

Letters



Just a note to thank you for the recent assistance Cherokee County Rural Water District 2 received through KRWA Field Agent Bob Kirby. We had suspected there may be a leak in the mile section between SE Hwy. Alt. 69 and SE 60th St. on SE Clem Road, but nothing was visible and we didn't have the equipment or expertise to investigate further.

On two separate occasions Bob Kirby brought KRWA equipment to our water district in order to help us locate leaks in that section. I might add that Bob's time was spent in the early morning hours while the customers were asleep and there was minimal water usage.

While its unclear exactly where the leak may be, it appears that it could be located in an area containing blown over trees and heavy undergrowth so thick it is impossible for a person to check the area for leaks. Bob suggested that the board might consider clearing out the area and reclaiming our right-of-way so that inspection and maintenance of the line could be accomplished.

I want you to know that the board took action at their

September 11, 2006 meeting to follow KRWA's advice and clear out that area. Arrangements have been made for a bulldozer to come in while the surrounding area is dry and reclaim the right-of-way.

On behalf of Cherokee County RWD 2's board, I would like to thank KRWA for making available your assistance of manpower and equipment in helping us get a handle on our water loss. As an Operator-Manager (read "only distribution employee") of a rather small district, I find KRWA to be an indispensable help. I thank you for what you do and what you provide, especially Bob Kirby.

*JW Stephenson
Cherokee County RWD 2
Operator/Manager*

When we decided to tackle our project of replacing all the waterlines, meters, and fire hydrants in town, we never guessed how invaluable that you would be to us. Without the guidance and direction from the professionals at Kansas Rural Water Association, we would have been the proverbial "ship lost at sea." From our first

meeting with Elmer, to the last day of help from Pete Koenig, Greg Duryea, Jon Steele, and Doug Guenther, the people from the city of Agra knew we had nothing but the best help.

This note is to thank you, KRWA, for excellent help during our project. Pete was a major asset for us. With his experience, knowledge, and work ethic, we were able to complete our project correctly and successfully. Doug, also, was a much-needed help and was on site whenever needed for answers and work.

Even though a thank you is insufficient for what Kansas Rural Water Association brings to small towns like ours, we wish to send a huge thanks to you all from the people of Agra, Agra City Council, City Clerk Lyndi Bell, and City Supervisor Francis Gordon.

*Scott Bretton, Mayor
City of Agra*

Thank you for a very informative day at Lyons. All of the presentations were most helpful. Hopefully sometime in the not so distant future we can begin locating meters, mains, etc. to put into a GIS sandwich.

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The Capital Improvement Projects planning is something to really take to the council and let them dream and then plan to make those dreams hopefully happen (GIS mapping would be a good project). Employment Law answered questions we didn't realize we had. Information on the Municipal Investment Pool was beneficial also.

The city of Lyons had a great place to hold the workshop. The snacks and lunch were delicious also.

*Judith Swagerty, City Clerk
City of Bennington*

The employees of the city of Bentley Public Works Department would like to express our appreciation for all the help that Kansas Rural Water Association's staff, especially Jesse Knight, provided with the mapping of our water and sewer system. He is very hard working and knowledgeable in his work. He is definitely an asset to the KRWA team.

We also appreciate Jon Steel's continual help with our city water system's unique problems. Thank you, KRWA!

*Eric T. Purk,
Public Works Director
City of Bentley*

The Board of Directors of Nemaha RWD 4 and I would like to thank you (Elmer) for attending our regular meeting on October 9th. Your input was very informative and useful.

We would also like to thank Lonnie Boller who helped Leo with our chlorination room problem.

*Leonard Nissen, Manager
Nemaha RWD 4*

Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate KRWA and its staff. We recently had employee turnover and I was a little unsure of things. I called Jon Steele on Wednesday of this week and by-golly he showed up the next morning. He went through the system with new employee Arcine Thompson and myself. Jon made me feel much more at ease with the current situation. Thank you for all that the KRWA is able to do for small systems.

*Dana Lowe
Caldwell Utilities, Inc.*

I want to express my gratitude for your assistance (Bob Kirby) in attempting to determine the problem that we have been experiencing with the intake pumps at Spring River. This problem has been ongoing for several months and is of great concern. I have sent a copy of

your report, along with a cover letter to Joe Harbison, District Manager for Layne-Western. Hopefully, he will have some ideas regarding how we can fix this problem.

Again, thanks to you and KRWA for your assistance.

*Huey York
City of Baxter Springs*

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