



MAHASKA RURAL WATER



MARCH 2019

NEWSLETTER

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Mahaska Rural Water System, Inc.

Directors

Mark Franje, President
Roger Fynaardt, Vice President
Jon Goemaat, Sec./Treasurer
Larry Van Maanen
Jon Butler
Howard Gordon
Ron Knoot

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Brad Mc Mahan
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The Annual Meeting of the members of Mahaska Rural System, Inc. will meet Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 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 -Northwesterly

Mark Franje- Incumbent, running unopposed

Area- Westerly

Mark Boender- Lives in Lincoln Township. He is the owner of Boender Excavation and is engaged in farming.

Keith Van Waardhuizen- Lives in Scott Township. He is engaged in farming.

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.

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

DON'T ASSUME

It is important to check your bill as soon as it arrives for any changes in your usage, especially those who pay for a place that is unoccupied.

This includes people who pay with Direct Withdrawal.

MISSION STATEMENT OF MRWS

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

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.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Visit our website at:
www.mahaskaruralwater.com

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

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)

Save money on postage and go paperless! Visit our website or call the office for a form.

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.

Mahaska Rural Water is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

YEAR IN REVIEW

MRWS pumped 438.0 million gallons of water in 2018. This was a 3% increase over last year, an average of 1,200,000 gallons per day. 2018 usage was the highest amount of water pumped, which eclipsed 2012 when we pumped 432.4 million gallons or an average of 1,180,000 gallons per day. As we move into 2019, MRWS is in good shape to handle the water needs of our customers. Since 2012, we have constructed two more wells giving us a total of six, and added another high service pump giving a total of four. On an average day, we run three wells at a time and two high service pumps. MRWS is now able to treat 1,600 gallons per minute and pump out 1,400 gallons per minute. This allows us to treat an average of 1.9 million gallons per day, with a maximum of 2.3 million per day. The difference between average and maximum per day, as stated by DNR, is we must treat an average day usage in 20 hours.

MRWS now serves water to 2,285 rural customers, 1,045 city customers, and The City of Bussey as a bulk user. MRWS provides sewer service to 705 customers.

Beginning on January 1, 2018, MRWS took over operations and ownership of the City of New Sharon water system. MRWS is using New Sharon wells and water treatment plant. In 2018, a total of 57.8 million gallons of water was treated and pumped for an average of 158,000 gallons per day to serve the 595 customers. MRWS has completed remodeling of the old plant with new filters, high service pumps, and new water holding tank. Plans for 2019 include a new 6" raw water main from the North Skunk River to the water plant as well as replacing select old water mains and fire hydrants.

From our beginnings in 1980 with 880 customers and 76 million gallons of water pumped, to where we are today; we say thank you to all our past board members for the vision that has created Mahaska Rural Water System, Inc.

A special THANKS goes to **Jon Butler** who served a total of 15 years representing the Westerly area.