

## How We Can Help Each Other

■ We have Electronic Payment available. You can visit the District Office and complete the form and provide a voided check. Payment for your water bill will be taken from your specified bank account near the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. You will continue to receive a payment coupon showing the amount of water charged.

■ The District Office needs your current phone and contact information in case of an emergency related to your water service.

■ If your bill shows a Past Due amount, your account is considered delinquent and will appear as a disconnect for non-payment status. The Past Due amount should be paid by the first day of each month. If water service is disconnected because of non-payment, the bill must be paid completely including all related charges. That payment must be paid at the District Office once the disconnect has taken place.

■ Please keep the area around your meter free of weeds, brush and debris. Mark it with a post or flag.

■ Keeping the lid secure on the meter pit is important. Rodents can enter the pit and cause damage. Mowing over the lid can cause the lid and transmitter under the lid to be damaged by the mower blades.

■ Please call Missouri One Call, Inc. before you dig. 1-800-344-7483 (1-800-DIG-RITE) Missouri Law requires at least two full working days and not more than 10 days advance notice of excavation activities except for emergencies.

■ The Consumer Confidence Report is on our website with a link, [Water Quality](#). A copy is available from the District Office upon request.

***Our meter reading system can detect any meter not having a zero-consumption hour during the 24 hour period prior to reading. If you think your usage is higher than normal, we will look to see if your meter is one which has been identified as not having had a zero-consumption hour. Should you have a potential leak, the investigation and repair, if any is needed, is your responsibility.***

## Our Continued Commitment

*The Clay storage tank has been repainted and a two-day Sanitary Survey has been completed with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Storm damage across the county from 2014 fall rains at 8 different locations is being repaired in tandem with FEMA funding.*

*At the same time the maintenance staff continues to move forward with water main locates required by the fiber cable project of Northeast Rural Telephone on the west side of Adair County. The staff responded to more than 815 locates related to this project in the fall of 2014 alone.*

*Both the locates required to respond to the telephone project and the repair of the excessive rain damage continue. The primary goal of ACPWSD#1 continues to be the delivery of clean, fresh quality water to every customer while operating a distribution system that is well-maintained and reliable... always at an affordable cost for every consumer.*



### ACPWSD #1 Staff

Paul Hazen—District Manager and Board Treasurer  
Todd Hill—Assistant District Manager  
Gina Moran—District Clerk and Board Secretary  
Pam Lutz—Posting Clerk  
Cathy Gregory—Cashier Clerk  
Gerald Snelling—District Serviceman  
Ryan Elsea—District Serviceman

### Board Members

Brent Motter—President  
Dwight Hart—Vice President  
Gregg Fast—Member  
Tom Primmer—Member  
Bill Sanders—Member



# Adair County Public Water Supply District #1



## Rural Water Users' Guide & Report

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## Our "Roots"

Since 1968, the ACPWSD#1 has been dedicated to providing a source of clean, fresh, quality water to those living in Adair County. The beginning board members, Sam Motter, President, Frank Pickens, Vice President, Jolene Cody, Secretary, Hollis Bradley, Treasurer, and Charles Morris, Gale Cody, and Harry Salisbury, Board Members and Vance Frick, Attorney, were the first leaders of the District.

By January, 1969 an application was in place with the Farm and Home Administration to move forward with financing and a plan for service signups began. The City of Kirksville was contacted for a source of water and a secretary was hired at a rate of \$1.50 per hour while a campaign for signup news coverage was determined. Fees for hookups were at a rate of \$50 per connection and on June 5, 1969 board members met with FHA officials in Columbia for possible funding

By September 549 potential customers had stepped forward as customers for water service with the treasurer's report indicating that the bank accounts in the Bank of Kirksville had \$200 while the First National amount was \$592 and \$26,100 was invested in time certificates. In December, 1969 ACPWSD#1 board members again met with FHA officials in Columbia. The future of water availability across Adair County was going to be a reality!

The first office for the water district was located in the Adair County Courthouse on the ground floor. In 1978 the office was moved to the present location on North Green Street. The first truck for service was purchased in November, 1978 from Reiser Ford in Kirksville while in July of the same year a photocopier was purchased. Prior to that, carbon paper was used for multiple copies or a visit to Baldwin Biz Mart was necessary. A Motorola tower for radio transmission was installed in 1980 for communication between service staff and the district office. Cell phones were still a dream to connect people.

1984 found the district purchasing 151,760,300 gallons of water from the City of Kirksville at a cost of \$272,455.21 serving 1930 connections and recorded by 4 master meters. The close of 2014 saw the district having 3007 connections and purchasing 229,633,496 gallons of water for the period of December, 2013 through November, 2014

## "Roots" Continued

from the City of Kirksville read by 9 master meters. The same time span also recorded a purchase of 653,300 gallons from Schuyler County.

In 1979, the first 1,000 gallons of water were available at \$7.70 while in 2014 the rate had grown to \$16.12. Rates are adjusted as the wholesale cost is determined. Our sources for water are the City of Kirksville, Consolidated Public Water Supply District #1 of Schuyler County and Putnam Public Service District although we purchase only from the first two at this time.

The water district board has had 31 members serve since its beginning in 1968. The first president, Sam Motter served for 13 years and his grandson, Brent is also president of the board and has served since 1996. The dream of quality water for Adair County residents still is *alive and well!*

## Water Facts

Did you know that:

- 85% of the world population lives in the driest half of the planet.
- 783 million people do not have access to clean water and almost 2.5 billion do not have access to adequate sanitation.
- Global population growth projections of 2 to 3 billion people over the next 40 years, combined with changing diets will result in a predicted food demand of 70% by 2050.
- With expected increases in population by 2030, food demand is predicted to increase by 50% while energy demand from hydropower and other renewable energy resources will rise by 60%. These problems are interconnected--increasing agricultural output for example will substantially increase both water and energy consumption, leading to increased competition between water-using sectors.
- Economic growth and individual wealth are shifting diets from predominately starch-based foods to meat and dairy products which require more water. Producing 2.2 pounds of rice for example requires 950 gallons of water,

## Water Facts Continued

2.2 pounds of beef requires 3,962 gallons of water, and a cup of coffee requires 40 gallons. This dietary shift is the greatest to impact on water consumption over the past 30 years, and is likely to continue well into the middle of the twenty-first century.

Paralleling these numbers is the issue of pollution in our world. Please note:

- Up to 90% of wastewater in developing countries flows untreated into rivers, lakes and highly productive coastal zones, threatening health, food security and access to safe drinking and bathing water.

- Over 80% of used wastewater worldwide is not collected or treated.

*([www.unwater.org/water-cooperation-2013](http://www.unwater.org/water-cooperation-2013))*

## When You Need Service

Customers are required to place a deposit with the District in order to begin service. Our current deposit charges are:

▶ Landowner Meter Deposit	\$ 50.00
▶ Renter Meter Deposit	\$ 125.00
▶ Short Side Meter Set	\$ 900.00
▶ Long Side Meter Set/Gravel	\$1,350.00
▶ Long Side Meter Set/Blacktop	\$1,450.00
▶ <u>After Hours Service Charge</u>	
To Locate And Turn Off Water	\$ 75.00

## When You Need More Information

Our web site is [www.adaircountypwsd1.com](http://www.adaircountypwsd1.com) and we invite you to visit to learn more about your water district. Visit [www.moruralwater.org](http://www.moruralwater.org) to learn about Missouri rural water information. Searching there will provide you information about training and conferences for rural water district employees, what other districts are doing and guidelines and regulations from the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency among others.