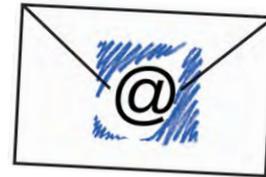


# Letters



**S**everal of the water districts in which I am operator have been the recipients of expert help and consultation. Doug Guenther has worked with Saline RWD 7 and Saline RWD 8 to help try and locate water loss with sounder equipment as we close and open valves during the night when consumption is lowest; we've tested master meters for accuracy. Doug has also helped troubleshoot chlorination issues with Saline RWD 8. When we were navigating through the lead and copper rule monitoring, Monica Wurtz was quite helpful walking us through the maze of requirements. More recently, Pat McCool's assistance was helpful (and continues to be), as we struggle with low water production from all three of the wells owned by McPherson RWD 1. I appreciate each one's eagerness to help as we have dealt with problems.

Thanks to Mark Thomas' help to develop GIS mapping of three of the Saline RWD systems. These maps will be invaluable in the future, to have permanent and accurate maps of the infrastructure. The files of these maps are accessible for measurements and planning.

*Bruce Spare  
Operator  
Saline RWDs 3, 7, 8; McPherson RWD 1*

**Thank you KRWA for your** donation to the 2018 Riley County Public Works EXPO. We appreciate your support and generosity. Without sponsors this event could not take place.

The Riley County 2018 EXPO was held May 30th. With the increased number of sponsorships this year's event offered more activities, new games, more bounce houses and an abundance of prizes for attendees. Approximately 600 people attended the 3-hour event.

We are very excited and look forward to future events to create public awareness about Public Works.

Thank you again,

*Vicky McCallum  
Admin. Assistant II  
Riley County Public Works*

**I just wanted to say Thank You** to the KRWA Board of Directors and KRWA staff for presenting me with the award of Kansas Rural Water Manager of the Year. It was quite an honor. It is an enjoyment to work with each and every one of you. All of the help that KRWA staff does is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

*Ron Nuss  
Manager  
Russell RWD 3*

**They say it is never to late to say** "Thank You", so I wanted to express my belated appreciation for the Utility Superintendent of the Year Award that was presented to me at the KRWA Annual Conference, March 29, 2017.

I have had the privilege of working with and receiving assistance from many different KRWA staff for nearly 30 years and have attended a countless number of training sessions. I've learned a lot from them and feel a deeper connection with some. I believe that being associated with your organization, in part, has helped me to become the person I am today and where I am at in my career.

The Kansas Rural Water Association is a top quality organization and all of the staff deserves recognition and awards in their own right by serving the needs of numerous water and wastewater systems in the State of Kansas. Your dedication to serve is unprecedented and fulfills the needs of many.

Thanks again for all you and your staff do for the people you serve in the water and wastewater industry.

*James Boyer  
Utility Superintendent  
City of Spring Hill*

**Just want to again say thanks for** Mark's (Thomas) work here yesterday. He knocked out the collection by 2 p.m. and had the files to me first thing this morning and I already have the map product completed. This project was collecting all the signage in the city; we used the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices to code the signs. It took me ten minutes to bring in all the data points and assign the proper symbols to the codes.

Now we have a map that the city council will pass a mass ordinance adopting the map as the "official traffic control map" of the city of Enterprise.

*KE Canada  
City of Bentley*

**Just a quick "Thanks"** (to Pat McCool) for the training in Arkansas City. My new helper learned as well as myself. We try to keep our water and wastewater systems the best, and with your knowledge on the storage tanks and cleaning of lines, it is going to make us that much better. Let Bret and Monica know we enjoyed their presentations as well.



Cartoon by Linda Windler.

We had an issue come up in municipal court questioning the validity of a speed zone; the court clerk could not produce an ordinance showing it was an official zone. I suggested this to the city attorney and he agreed this was the best solution rather than an individual ordinance for each zone, each no parking, each stop sign, etc.

This will be a living document and each year it can be re-adopted to reflect any changes needed. By the way we collected 227 points. The other side to this was an issue I learned in Chapman after the tornado. FEMA required proof of existence of all signs lost in the tornado, they did not get all the money they could have if they would have had GIS data on their signs!

*Paul Froelich  
Superintendent  
City of Enterprise*

**The city of Strong City wishes to** express our Thank's to KRWA and Rita Clary for all of the work, time, effort and knowledge that she has given to the City, Shari and Yvonne since April 10th when we began these whirlwind projects, grants and loan documents!

Rita, we appreciate everything that you have done to help us with EVERYTHING!!!

THANK YOU!

*Shari DeWitt  
City Clerk  
Yvonne Kirk  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Strong City*

**I would like to thank your staff for** all of their hard work in assisting the City of Osage City on finding our water leak at the Osage Manor. We had an eight-inch water line feeding the manor underneath hard surfacing. The water was coming from a valve box and other different areas around the premise and we didn't know where to begin. Tony and Lonnie came down at a moment's notice with some listening equipment and started isolating

different areas of the pipe to pinpoint the leak. They eventually came to an area close to where the water line entered the building. They were getting some strong readings at this spot. We dug out this area close to the building and the water line was leaking in that exact spot. We were able to save on a large amount of concrete removal and were able to keep the manor from having a lot of water loss. Please pass this along to Tony and Lonnie for going above and beyond. We really appreciate their willingness to help out and assist under these conditions.

Thank you.

*Joey Lamond  
Director of Utilities  
City of Osage City*

**The city of Paola would like to give** a big Thank You out to KRWA. We had called Tony Kimmi to ask him about

some help in locating a water leak. He said that they had a listening device that he would be more than happy to bring down and give us a hand in seeing if we could track it down. It sure was a lifesaver; it saved us from having to do a lot of pot holing to find the leak. Thank you Tony.

We would also like to say Thank You to Charlie Schwindamann. We had a small subdivision that we seemed to be having an excess amount of I & I in the sanitary sewer. Charlie was able to supply the equipment needed to run a smoke test on the small system and helped us identify a few sources that were allowing the water to come in. Thank you Charlie.

We are proud to be a member of such a great organization. Thank you all for your help and keep up the good work.

*Kirk Rees  
Public Works Director  
City of Paola*

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