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NEWSLETTER

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Regional Water

Tom Kallman, General Manager of Regional Water, Rural Water Association, shared that he was born one of 12 children in 12.5 years!! He attended UNL on an ROTC scholarship and served in the Army for 29 years, last as Brigade Commander at Ft. Knox, KY. He and his wife then retired on a little hobby farm near Avoca. He realized he still wanted to serve when this job opened up and it fits his previous job experience well.



Historically, a group of six farmers in Shelby Co. started the company in 1972 to make sure they had water to keep their cattle alive. Over time it grew to be a rural water district to help more people around them, and now serves Shelby County, most of rural Pott Co., pieces of Cass Co, Audubon Co., Harrison Co. and a slice of Mills Co. There are 19 rural water districts in the state. The mission of Regional Water is to provide quality, reliable water to this assigned area in the state. Kallman stated they are in the middle of the largest project to date with three projects going on at the same time totaling more than $20 million.

In Pott. Co. many people have shallow wells, and some rural people, as well as towns, want a back-up system. Tom stated that Treynor is one of the prized towns in Pott. Co. because of where it is located. He thinks Treynor will grow and the water needs will go up. People need power and water. He is in discussion with Treynor about what might be needed in the future.

A map was shared showing the two projects in this area. (See the attached map.) One is the Pioneer Trail pipeline and the other is the Minden pipeline. The Pioneer Trail project was first conceived five years ago for Regional Water. Regarding the Minden pipeline, Tom stated their wellfield in Shelby Co. is making less water than needed because of the drought. Rainfall has been about 10 inches below average in the past several years. That has reduced capacity by 3.5 – 5 million gallons per month. The demand has gone up over the past 20 years by an average of 17%.

Council Bluffs is the only reliable water source with so much capacity. The Council Bluffs well field is under the influence of the Missouri River. Council Bluffs is very agreeable to serving water to SWI. Some people presently go to retail points in CB to buy water and some take a truck every week.

Safety of the water was discussed. Kallman stated there is a two-page list of routine tests for bacteria, phosphates, etc. The water is tested every day throughout the system.

The pipeline project is mostly funded by the USDA. Some funds come from people connecting to the system with fees. Many communities can get grants. 40-year notes to the federal government can be well below the market rate based on income.

SCADA (Supervisory Control and Discovery Acquisition) is an electronic monitoring system that monitors water pressure 24 hrs. a day. A person will be on site in 30 mins. if there is an issue.

Questions answered were: 1) Greatest obstacle? Unmarked utilities. 2) Why is some pipe in the ditch and some on people's land? Private easements on people's property are needed. The cost is 1/3 laying pipe on land rather than the ditch. 3) Why different sizes? Size is based on demand. The largest pipe size on Hwy 6 is 12". They size it down as pressure is needed. 4) How deep are pipes laid? Pipes must be laid below the frost line. In this region it can vary from 5-7 ft. With streams, roads, railroad crossings, etc. there are different requirements. Kallman stated there are 92 streams and road crossings on the project. 5) What pipe is used? The pipe has black rubber gaskets and a 50-70 year life expectancy with a glycerin lubricant which seals tighter as the water flows through. Dirt without any metal or large rock in it must be put around the pipes. 6) How fast do you decide on an applicant? Applicants should hear back from Regional Water within a week. If not, call him at the number below.

Kallman also talked about booster stations, adjustment of the map seven times before final approval, some highway right of ways not being as wide as required, and the reasoning for field hydrant locations.

"Build America, Buy America" is the government requirement. There are seven PVC pipe

manufacturers in America. Before the requirement, electronics were outsourced to Europe and China. In America there is just one major chips manufacturer so now there are up to 12-month delays.

The Pioneer Trail project will be running by this next spring/summer. The Minden project won't be ready then because of the delay in the electronics for the booster station.

Individuals can apply and get hooked up. Kallman said it doesn't matter how far you are from the pipes, but it may take longer because a spur line must be laid. They will work with you to get the cost down by encouraging neighbors to participate. Costs can be quite high depending on how far off the line and how big the pipe is to connect. If you have neighbors along the way who would join, it can reduce the cost.

Questions: Contact Tom Kallman, office 712-343-2413, gm.rwrwa@gmail.com. Regional Water Association, 108 Hwy 59, Avoca, IA 51521.

This summary was edited and approved by the speaker.

Next week's Program:

The Optimist Club will not meet next week. The speaker for Sat., Jan. 4 will be announced later.

FAMOUS QUOTE

"The world needs who you were made to be." Joanna Gaines

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were present. Guests today: Tom Kallman, Brett McVey, Michael Holton.

The group recited the pledge and Glenrose Meier gave the prayer.

Jokes: Ken Graham

50/50: Marsha Underwood

Attendance Award: Kathy Luedke

Birthdays/Anniversaries:
We observed Kevin Underwood's birthday which was on the 16th. We also observed Glenrose and Bob Meier's 55th wedding anniversary which will be on the 27th.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Judy Guttau paid to brag on the Treynor boys basketball team which played a very good game against Pius X, Lincoln, losing by 3 on Thurs. night. The girls and boys played well and won games against IKM.
- Dale Willenborg shared that Iowa Western lost by 4 points in the championship football game.
- Judy Guttau also shared about her brother's grandson who will be playing at least some as QB for Fresno State in the Potato Bowl on Monday, Dec. 23 at 1:30 PM – Jayden Mandal #7.
- Steve Irvin shared that his granddaughter who is a 7th grader got 11 girls to play basketball at her school in NW Iowa. She said she scored 20 points for Grandma (Irvin), who has been ill.
- Mike Holton contributed to say he and his wife are going to Des Moines for the Mannheim Steamroller concert. He has been collecting their tapes since 1979.
- John Klein stated the Trans-Siberian Orchestra performed in Council Bluffs this fall, flames and all.
- Dennis White shared that he and his wife Kay attended the Air Force Band Christmas concert. It was a small group of 10-11 guys performing and was very good.
- Judy Guttau shared that the Nonpareil wrote an article about a recent high school wrestling tournament. Toward the end of the article, two paragraphs were written about Dan Kinsella being the best dressed coach! We can agree with that.

Community:

- The Treynor Community Schools Fund for Classroom Grants in partnership with the Four Corners Community Foundation has a matching grant goal of raising $10,000 by year end. To date now, **$4797** has been raised.
  For more information, contact Kelsey at kelsey.stupfell@tsbg.com or 712-487-0334.
- The Treynor Music Department has an 88 Key Fundraiser. The public is invited to purchase a key for $100 to help the

department purchase a new grand piano. To date 38 keys remain to be purchased. Our speaker today donated to purchase a key under the name of "Music Rocks."

Business:

- There will be a Board meeting today after the meeting.
- Judy Guttau shared some of our Optimist Club's trivia as part of our 40th anniversary celebration:
  - Arbor Day activities started in 2000. 120 trees have been planted in the city park or school district since then.
  - The Can Kennel began in 1999. This is the 25th anniversary. $254,667.23 has been raised to help youth organizations. In 2006 the Optimists received a grant of $3535 from Keep Iowa Beautiful to build the wooden shelter.
  - The flag project began in 2011 to raise funds to donate scholarships to Treynor seniors and to display patriotism. The cost is currently $40. In 2024 there were 225 flags paid for which brought in $9067. 186 scholarships to Treynor seniors for a total of $81,000 have been given since 2011.
  - The group then shared memories of other fundraisers and service projects our group has participated in over the years.
- Can kennel sorting is today.

Community Events this week (In Treynor):

- Dec. 23 – Jan. 1: School Break
- Dec. 24: Local churches Christmas Eve services.
- Dec. 25: Merry Christmas
- Sat. Dec. 28: Adult/Youth Booster tournament
- Sat., Jan. 4: 12 PM – 4:30 Boys basketball games vs Grand View Christian. (Varsity starts at 3)

There being no further business, the pledge was recited and the meeting adjourned.

BOARD MEETING NOTES:

Dale Willenborg led the meeting with Gary Guttau, Judy Guttau, and John Klein present. Can Kennel applications were reviewed and the following were approved:

Jan. 5- Feb. 1: Treynor Boys and Girls JH/HS Wrestling and Wrestling Cheer
Feb. 2-Mar. 1: Silver Keg Feeders 4-H
Mar. 2 – Mar 15: JOI Club
Mar. 16-Mar. 29: KKAD 25
Mar. 30-Apr. 26: Music Boosters
Apr. 27 -May 24: St. Paul Youth
May 25-June 21: Optimists

HUMOR



"You can't sleep there unless you're gift-wrapped."

CALENDAR

Events:

Jan. 4	Optimist Meeting 8 AM. Treynor Community Building Free Breakfast provided by the Scouts

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Dec. 27	Gary and Dee Guttau
Dec. 27	Glenrose and Bob Meier

Programs:

Jan	Keith Denton
Feb	John Klein (first two Sat.) Steve Chambers (last two Sat.)

Speakers

Dec. 28	No Meeting
Jan. 4	To Be Announced
Jan. 11	Jeff Edgar, Chaplain Good News Global, Pott Co.

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