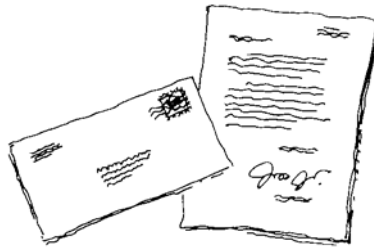


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On behalf of the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors and the many PRIDE community volunteers. I want to express our gratitude for Kansas Rural Water Association's sponsorship for the 2005 program year.

The contribution of \$500 is greatly valued. As you are aware, these funds provide monetary awards to communities in recognition of their exemplary activities over the past year. The communities use the awards to further develop their PRIDE program and assist in funding future community and economic development projects.

Again, thank you for supporting rural development in Kansas.

Sincerely,
Ruth Smerchek, Secretary
Kansas PRIDE, Inc.

I would like to thank Elmer and the KRWA staff for the excellent *Funding Sources and Assistance Chart* on the KRWA Web site. Our system is considering making improvements and we have been checking into the various options available. This chart makes the procedure much easier to understand.

Sincerely,
Ann Ochampaugh,
Rooks RWD 3

The community of Downs would like to express a big "Thank You" to KRWA Tech, Doug Guenther, for all his help with figuring out where and how water losses were occurring in our

system. Doug and KRWA have been a tremendous help in solving our water loss problems.

David Goheen
City of Downs, Kan.

The class on wastewater lagoons that Randy and Charlie did here in Utica on the 2nd was fantastic. Randy noted that he usually doesn't schedule classes in communities as small as Utica because turnout typically is so low. We had right at 20 in attendance, which I thought was great. As a new operator I was interested in the class and when I spoke to Randy about when and where he would be doing a class on wastewater lagoons we came up with the idea to do it in Utica. I really enjoy getting to know folks at KRWA and feel this is an underutilized resource that Utica has not taken advantage of in the past. Not any more!

Again, I really want to thank Randy and Charlie for coming to Utica and putting on this class and I hope that we can do it again sometime in the future.

I also really appreciate assistance from Doug Guenther and Doug Helmke, Doug for providing assistance with our well metering and SARS and Doug for the work has done on our water permit.

Mark Davis
City of Utica, Kan.

On behalf of the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE), I wish to thank Elmer and Kansas Rural Water for a generous contribution of \$1000 to

our annual environmental education conference to be held November 4-5, 2005 in Hutchinson, Kan. We appreciate KRWA getting the sponsorship in at this early date as it will allow us to list KRWA as a *Conference Supporter* in the more than 10,000 conference announcement and registration forms that will be mailed. We will also be certain to recognize KRWA as outlined in our sponsor recognition flyer itself. In addition, the Association will be included as a contributor to KACEE in our 2005 Annual Report. This report is distributed to all our KACEE members as well as key decision-makers in government and state agencies.

Your support allows us to offer this conference at a very low rate for both educators and students working on degrees in environmentally related fields. Last year we had our sixth conference and we were able to attract more than 150 participants from around the state. We hope to attract even more this year in Hutchinson.

Again, KACEE thanks you for your support of quality, sound, non-biased environmental education in Kansas.

Laura Downey
Executive Director

Thank you to KRWA Tech, Bob Kirby, for taking so much time and helping us at the water plant. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Michele MeElwain
Mayor and Council members
City of Elk City, Kan.

Gary Armentrout met my city clerk and myself at the Peru city office today to discuss security and emergency management. He said he would be here at 1 p.m. and he was. That is more than I expect from anyone but myself. Good deal Gary. Thanks for the help.

*Art Sullivan
City of Peru, Kan.*

The mayor, council and clerk of the city of Glade would like to thank both Doug Guenther and Doug Helmke for all the help they have given to the community of Glade.

Doug Guenther has helped the city with trying to find water loss by checking static water depth and checking pressure readings. He has helped many times on questions the city clerk has had on tracking water readings.

Doug Helmke has helped the city with getting water permits corrected and acquiring more permitted water for the city. He has also helped develop a Well Head Protection Plan, which has been adopted by the city council.

Both men have helped the city of Glade immensely. I and the governing body would like to thank both men and we all look forward to working with them in the future.

*Sheary Pumphrey
City Clerk
City of Glade, Kan.*

This is to inform you (Elmer) that as of 9/30, I am retiring from employment with the city of Minneapolis. I want you and your staff to know how much I have appreciated working with your organization over the past 14 years. You and your staff do an excellent job and have been tremendous help to me and the city.

The new city Administrator/ City Clerk is Barry S. Hodges. He is a bright young man who has resided in the Minneapolis community for the past seven years. He comes to this job with no municipal experience but is well educated. You will enjoy working with him, I am sure. He will do a great job for the city.

Thanks again for what you do.

*Lowell Parris
City Administrator/City Clerk
City of Minneapolis, Kan.*

The city of Riley appreciates the help and guidance you gave us recently when we had to plug a well. The well had ceased to operate and invaluable assistance was provided in getting everything done correctly. KRWA even had all the necessary paperwork ready to send to the state.

KRWA is a valuable asset to us and we appreciate the work you do.

*Doug Fasse
City Utilities Supervisor
City of Riley, Kan.*

I am enclosing the quarterly financial report for the SRF loan. I am also enclosing a copy of our Budget Worksheet for 2006. This budget was presented to the Board of Directors and was approved at their meeting October 13, 2005.

I want to thank you for sending the new Financial Reporting Template diskette.

All the small problems we had with the previous forms seem to have been taken care of. The flow is much better with this new template. We appreciate very much having this format to help us with the financial reporting and management of our rural water district. I think many other RWDs will like to see this. I understand this is one of the features in KanCap, the new board/council training program created by KRWA and KDHE.

*Sandie Lanzrath
Business Manager
Harvey RWD 1*

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