's very successful KRWA 43rd Annual Conference and Exhibition, March 30 – April 1, 2010 in Wichita.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the workshops and with a booth exhibit for USDA Rural Development Programs. I am always amazed at the interaction this affords us with our current clients, potential new clients, our partners, industry experts, and various other resources/contacts. This forum provides the Agency as well as community representatives a great opportunity to learn about our financial assistance programs as well as the latest

changes that maybe of benefit to them. With the extra funding made available this fiscal year for Water and Waste Disposal, Community Facilities, Housing, and Business programs through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), your conference was most timely and ideal for dissemination of the latest information.

We certainly enjoy the great working relationship/partnership with KRWA and the work of you (Elmer) and your circuit riders. Your help, with water and sewer project and the communities assessing the ARRA funding is a valuable asset to our Agency. We look forward to working with you throughout the year in helping rural communities address their water/sewer and community facility needs. Community infrastructure is critical to the success of rural communities.

Congratulations again on a great conference!

*Gary L. Smith
Community Programs Director
USDA Rural Development*

Congratulations to you (Sam Atherton) on your new adventure as President of KRWA. It was a pleasure to meet you and I enjoyed moderating the seminar that you presented on Public Wholesale Water Districts. Whenever you can incorporate audience participation as you did, it is most beneficial to all in attendance.

Public wholesale districts are unique as compared to municipalities and rural water districts. Having the opportunity to sit down in an informal setting and openly discuss issues that pertain to public wholesale districts certainly was informative and educational.

I would also ask that you extend to the board and the staff at KRWA my thanks for another great conference. The classes I attended at this year's conference were informative and the presenters did a great job of keeping things moving and staying on topic. Senator Brownback and Secretary of Kansas Department of Agriculture Josh Svaty both gave excellent speeches

covering important issues with a common sense approach.

Knowing that the economy is far from back on track, it was a comforting thought to drive away from this year's conference confident that even though there are still some rough times ahead, the people in the water and wastewater profession are as dedicated as ever to continuing to provide the one thing that none of us can live without, an ample supply of good clean water!

*Dennis Ashcraft
Water/Wastewater Supt., City of Holton
Operations Manager, PWWS 18*

Elmer, I am sending you this letter to let you know how much I appreciate the help of KRWA's employee Eric Davolt with two recent situations that I have had to deal with.

First we had the 6-inch water line on May 7, that was bored into around 3:00

p.m. Eric came out and helped us find as many valves that we could find and get them turned off so that we could fix that leak. Then on May 10, I contacted Eric that one of our water towers had been struck by lightning. It blew about four feet of 8-inch pipe out of the ground, emptying both of our towers of about 340,000 gallons of water which put the town in a boil advisory order. Eric came out about 12:30 a.m. that morning and we determined what the damage was. We were back out there at 7:30 that morning and Eric was with us all day until we got water pumping again.

I just wanted to thank Kansas Rural Water and employee Eric for being there when we needed some help.

*Jim Burton
City Superintendent
City of Columbus*

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To KRWA's Board and Staff – I would like to thank you for the RWD Office Manager of the Year award that I received at the KRWA conference. It was a big surprise, especially having my family there. My job, as Office Manager of Jefferson County RWD 12, would not be as easy without the dedication of my co-workers and board members, nor without the access to help and training available from KRWA. This award is a great honor and very much appreciated.

Thank you again for the recognition.
Sincerely,

*Denise Eggers, Bookkeeper/Office Mgr.
Jefferson County RWD 12*

This is a long overdue thanks to Greg Metz for setting up the automatic shutoffs which will save the city money and time looking for water leaks. With a 28 percent water loss and a water system built in 1932, KRWA is a great help.

Thanks to Greg Metz and Greg Duryea for testing the well meters.

Last but not least, thanks to Greg Metz and Tony Kimmi for subsurface leak detection. After opening six holes, we found a three- to five-gallon per minute leak. I look forward to working with Greg, because I know there are more leaks!

A big “Thanks” to all of you. You go beyond what is expected. I appreciate the help. The city of Barnes is fortunate to receive your assistance.

Many thanks!

*Del Oentrich
Water Superintendent,
City of Barnes*

I would like to thank Jon Steele and KRWA for their assistance with the chlorine problem in Coolidge, KS. Jon’s knowledge and service is a great commodity for water systems throughout the state. I remember some years back when we didn’t have the availability of this service. On behalf of the city of Coolidge and myself, I offer a big thank you.

*John Armstrong
Public Works Director
City of Syracuse*

Thanks (to Charlie Schwindamann)

for the great idea on how to keep our floats on the clarifier in position. Charlie visited us one day when the flows at the wastewater plant were high due to a heavy rain. When it rains our floating weir system becomes unattached to its guide rod and they float off. Charlie came up with an idea of using something as simple as a cork

or rubber stoppers on top of the guide rails keeping the floats in place. Thanks again for this and all of the other things you have helped us with in the past. Your assistance does not go unnoticed.

*Dave Grimm
City of Hiawatha*

I am writing to thank KRWA for again hosting and making the Attorney Forum possible. Each year, Gary Hanson presents a program that explores real legal issues that rural water districts are facing, will face, or perhaps through some planning encouraged by this dialogue, will never need to face.

In particular this year I am convinced that the guidelines for work in cooperation between water districts and cities are a step in the right direction on these issues. I hope that this presentation to the KRWA members can help smooth this process in the future.

Again, thank you for sponsoring the Attorney Forum. I know that my board of directors will hear how helpful and informative this program always is.

*Gregg D. Martin
Martin & Martin Attorneys
Crawford RWD 5*

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

City of Hiawatha is seeking an experienced professional to serve as Public Works Director. Hiawatha is a rural community located in northeastern Kansas, the community’s population is approximately 3,400 and Hiawatha is the County seat of Brown County.

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