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CKRWP PLANS TO SHIFT CONSIDERATION AWAY FROM PROPOSED DOLPHIN TOWNSHIP WELL SITES

The Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) Advisory Committee recommended changing consideration of the primary site for the new water source development away from Dolphin Township. The Committee has decided instead to focus on alternative sources that have been previously identified through preliminary engineering studies conducted by Bartlett & West Engineering and LRE Water.

CKRWP serves drinking water to 7,000 people in northern Cedar and Knox Counties. The system must identify an alternative water source to address an Administrative Order issued by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and to secure a long-term sustainable source of suitable water. The system is also planning necessary upgrades to the 40-plus year-old system including upsizing distribution pipes, storage tank replacement, and a new treatment plant.

The Advisory Committee and LCNRD Board of Directors remain dedicated to determining the best solution to meet the needs of residents, towns, visitors, and businesses across northern Cedar and Knox Counties. The recommendation will be on the agenda for ratification by the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District at the regular monthly meeting on May 18th at the VFW in Hartington.

There will be an informational open house on May 24th from 5 to 7 pm at the Crofton City Auditorium. The open house will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn more about the overall project needs, groundwater evaluations completed to date, and options to identify the best source for CKRWP. Project engineers from Bartlett & West Co. and LRE Water, UNL-CSD Hydrogeologist, Susan Olafsen-Lackey and staff from CKRWP and LCNRD will be available to discuss the project and address questions.

For more details contact the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project at 402-254-6758 or lcnrd@hartel.net.

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