



MAHASKA RURAL WATER



MARCH 2020

NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT OF MRWS

“To provide SAFE QUALITY WATER and related services to Mahaska County and surrounding areas at an affordable price.”

Mahaska Rural Water is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Mahaska Rural Water System, Inc.

The Annual Meeting of the members of Mahaska Rural System, Inc. will meet Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Enter on the east side of church. (The First Christian Church is located on the corner of A Avenue East and North First). There is parking across the street behind Jaarsma Bakery.

The Agenda will include:

- 1) Election of Directors
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Manager's Report and other routine business

Election of Two Directors

Area –Easterly

Steve Stek- Lives in Monroe Township and is engaged in farming

Joel Sout- Lives in Spring Creek Township and is employed at Farm Credit Services.

Area- Southeasterly

Roger Fynaardt- Incumbent, running unopposed

Area- Southwesterly

Howard Gordon- Incumbent, running unopposed.

PLEASE ATTEND YOUR ANNUAL MEETING
(Only members can vote, but tenants are welcome.)

A special THANKS goes to **Ron Knoot** who served 9 years representing the Easterly area.

Receive a \$5.00 CREDIT on your next water payment by attending the **Annual Meeting**. One credit per person attending and one credit per family please

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

For after-hours emergencies, call our listed number (641-673-8851) and follow the instructions given. One of our personnel will receive your call and will follow up as needed.

If you have water outage after hours, we typically put this message on the answering machine and give the area affected.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.mahaskaruralwater.com

Where you can pay online, sign up for alerts, print off forms, and view other useful information.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Looking for convenience with no extra charges, sign up for ACH! Visit our website or call the office for a form.

Other payment options: Debit/Credit cards (\$2.00 charge over the phone), Cash, Check, Money Order, Online Bill Pay (Through your personal bank), Website (\$2.50 per transaction)

E-STATEMENTS

It's convenient, eco-friendly and FREE!
Visit our website or call the office for a form.

DO YOU HAVE EXCESSIVE USAGE? THE FACTS ON LEAKS.

- A leaking toilet (faulty flapper) could lose anywhere from 100 - 12,000 gal/month
- A leaking shower head or faucet could lose 40-300 gal/month
- Check other areas of possible leaks such as Water Heaters, Spigots, and Service Lines

YEAR IN REVIEW

MRWS pumped 418.9 million gallons of water in 2019. This is an average of 1,147,000 gallons per day. This is a 4% decrease over last year. The decrease was due to the cool and rainy spring and fall. As we move into 2020, MRWS is in good shape to handle the water needs of our customers.

MRWS now serves water to 2,295 rural customers, 1,646 cities customers, and the City of Bussey as a bulk user. MRWS provides sewer service to 730 customers.

From our beginnings in 1980 of 880 customers and 76 million gallons of water pumped to now almost 40 years later, MRWS has been able to provide safe quality water to our customers. To date, we have provided 9.496 billion gallons of water. In 1980, the cities that received our water was Rose Hill and Keomah Village. To date, we now serve the cities of Rose Hill (water and sewer), University Park (water and sewer), Keomah Village (water), Beacon (water and sewer), Fremont (water), Leighton (water and sewer), Lynndana Acres (sewer), Tracy (water and sewer), Hamilton (water and sewer), New Sharon (water), and Bussey (water). MRWS serves water to many local businesses, livestock (cattle, dairy, chicken, pork) and most importantly, to you and your children. As growth in our area continually expands, MRWS is committed to supplying the needs of our customers and maintaining stable water rates.

We say thank you to all our past board members for the vision that has created Mahaska Rural Water System, Inc.

REWARD

MRWS will pay \$10 cash to any person who advised the office of a verifiable water distribution leak.

Leaks may be visible by wet spots along the water line. If you identify or suspect a water line leak, phone 641-673-8851. If the leak is verified by MRWS, you'll receive a \$10 cash reward. Thanks for helping curb your cost of water.