**Message from Manager**

2013 was a very eventful and successful year for Jackson County Rural Water District #1, from the completion of the Shawnee County expansion project to the persistent drought. The district completed the expansion project in northwest Shawnee County that consisted of approximately 8 miles of new line and 33 new customers. Several of those customers were experiencing problems with their wells due to the drought. The district also completed a 2 ½ mile line improvement along Sherman Road in Jefferson County. With this line improvement customers in that area may experience more consistent pressures. It will also allow the district to add new meters in this area in the future. The Sherman road line improvement was just one of several line improvement projects planned over the next several years.

The district also experienced numerous leaks over the past year due to the persistent drought. Even though we received higher rainfall amounts in 2013 the drought is still with us, just take a look at the ponds in the area. With this said, we are asking everyone to be mindful of their water usage and to make voluntary water conservation efforts, as the drought conditions continue. If you see a possible leak on the district’s water lines please call the office. The district offers a $25 finder’s fee for any verified leaks.

The district also completed the repair and repainting of the south water tower at 102nd and S road. With this project complete, the district will be ensured the south tower is in good shape for years to come.

The district also added 8 new customers thru out the district. If you have any questions about the district please give me a call.

Thanks,

Greg Drinovsky

Notice of Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Beginning at 8 pm

RWD #1 Office

120 East 5th Street

Hoyt, Kansas

The business of the Annual Meeting will include the election of one district member for a three-year term on the Board of Directors.

RWD #1 Board of Directors

Director Term Ends

Keith Kelly, Director 2016

Robert Hurd, Chairman 2014

Bonnie Clelland, Secretary 2015

J. L. Cleland, Treasurer 2015

Amy Klotz, Vice-Chair 2016

Check out our website **jacksonrwd1.com** for more information on Jackson County RWD #1.

**Automatic Payment**

We offer the option of having the monthly water payment taken directly from your checking account each month. If you would like to enroll please contact the office by phone or email.

**Emergency**

To shut off Rural Water in an emergency, you will find in the meter pit, a brass valve with an arrow on top. Turn the valve (arrow) clockwise until the holes line up or the arrow is crossways.

**Water Payments**

We now accept credit & debit cards if you make your payment at our office. There is a 2.5% fee applied.

We have installed a payment drop box on the door of our office for water payments. Our office is at 120 East 5th in Hoyt.

**Conservation Tips**

* Avoid water during the heat of the day
* Repair all leaks and leaky faucets
* Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
* Take short showers
* Don’t let water run while shaving or brushing teeth
* Use a broom not a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks
* Put a layer of mulch around trees & plants

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**Changes to Rules & Regulations**

The board of directors voted to make the following change to the Consumer Responsibility.

**Consumer’s Responsibility:**

The consumer shall be responsible for any damage to service equipment installed by the District for his service, on account of any cause other than normal wear and tear. The consumer shall be responsible for any water that flows thru the meter. The consumer is responsible for the installation & maintenance of the line from the meter to the residence. **Consumer must fix any known water leak on their service line within 7 days of notification (written or verbal) by the District. The District reserves the right to discontinue service until the service line is fixed.**

The Board of directors voted to add the following under Water Service General Rules.

1. Applicants for service shall make application to the Secretary of the District. If the application for service is approved by the Board of Directors, the applicant will purchase a benefit unit for each water service desired, and sign the standard Application for Water Service and Water User’s Agreement for an indefinite period. **Payment must be made within 6 months of application unless board agrees to a longer period.**
2. Before installing a service extension and providing water available for use, the Board may require the applicant to pipe his home and be in readiness to accept service. **Meter must be installed within 6 months of approval and payment unless board agrees to a longer period.**

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**Water Usage Info:**

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| Normal Dishwasher Cycle | 7.5 to 12 gallons per cycle |
| Washing Machine – Normal | 27 to 55 gallons per cycle |
| Washing Machine – High Efficiency(HE) | 18 to 25 gallons per cycle |
| Shower | 2.5 to 5 gallons per minute |
| Toilet constantly flowing | 2 gallons per minute |
| Water softener regeneration | 40 – 140 gallons per regeneration |
| Outside watering-depending on pressure | 180 – 1200 gallons per hour |