**Message from Manager**

2014 was a calm year compared to the last 3 for Jackson County Rural Water District #1. No large projects to deal with such as expansion project or the water tower paintings. The district did replace 2 ½ miles of water line in an effort to continue with the line improvement project planned over the next several years.

The district also added 16 new customers this year which doubled the amount added in 2013.

The district also had several leaks again this year. Although we were down from the last 2 years. We can probably contribute this to the fact it was a closer to average rainfall year than the past 2 years. This being said as of November, Hoyt was still 3 ½ inches behind the average rainfall for the year. We received 31.62 inches for 2014.

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 see a possible leak in the district’s water lines please call the office. The district offers a $25 finder’s fee for any verified leak.

Thanks,

Greg Drinovsky

Notice of Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

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, Treasurer 2016

Robert Hurd, Director 2017

Bonnie Clelland, Vice-Chair 2015

J. L. Cleland, Secretary 2015

Amy Klotz, Chairman 2016

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 6% on January 1, 2015. Shawnee County Consolidated RWD #4 water rate will increase by 3% on January 1, 2015. 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 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 |