**Message from Manager**

Jackson County Rural Water District #1 experienced a rather calm 2016. The district added another 10 customers in 2016 bringing our total to 1154 customers.

The district also continued with our long term goals of replacing our aging water lines. We replaced 2 ½ miles of older and smaller lines and added 1 ½ miles of new line within the district. Some of those lines that were replaced were installed in the 1960’s and early 1070’s. These lines were too small to add any new customers thus were replaced. The district has approximately 185 miles of water lines.

The district had several water leaks again this year. Jackson County rural water district #1has a goal set of 10% or less for water loss. In 2016 we were at just over 12%, about 11 million gallons. We contribute some of this water loss to flushing of lines. But with the water district’s 185 miles of water lines it is hard for us to find all the leaks. So we ask for your help. If you see a possible water leak in the district’s water lines, please call the office. The district offers a $25 finder’s fee for any verified leak.

The district employees and Board of Directors would still like to encourage you to be mindful of your water usage and to make voluntary water conservation efforts. If you think you have a leak please give us a call and we can possibly help you find it.

Thanks,

Greg Drinovsky

Notice of Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

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, Chairman 2019

Robert Hurd, Treasurer 2017

Bonnie Clelland, Secretary 2018

J. L. Cleland, Vice-Chair 2018

Ken Hamilton, Director 2019

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

**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**

The water district has numerous ways to pay your water bill. **1.** You can make your payment at the office 120 East 5th Street in Hoyt by paying cash, check or credit card(A 2.5% fee is applied when using a credit card). The office hours are Monday – Friday 8 am to 2 pm. We also have a drop box on the front door for after hours payments. **2**. You can mail your payment to Jackson County RWD #1 P.O. Box 15 Hoyt, Kansas 66440. Please allow 3-5 business days for your payment to reach the District office. **3.** Automatic payment – we offer the option of having your monthly water payment taken directly out of your bank account on the 1st business day of the month. If you would like to enroll, please contact the office by phone or email. You can also find the ACH enrollment form on our website at [www.jacksonrwd1.com](http://www.jacksonrwd1.com). **4.** Online payments can now be made thru the districts’ website at [www.jacksonrwd1.com](http://www.jacksonrwd1.com). (There is a 2.5% fee applied when using a credit card and a $1.50 charge for a check.) **5.** You may also schedule a payment online using your bank. When using this option please use Jackson County RWD #1 P.O. Box 15 Hoyt, Kansas 66440 as the mailing address and allow 5-7 business days for your payment to reach our office.

**Conservation Tips**

* Avoid watering 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

**Water Rates**

*As you know, Jackson County RWD #1 purchases its water from the City of Topeka and Shawnee County Consolidated RWD #4. We have been informed by the City of Topeka their water rate for our district increases by 5% on January 1, 2017. Shawnee County Consolidated RWD #4 water rate will increase by .5% on January 1, 2016. Due to this increase, the Jackson County RWD #1 Board of Directors will be reviewing our current water rates and make any changes they feel are appropriate.*

**Water Purchase Contract**

Jackson County Rural Water District #1 water purchase contract with the City of Topeka is due to expire in August 2018. In an effort to keep the district water rates down the district board of directors have come to an agreement with Shawnee County Consolidated RWD #4 to purchase the majority of the district’s water from them beginning in 2018. Jackson County Rural Water District #1 will still pursue a contract with the City of Topeka for an emergency connection. This would ensure the district would have access to water in an emergency situation. The new contract with Shawnee County Consolidated RWD #4 will help stabilize the district water rates.

**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 |