



SOUTHERN IOWA RURAL WATER

Winter Addition

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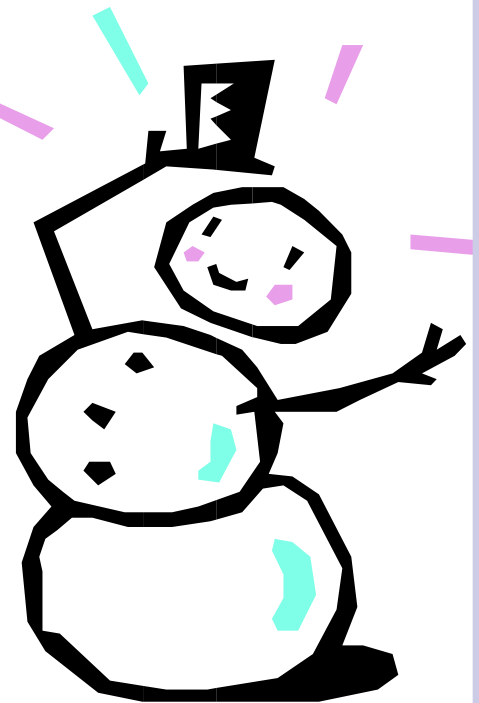
It's hard to believe that 2005 is coming to an end. What a busy year it has been! I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the projects SIRWA is working on.

In the Office: SIRWA has changed the billing statements from a post card style to a full page format with a return envelope. Although it may seem like a waste of money to send a return envelope to all our customers, even those with an automatic payment account or a credit balance, having each piece of mail uniform qualifies us for a discounted mailing price. The postage savings we receive outweighs the cost of the return envelope. Another added benefit for using the full page statement is that we are able to include our newsletter along with the statement, which also saves our customers money.

NW Adair Rural Water Project: A majority of the water users are signed and returned to the office where we are working on completing the needed easements. We have hired Louis Berger Group to perform the archeological field survey in the areas we are proposing to install our water mains. Once completed, this will ensure that we will not dig through any historically significant sites. We plan on going to bid with this project in February of 2006, with a start date for construction to begin in the spring of 2006. Depending on the contractor, we hope to have water service to at least a few customers by the end of 2006.

Shannon City On-Site Wastewater Project: Forty-three services are now online, with one left to install, hopefully by the end of this year. Although some of our test results have had higher than normal readings, we are monitoring these systems very closely so we can rectify any problems that may present themselves.

Thayer Wastewater Collection Project: We're currently working on the design of the wastewater collection system for Thayer. The final treatment system will be a lagoon located outside of town. Each service will have its own grinder pump instead of the conventional gravity system that often requires the mains to be buried extremely deep. Each grinder pump will push the effluent through small diameter forced mains to the wastewater treatment lagoon. We are hoping to bid this project in March of 2006.



Macksburg Wastewater Collection Project: Macksburg's wastewater system will be patterned after the Thayer system. We're hoping to take this project to bid in late 2006 or early 2007.

New Water Service Customers: SIRWA is on track to install an additional 200 new customers to our existing water system in 2005.

Gooseberry Lake – Ringgold County: This project received a boost this year when it was awarded a "Habitat Stamp Grant" to help purchase approximately 300 acres of land. The project also received a grant for \$1,050,000, dispersed over a four year time period, from Vision Iowa through the Community Attraction & Tourism fund. Part of this grant will be used to initiate land purchases in 2006.

Clarke County Reservoir – Clarke County: Possible sites have now been narrowed down to three different locations North & West of Osceola. The National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is giving direction to help the sponsors choose the best location.

102 River Valley Authority (102 RVA) – Taylor County: The 102 RVA is in the process of securing signatures on the 28E Agreement from all sponsors in order to become an official organization. Hopefully funding can be established in order to start the process of locating a suitable site for a lake.

Madison County Reservoir Commission – Madison County: This organization was formed this year. With the help of NRCS, they have narrowed down the lake location to the Clanton Creek Watershed Area.

Tenant/Owner Billing Agreement: We now have a form available to landlords who would like to keep informed of the account status of their rental properties. By signing this form, the tenant gives SIRWA permission to send copies of any correspondence regarding their account, to the landlord. It will be the responsibility of the landlord to obtain the signature of their tenant and have it notarized. SIRWA has several notaries on staff, if it is more convenient for the renter to fill the form out at our office. If you would like to receive a copy of this document, feel free to contact our office.



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Not pictured: L. Antidel, J. Freese, C. Levi, C. Paulus, D. Shepherd, and K. Swanson.