

Osage RWD 6 Successfully Completes Multi-Purpose KAN STEP Project



Rural Water District No. 6 in Osage County recently completed construction of a new facility to better serve its customers. The district completed the construction of a combination pumping station with rechlorination, shop and office at a location south of Lyndon, Kan. Funded through a KAN STEP grant, the new facility is co-located with the district's existing elevated water tank on land the district already owned. The site is approximately two miles south of Lyndon, near the junction of U.S. Highway 75 and Kansas Highway 68. The project will allow the district to obtain water from Public Wholesale Water Supply District (PWWS) No. 12, which purchases and treats water from Melvern Reservoir under a marketing contract with the Kansas Water Office.

Osage RWD 6 was formed in the late 1960's. Construction of the district began in the early 1970's. Since then, the district has gradually expanded to serve water through 200 active meters, to a population of approximately 350 rural customers; the district covers an area of 45 square miles.

The KAN STEP grant for the project funded construction of a new pipeline, road crossing and connection to PWWS No. 12, as well as the new 38-ft. x 52-ft. building. It houses an office, board meeting room, restroom and shower, shop, storage, booster pump room and re-chlorination room. While the main purpose of the project was to allow Osage RWD No. 6 to obtain water through a new connection to PWWS No. 12, creating a redundancy with their existing

OSAGE COUNTY WATER PROJECT
 On Behalf of Rural Water District No. 6, Osage County, Kansas
 CDBG KANSTEP PROJECT: 14-ST-005
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE: \$ 183,624 **OSAGE COUNTY VOLUNTEERS: \$ 147,972**

PROJECT CONSULTANT: - Bartlett & West, Inc.	COUNTY COMMISSION: - Kenneth Kuykendall, Chairman - Gaylord Anderson - Fred Diver
INSPECTION & ASSISTANCE: - Kansas Rural Water Association	RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 6: - John Davied, Chairman - Randy Chenoweth, Director - Loren Eisler, Director - Don Garrett, Director - Dick Jackson, Director - Gerald McMillin, Director - Dan Dehn, Director, Operator - David Dehn, Operator - Donna Young, Bookkeeper
GRANT ADMINISTRATOR: - Governmental Assistance Service	
SUPPLIERS: - J & N Elliott Construction, Inc. - Wegler Builders	

source from Osage RWD No. 7, the project also helps the district consolidate its operations and resources under one roof. The KAN STEP grant provided \$183,624 in funds, while local volunteers contributed services equivalent to \$147,972 toward the project. The Kansas Rural Water Association provided inspection services and technical support to the project. KRWA KAN STEP Tech Joe Schmelzle assisted with major aspects of the project from the foundation to the layout of the electrical system. The project consultant was Bartlett & West; grant administration was provided by Governmental Accounting Services, Lawrence, Kan.

KAN STEP is a program administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce. KAN STEP is an ongoing, competitive self-help program for communities to address water, sewer and public building needs through self-initiative with fewer dollars. The pre-application indicates that unlike other CDBG programs that require matching funds in order to realistically compete for CDBG funds, the KAN STEP program allows applicants to pledge volunteer labor, donated equipment and privately-donated land to count as match. Communities must demonstrate readiness (perception of the problem and willingness to take action to

solve it), capacity (human resources to solve the problem) and documented cost savings. The maximum amount awarded for a KAN STEP grant is \$300,000, but also the award cannot exceed a funding cap of \$2,000 per beneficiary. Funding is awarded through a semi-annual competitive grant process. The next pre-application funding deadline is February 15, 2017. Additional information about the KAN STEP application process can be obtained from the Kansas Department of Commerce's Web site or by contacting KAN STEP program administrator Salih Doughramaji by phone at 785/296-3610.



Layout of the building was done on 7/10/2015. Following footings and foundation walls, the first floor pour was made on 9/29/2015.




District Operator Dan Dehn is joined by Board Chairman John Davied and RWD 6 Board Member Loren Eissler in putting the final torque on the piping on the booster pump.


Construction of the new Osage RWD No. 6 facility began in late 2015 and was completed in September 2016. There were 25 volunteers who provided more than 2,400 hours of labor toward the project. The valve providing water from PWWSD No. 12 to Osage RWD No. 6 was opened at the end of August and a final inspection of the building was completed in mid-September. Osage RWD No. 6's board and staff plan an open house in the near future to recognize and honor their volunteers and to show off this new facility to district customers.

The KRWA web site at <http://krwa.net> includes information and examples of the 82 KAN STEP projects.

www.krwa.net/TECHNICAL-ASSISTANCE/KAN-STEP



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KAN STEP Community Development Program

Sponsored by the Kansas Department of Commerce, KAN STEP is designed to help communities with an acknowledged community improvement problem. A minimum of 40 percent savings of typical "retail costs" must be shown through this self-help process. Types of facilities that qualify include improvements to water or sewer systems and buildings. Examples of eligible buildings includes senior centers, community buildings, and fire stations. The program is designed to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The Kansas Rural Water Association provides inspection services and technical assistance to the KAN STEP program. For more information, visit KDOC's website: [KAN STEP Program](http://www.kdoc.com).

As of August 1, 2016, the KAN STEP program has funded 87 projects that would have retail costs totaling **\$39,323,113**. Volunteers will donate \$17,240,135 for a cost reduction of 43.8% of retail cost.

List of Projects

- Agra Water System 09-2006
- Altoona Fire Station 07-2010
- Anderson Co. Fire Station at Colony 12-2011
- Auburn Civic Center 06-2007
- Axtell Fire Station 05-2004
- Belvue Fire Station 06-2006
- Bentley Senior Center 09-2009

Projects	No. of Projects	CDBG Grants	Volunteer Labor	Total Project
Waterlines	17	\$ 3,715,664	\$ 2,807,546	\$ 6,523,227
Community Centers	26	\$ 6,581,837	\$ 4,828,028	\$ 11,409,891
Fire Stations	36	\$ 9,386,855	\$ 7,801,172	\$ 17,188,063
Misc. Buildings	8	\$ 2,398,535	\$ 1,803,389	\$ 4,201,932
Total	87	\$22,082,891	\$ 17,240,135	\$ 39,323,113