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## **PWSD#5**

### **Public Water Supply District #5**

#### **2nd Quarter Newsletter 2024**

**Website:**

<https://pwsd5camdencountymo.com/>

### **OLD KINDERHOOK IS ON BOARD!**

For quite some time, the Board has been in conversations with Old Kinderhook (OK) to determine interest in joining the District. As of late February, their Water/Sewer Advisory Board and the developers have verbally committed to joining the District. Some of you may be wondering why a partnership might be advantageous. First, the larger number of customers a utility service has, the larger base there is to spread the cost when maintenance, equipment replacement, or expansion takes place. Second, having public water and sewer is an added value to each owner's property whether that be existing or future owners. Third, by annexing OK, the District will have access to utilizing existing pipes in order to connect the new well to Cedar Heights. And fourth, it simply makes sense to join entities for the betterment of the environment. The Board's attorney (Aaron Elsworth) and engineer (Darren Kreibel) are working with OK's attorney (Gary Smith) to finalize the partnership. Once the annexation process has been completed, the next steps include executing the contract with the low bidder to drill the well and OK will begin paying the same rate as current customers of the district.

**Board Meetings** are held monthly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Locations change so please email if you would like to come or need information. [Pwsdno5@gmail.com](mailto:Pwsdno5@gmail.com)

### **FUNDS FOR THE NEW WELL**

Discussing money, the District submitted an application to the MO Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for funds. There is a strong possibility that the District would qualify for 50% grant funds with the impending partnership with OK. The remainder of the funds would be a low-interest loan. This information will not be available until October. PWSD #5 continues to keep the Camden County Commissioners and Auditor apprised of progress regarding the potential partnership with OK and the drilling of a new well. They have been very complimentary of the work being done and are timely in reimbursing the district of costs incurred. As a reminder, the county committed \$939,802.50 of state American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the District for the well project. These are dollars that will NOT have to be repaid. Other avenues for funding that are being investigated include issuing additional bonds and/or pursuing funds from a local lending institution.

**RATES** The Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA), of which PWSD #5 is a member, has recently conducted a study. The short version is – the sewer rates are on target at \$45 per month; however, MRWA suggests that the water rates be increased. Their suggestion was between \$40 and \$45 per month. The Board will be discussing this at upcoming meetings, but rest assured, keeping rates reasonable is a priority



Happy Spring

## NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Bonnie is still your first person to call if you notice a water or sewer problem or if you have questions or a billing issue. The following is the information you will need.

### PWSD#5

**1767 Lakewood Ranch Blvd PMB 286  
Bradenton, Florida 34211**

**Phone # 573-280-5416**

Bonnie will still be present by Zoom on our monthly meetings and will come back to Missouri Quarterly for the PWSD#5 meetings.

### AUTO PAY

If you have your account on auto pay with your bank, please make sure you change the mailing address and the amount that is due quarterly to \$246.

### CREDIT CARD

If you would like to pay by credit card, here is the link:

<https://connect.ebizcharge.net/PWSD5>

**WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE PAST DUE** The Board of Directors at their March 19, 2024, meeting have discussed the past due policy. The following is effective immediately. Finance Charges will be assessed on everyone beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. being past due.

**The following is the collection procedure.**

1. A delinquency letter will be sent 15 days after the billing cycle due date.
2. The beginning of the next quarter, finance charges will be charged and a late notice sent out.
3. A red shut off notice will be placed on your door and mailed to known address. This is your final warning; water will be shut off in 10 days.

### YOUR COSTS TO REINSTATE WATER SERVICE

1. Cost to disconnect \$100 plus cost of disconnection locks, labor (Minimum additional charge \$50). To reconnect charged \$100 reconnection fee, \$500 deposit refundable at closing of account.
2. To reconnect pay all back charges to present must be paid in full.
3. Finance charges on all unpaid balances at a rate of 2% per month on all past due balances.

## Water Metering

Recently it has been discussed especially with the owners who do VRBO or AIRBNB about metering water for those units/houses. There have been numerous studies that show they do not use more water than a normal owner would. PWSD#5 will not meter. For those that insist they be metered, the cost of the meter and maintenance of it would be the owner's responsibility and the metered owner would have a minimum charge per quarter of \$246.

1. The average person uses 101.5 gallons per day inside their house – a hotel guest will use 100-200 per day
2. Restaurants average between 3000-7000 per day
3. Personal Sprinklers use between 5-10 gallons per minute
4. Personal Hot Tubs use an average of 3 gallons per day
5. Personal pools are likely to use more water during hot pool months with filtering
6. Tub bath uses 42 gallons compared to a shower of 17 gallons
7. One toilet flush uses 5-7 gallons unless it is a new home where it will use 1.5 gallons

**Water loss chart** – Keep your plumbing in good working order, here are a few things that can cause large water loss.

a. Dripping faucet	10,800 gallons per month
b. Leaking toilet	21,600 gallons per month
c. Irrigation drip	43,200 gallons per month
d. Water Garden	18,000 gallons per month
e. Unattended water hose 1 night	5,400 gallons per month
f. Broken Houseline 1 night	8,100 gallons per month
g. Wash machine stuck check valve	240 gallons per load

**A big thank you to Terry Reaka for his service on the Board of Directors for the water – sewer board. Terry moves in April. Rick Johnson will be filling his shoes.**