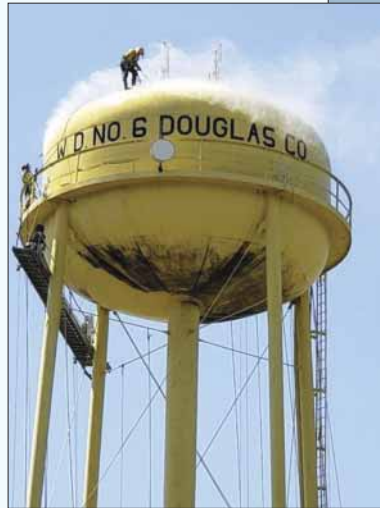


Douglas Co. RWD 6 Gives Storage Tank a New Look

Across Kansas, you will find many water storage tanks with interesting and attractive logos and paint schemes. Douglas RWD 6 decided to go outside of the box of your typical rural water district logo. Their elevated storage tank was due for maintenance in 2023 and a fresh exterior coating. The water storage tank has been painted yellow from top to bottom since 1980. While some residents in the area liked the color of the tank, the board of directors worked on a new paint scheme.

Dave Ross, Secretary of the District's Board of Directors, attended the 2023 KRWA annual conference in Wichita. Dave reports meeting with several vendors to get information for the upcoming project. He found the conference a great place to network with other rural water districts and cities to discuss and get first-hand experiences from people who just completed a tank maintenance or coating projects. The conference always has a wide variety of vendors that specialize in various aspects of the water and wastewater industry. Dave also spoke with several paint manufacturers and contractors about the types of coatings that are appropriate for water storage tanks.

On the trip home from the conference, Dave says he was inspired by what he had learned and had seen regarding the different options for tank coatings and logos. At the next RWD board meeting, Dave discussed the various vendors and coatings available for the project. Dave has lived in the Lecompton area for many years and has learned about its vast history. From being "The Birthplace of the Civil War" to the "First Free State Legislative



Workers from Central Tank Coatings begin the process of blasting away the paint from the water storage tank at Douglas RWD 6. This tank had been painted yellow since 1980.

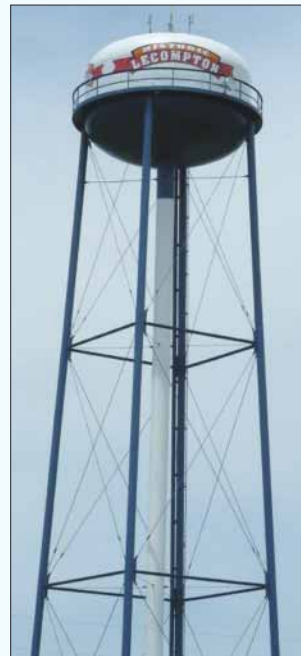
Assembly of the Kansas Territory", history was on his mind.

After lengthy discussions, the board decided to break "free" from the traditional rural water logo and the total yellow coating from years past. They wanted to honor the history of Lecompton and since the tank is located at the Lecompton exit on the Kansas Turnpike it would also catch the eye of daily travelers. The decision was made for a new logo "Historic Lecompton" with a blue and white paint scheme.

If you are ever on the turnpike from Topeka to Lawrence, take a minute to admire the elevated storage tank at the Lecompton exit. Also do not miss stopping at Historic Lecompton to learn about Kansas' history.



Since the tank is located next to the Lecompton exit off of the I-70 / Kansas Turnpike, Douglas RWD No. 6 approached the Lecompton Historical Society to see if they had an interest in having their logo on the RWD's tank. They agreed that having their logo on the RWD's water storage tank would help to promote the history of Lecompton.



After receiving their approval, the RWD Board contacted the artist who produced Lecompton's logo. That logo has multiple shades of red, orange, etc. The color numbers and the version of the logo needed were then supplied to Tnemec Company to produce a draft copy which required approval of the Historical Society. As for the color scheme on the tank, the RWD had the top painted white to help reflect the sun and make the logo more prominent. The bottom of the tank and legs were painted "Cadet Blue". The blue color will help hide any eventual mildew and it contrasts nicely with the white top. The logo in its original form is on Lecompton's website at <https://lecomptonkansas.com>.

If your city or rural water district is planning a maintenance project and the tank exterior coating is well overdue for a facelift, visit the KRWA website (www.krwa.net) for a list of vendors, training, and information for your next project. Don't be afraid to get creative with your next logo like Douglas RWD 6 decided to do.



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