

2024 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT
Rural Water District #2
Sedgwick County, Ks.

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2024 was a very busy year for your 7 Board of Directors, who are all Water Benefit users of District 2. Each of these members volunteer their time with no compensation. They meet regularly to study the issues that come before them and strive to make decisions that will continuously improve Rural Water District 2.

We like to always have 3 Associate Board Members. Currently, we have none. Associate Members have no voting rights but serve as a ready Board Member when Board openings occur. If any Benefit User in District 2 would be interested in serving, please contact Deb.

In early Spring, after Engineering was completed, KDHE approved the District taking Bids on 5 Miles of 6 Inch Waterline from 109th & Hydraulic to 85th & Oliver. We received bids from 5 Contractors for this project. Estimates ranged from a low of \$1,001,449 to a high of \$2,575,000, a difference of (\$1,574,000). The District Engineer estimated a cost of \$1,743,000. The Board was very appreciative of the lower bid won by Mies Construction, located in Wichita. After Inspections, Engineering and Loan Administration, the project cost \$1,350,000. The District had prior Loan Approval for up to \$2 Million. District 2's Loan is for 30 years @ 2.75%.

This project began right after Memorial Day and installation was completed shortly after Labor Day in September. The Contractor was blessed with drier conditions, making for a speedy completion. The Board was very pleased with the results. The new line will help improve water pressure and increase water capacity.

In May, EPA required all Public Providers of Water to conduct Lead & Copper Home Surveys requesting water line information from the Meter to the House and throughout the House. EPA has a mandate to remove Lead lines in the United States. District 2, as your water supplier, must identify all construction materials used on both our side and the consumer side of the water meter. Every State is going through this process, requiring Cities and Water Districts to collect this information. We appreciate your completing & returning the surveys.

On August 5th, 2024, the District was notified by our water supplier that a Stage 2 Water Declaration had been enacted. The goal is to reduce water usage by 10% and limits outdoor watering and washing of vehicles or building structures. District 2 will continue in Stage 2 until notified differently. Thank You for your conservation efforts in reducing water usage as drought conditions continue to impact each of us.

As you can tell, 2024 was a busy year. As usual, many issues came up throughout the year that challenged your Board Operationally & Financially. Our Office Manager, Deb Gilbert, works diligently to provide you with great daily service and Brad Barbour, our District Technician, works every day to maintain a high, quality water system.

Thank You for attending tonight to hear more about your Water District.