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UPDATE: CKRWP Source Solutions and System Upgrades Project

The Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) has been working for several years to identify a new source for our Public Water System (PWS) that serves more than 900 rural connections; sanitary improvement districts (SIDs); recreational areas; and businesses along Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River; and the communities of Crofton, Fordyce, St. Helena, and Obert.

CKRWP conducted an exhaustive search for a groundwater source. However, at the end of the day, it proved too costly to develop a source near the existing distribution system and to build a new treatment plant and treat the water. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with the city of Yankton, SD to purchase water from their system. Engineering is underway to design the bore under the Missouri River, and the necessary pipeline, tanks, and pumps to connect the two systems. CKRWP appreciates the relationship with the City and looks forward to growing the partnership.

Phase I of the project is set to begin this fall and includes improvements to pipeline in the existing distribution system and replacement of Tank #3 located north of Hartington. Caldwell Tanks, Inc. was awarded the contract to construct the elevated tank which will replace the existing problematic standpipe. Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc. was awarded the contract to install over 20 miles of pipeline upgrades. These upgraded water mains will parallel existing lines, adding some much-needed capacity to the distribution system. Once Phase I is completed CKRWP will be able to make new connections in the Aten and South Yankton area, which has been at full capacity for several years. Additionally, the upgraded pipeline increases capacity along the Lake, making it possible to provide service to a satellite station for the Crofton Volunteer Fire Department and to keep pace with ever-increasing construction in the area.

This is an exciting time for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project! We at CKRWP work hard to provide quality drinking water and these projects will position the district to serve our valuable customers for generations to come.

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TTHM Violation

Early this summer, during the floods in northwest Iowa, the gates at the dam were closed to reduce the flow of water down the Missouri River. The rising lake level and local heavy rains at the same time contributed to very turbid water, requiring much more chlorine to maintain the normal chlorine residual leaving the treatment plant, resulting in a TTHM (disinfection byproduct) violation. Experiences like this are one more reason to be excited about connecting with Yankton as their groundwater source will be much more consistent and require less chlorination which will virtually eliminate the TTHM issues we now face.

Texting Service

CKRWP is excited to announce the launch of TextMyGov, a text messaging service created to inform customers about important updates, especially disruptions in water service.

Call the office to sign up to receive location-based text alerts.

Seeking CKRWP Advisory Committee Member

The Cedar Knox Rural Water Project is guided by an Advisory Committee consisting of 9 CKRWP customers. There is currently a vacant seat on the Advisory Committee, if you are interested in serving on the committee contact CKRWP at 402-254-6758.

Water Rates

This past year has been busy with maintenance and improvements to the distribution system. As maintenance and operating costs go up, CKRWP must adjust rates to address increases. Each year we evaluate what will be needed to operate and maintain the system. We also look at the necessary projects ahead of us and determine how and when to best address the needed maintenance and the cost to the system. Our goal is to cover cost while building adequate reserve to cover unexpected expenses and emergencies.

New rates will go into effect October 1, 2024. New rate charts were sent out with the August statements.

Automatic Bank Withdrawal Option

Automatic withdrawal is a convenient payment option that CKRWP has been offering customers. CKRWP is now offering new and existing customers that have elected automatic bank withdrawal, as a payment option, to be able to choose either the 5th or 15th of the month as the withdrawal date.

Meter Pits

Please refrain from moving meters up and down in the meter pit. Meter assemblies are designed to be stationary and not intended to be frequently moved. Meter assemblies should only be handled by CKRWP staff. Damage incurred from customers handling the meter is outside of normal wear and tear and could result in the customers being charged for repairs.

All customers need to have their own master shut off valve separate from the service valve in the meter pit.

With the cold weather approaching it is a good idea to make sure the insulation pillow in the meter pit is in place on top of the meter. The foam pillow is the only protection from the meter freezing and it is the customer's responsibility to make sure it is in

Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship



The CKRWP Advisory Committee and Staff are pleased to announce Tessa Haahr as the recipient of the Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship. Tessa is the daughter of Jason & Marie Haahr and a 2024 graduate of Cedar Catholic. Tessa is studying Animal Science at Mitchell Tech.

Congratulations Tessa!!

Cross Connection

CKRWP's top priority is providing high quality water to customers. The potential of water contamination exists if one customer has a cross connection, which is a connection between a rural water pipe and another source (well). A cross connection can allow contaminants to enter the drinking water supply and can be hazardous to humans. You might not think of your home as having a hazard that might affect the water supply, however, a common garden hose submerged in a pool or a bucket with soap or cleaning products creates a cross connection. If water pressure drops, contaminants can enter the water system when the pressure of the pollution source exceeds the pressure of the potable water source, called backflow. This reversed pressure may result from leaks or repairs to a water main. Once the contaminated water is in the lines it can spread quickly to hundreds of people. Remember that you will usually be the first person affected if a backflow incident happens in your home or on your farm. We encourage all our customers to review their household and farm water system for any cross connections and to install back flow devices in locations where cross connections exist.

Report an Unknown Leak Credit

Cedar Knox Rural Water Project makes every effort to manage our system to conserve water and reduce water loss. However, leaks occur and with more than 400 miles of buried pipeline they can be difficult to locate. CKRWP is now offering a \$25 credit to your water bill when you report an unknown water leak on the CKRWP side of the meter. The BLUE water tower north of Hartington cannot be reported for the credit.