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UPDATE: CKRWP Source Solution 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). The new source will address the limited lifespan of the intake in Lewis & Clark Lake, reduce disinfection byproducts, and increase system capacity. With these goals in mind, we are pleased to share the latest progress and upcoming steps for the CKRWP Source Solution and System Upgrades (SSSU) Project. An agreement to purchase high quality drinking water from Yankton, SD was finalized in late 2023. The SSSU Project will be completed over two construction phases.

Phase I of the SSSU Project includes replacement of the water standpipe located north of Hartington and improvements to pipeline in the existing distribution system. Caldwell Tanks, Inc. of Kentucky was awarded the contract for construction of the elevated tank and demolition of the problematic standpipe. Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc. of Minnesota was awarded the contract to install nearly 20 miles of pipeline upgrades. These upgraded water mains parallel existing lines, adding much-needed capacity to the distribution system. The Phase I improvements are nearing completion and will be brought into service in the coming weeks.

Engineers at Bartlett & West are currently designing Phase II of the SSSU project. This phase includes boring under the Missouri River to connect to Yankton's water system, construction of storage tanks, pump stations, and transmission mains. It is anticipated that the project will be bid this winter with construction to begin in the spring of 2026.

It is an exciting time for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project! The Advisory Committee Members and CKRWP Staff work hard to provide quality drinking water, and these projects will position the district to serve you for generations to come. We appreciate your continued support and thank you for choosing us.

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Project Manager

Rural Water Engineering Applications are now being Accepted in the South Yankton/Aten Area

The moratorium that was placed July of 2021 for the South Yankton and Aten area was lifted by the CKRWP Advisory Committee at the June 2025 meeting. CKRWP is now accepting applications for rural water service connections in that area.

Location Based Notification Alerts

CKRWP has recently changed companies providing location-based alerts via email, text message, and voicemail. Due to the switch, we are requesting customers call the office to update their contact information.

Want to Receive your Monthly Statement Quicker

Sign up for paperless billing with CKRWP and receive your monthly statement via your email address. Statements are emailed around the 25th of the month. You will receive a one-time \$5.00 credit when you elect to receive your monthly statement by email.

Excessive Water Use and Demand Charge

It is very important to be mindful of how much water you are using, especially when watering outside, to avoid receiving a large water bill due to the Demand Charge being applied.

Each standard water service connection consists of 1 Benefit Unit (BU) which allows for 27,000 gallons of water per billing cycle. The Demand Charge goes into effect after 27,000 gallons and the rate steadily increases the more water that is used.

Additional Benefit Units may be purchased for the current one-time fee of \$4,500 per BU which allows for an additional 27,000 gallons per billing cycle per additional BU.

Continuous Flow Message on Statement

If your monthly statement, from CKRWP, has a Continuous Flow message under the Messages area, it indicates water is going through your meter every 15 minutes in a 24-hour period. If you need help potentially isolating the source of the continuous flow, please call the office. We don't want you paying for water that you are not using.

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.

When cold weather approaches it is a good idea to make sure the insulation pillow in the meter pit is in place above the meter. The foam pillow is the only protection from the meter freezing and is the customer's responsibility to make sure it is in place.

Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship



The CKRWP Advisory Committee and Staff are pleased to announce Cameryn Fiscus as the recipient of the Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship. Cameryn is the daughter of Nick & Jennifer Fiscus and a 2025 graduate of Crofton High School. Cameryn is studying Elementary Education at Wayne State College.

Congratulations Cameryn!!

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.

Thank You for Reporting Unknown Leaks

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 appreciates receiving calls of possible leaks and since May of 2023, thirty-four (34) \$25 credits have been issued to customers that have reported an unknown leak.