## Rural Water District No. 2 2024 Annual Report District Information and Activities

We began the year of 2024 serving 583 Benefit Units, and added a net of 10 new units during the year, making the total number of Benefit Units in service at the end of 2024 total to be 589 (2 removed).

With the addition of offering our customers the option to pay their bills monthly by auto debit, the District ended the year with a total of 189 customers using this payment option.

The District robo call system that has been used several times to communicate benefit users regarding water outages, boil notices, and other issues has worked quickly and effectively.

The end of March brings the Kansas Rural Water Associations Annual Conference at which representatives of our system attend the various informative and training seminars that were held. This gives our system an excellent opportunity to continue to learn and grow with the new information and ideas that are presented in the various workshops. Dave Studebaker, Russ Leeds, Debbie Gilbert as well as Brad Barbour, our District operator all attended the various sessions.

As a water supplier, we are required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to have a Certified Operator collect water samples every two weeks and submit those samples for Bacteriological Analysis. All of the District's tests have been favorable during the year and continue to remain in compliance with this requirement. Brad Barbour is the Certified Operator for our District. In addition, Brad performs all routine maintenance, repairs, and new construction for our District. He is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to take care of any emergency that may arise and he works very diligently to insure that the District continually provides water service to all of our customers and all equipment is well maintained.

This year we responded to the challenge of the Lead & Copper Survey ordered by the state. We complied and had 243 returned out of 600. Many thanks once again to Jean Richert who provided many hours helping with the input of this information.

We had another challenge when our Mueller system transceiver quit and had to be replaced. The meter reading system has provided some challenges this year.

As part of the mandated Safe Drinking Water Act, every public water supplier is required to prepare a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on a yearly basis and provide that report to each of its consumers by July 1st of each year. The report is posted on the District website <a href="https://sedgwickrwd2.com/contact/">https://sedgwickrwd2.com/contact/</a> as well as a link posted to the KRWA on your monthly bill when it becomes available. This report provides several types of information to our consumers about their water source and any contaminates if detected. Thanks to KRWA, RWD's are no longer required to provide paper copies to its customers if they provide the

website where the CCR is available. All of the water samples met or exceeded all federal and state requirements during this period.

In addition, the District is required by KDHE to have written plans for Daily Chlorine Testing, Emergency Water Supply Plan, Water Disinfection Procedure, Locations of Bacteriological Analysis and a Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program. All of these mandated programs are very important and informative for our system and they are updated routinely as needed and required.

The District is required to maintain several types of insurance coverage. A Position Schedule Bond gives coverage for those who handle the Finances for the District. This covers the four officers of the District and any employees, with the amount of coverage at \$150,000. A Directors & Officers Liability Policy gives protection to Directors against litigation that may arise out of their conduct as board members. This coverage is extended to include any employees of the District and the amount of coverage is \$1,000,000. A combined General Liability and Worker Compensation Policy gives coverage for property liability, general liability, non-owned automobiles, office equipment and job-related injuries. Each year we review the current policies in effect and make any modifications necessary to insure that the District maintains adequate insurance coverage in all areas. The District is covered under the EMC policies through Anderson Peck Agency in Topeka.

The Board of Directors of District #2 consists of seven members, all of whom are participating members of the District. The following are the officers of RWD #2:

| Dave Studebaker  | Chairman      |
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| Randy Mark       | Vice Chairman |
| Russ Leeds       | Secretary     |
| Virginia Riemann | Treasurer     |
| Jack Wilson      | Director      |
| Tim Lipke        | Director      |
| John Rogers      | Director      |

Each of these Directors graciously donates their time, knowledge and expertise to perform the duties necessary to operate our system as required by our By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the District. If you have any interest in becoming involved as a Board Member or alternate, please contact our office.