



News Around The Water Tower

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Rural Water District No. 2
Miami County, KS
25290 Harmony Road Paola, KS 66071

District Annual Meeting-February 9, 2010

The annual meeting of participating members of Rural Water District No. 2, Miami County, Kansas, will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 6:00 P.M. at the District Office located at 25290 Harmony Road. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three Directors to terms of three years each and such other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Wayne Knop, Secretary
Board of Directors
Rural Water District No. 2
Miami County, KS

Regular Meeting Date Change

The Board of Directors usually meet the second Monday of each month except for the month of February. The February regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m. or immediately following the annual meeting. District patrons and the public are always welcome.

Directors Nominated for Re-election

The Rural Water District No. 2, Miami County, Kansas is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of nine members. The Directors must be a patron of the District in good standing. Each Director is elected to a three year term. The terms are staggered with three Directors elected each year. Directors up for re-election at the 2009 annual meeting are:

- Brad Ryckert
- Jim Bracken
- Alan Hire.

All three Directors have agreed to run for another three year term. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the District's Annual Meeting.

Board of Directors

- Dr. Art Godfrey-Chairman
- Jim Dycus Vice-Chairman
- Wayne Knop-Secretary
- Alan Hire-Treasurer
- James Bracken
- Brad Ryckert
- Mike McClurg
- Lyle Wobker
- Ron Flaigle

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For your convenience, after hours payments may be made online or at your own risk in the drop box at the District Office.



Message From The Manager

Another busy year just ended for the staff and board of Miami County RWD 2. We completed the third phase of a multiple staged project designed to strengthen the district's south central distribution capabilities. The first phase was the installa-



tion of twelve inch and six inch pipeline along Oak Grove and Somerset between 287th and 351st. This allowed us to discontinue the use of the Highland standpipe located at 327th and Somerset. The installation of fire hydrants along this route was a great improvement to this area of Miami County. Special thanks to the patrons who volunteered easements to make this portion of the project possible. While this project was finishing up, RWD 2 and the City of Paola completed the installation of an interconnect at 295th & Hedge Lane. This interconnect made it possible for RWD 2 to sell wholesale water for much of the summer to Paola while the new PUA plant was coming on line. The interconnect makes it possible for both RWD 2 and the PUA to provide water to each other during emergencies.

The district has also been working over the last year and a half to begin another new, important improvement project. This project includes improving the waterline infrastructure to the north central zone. A new one million gallon water tower is planned near the intersection of

247th & Lackman. In addition, six miles of twenty four inch and eighteen inch pipeline will be installed from 255th & Ridgeview to 223rd & Lackman. In addition to bringing fire protection to this growth area this project would also strengthen ties to the water districts to the north for emergency supplies of water. We had a delay on bidding this project due to difficulty in obtaining voluntary easements and the selected tower site. Fortunately, we obtained voluntary easements for half of the project length. Unfortunately, the district had to exercise eminent domain to obtain the tower site (currently in court) and the remainder of the easements. The project construction is scheduled to last two years.

Concurrent with the pipeline and tower project, the district is installing two diesel generators at the plant and raw water intake. This will allow emergency operations to continue during a power failure and enable us to participate in the KCPL Empower Program. This program schedules RWD 2 to basically go offline and generate our own power during certain peak usage hours and be rewarded for it by cheaper rates.

Upon completion of this project (Phase 4 of our current long term planning) RWD 2 will be near an important connection to a secondary supply to the north. During an emergency, this connection will serve RWD 2 and all of its wholesale customers. It is the goal of the Board

of Directors and staff to be proactive on these projects and plan ahead for the long term good of all 3,572 patrons and wholesale customers of RWD 2.

The Board of Directors continues to focus on maintaining excellent service and doing so in an economical manner. This focused approach on long term performance has allowed RWD 2 to keep water rates to its retail patrons at the same cost since 1984.

From time to time, there are critical comments made in the media regarding the operation of the District. These reports are generally slanted toward negativity and are made without an understanding of the needs of the patrons and the necessity for sound planning to ensure proper current operation of the District and to provide water service for growth in years to come. The Board of Directors has the obligation to operate the District in the best interest of the patrons and will continue to do so in the future as it has done in the past. The Board of Directors welcomes your questions and comments regarding the operation of the District.

RWD 2 is a service providing business and it is handled in that fashion while keeping our patron needs in mind. In the coming years ahead, however, you will most likely experience incremental



rate increases due to the increasing cost of raw water we get from Hillsdale Reservoir. The Kansas Water Office anticipates the cost of raw water to reach \$.90 per 1000 gallons