

**BUTLER COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 5**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Where: RWD #5 Office  
700 N. Main  
Benton, KS 67017**

**When: Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

**Time: 6:30 P.M.**

**Agenda of the Annual Meeting**

1. Report the progress and activity of the Rural Water District.
2. Elect three Directors, each for three-year terms.
3. Conduct any unfinished business as deemed necessary.

**DIRECTORS**

Aaron May,	Treasurer	2027
Laurie Blaha,	Director	2027
Kyle Fox,	Director	2028
Bill Reece,	Secretary	2028
Justin Kneisel,	Chairman	2026
Kendall Koftan,	Vice-Chairman	2026
Taylor Train	Director	2026

**RWD NO. 5 OFFICE**

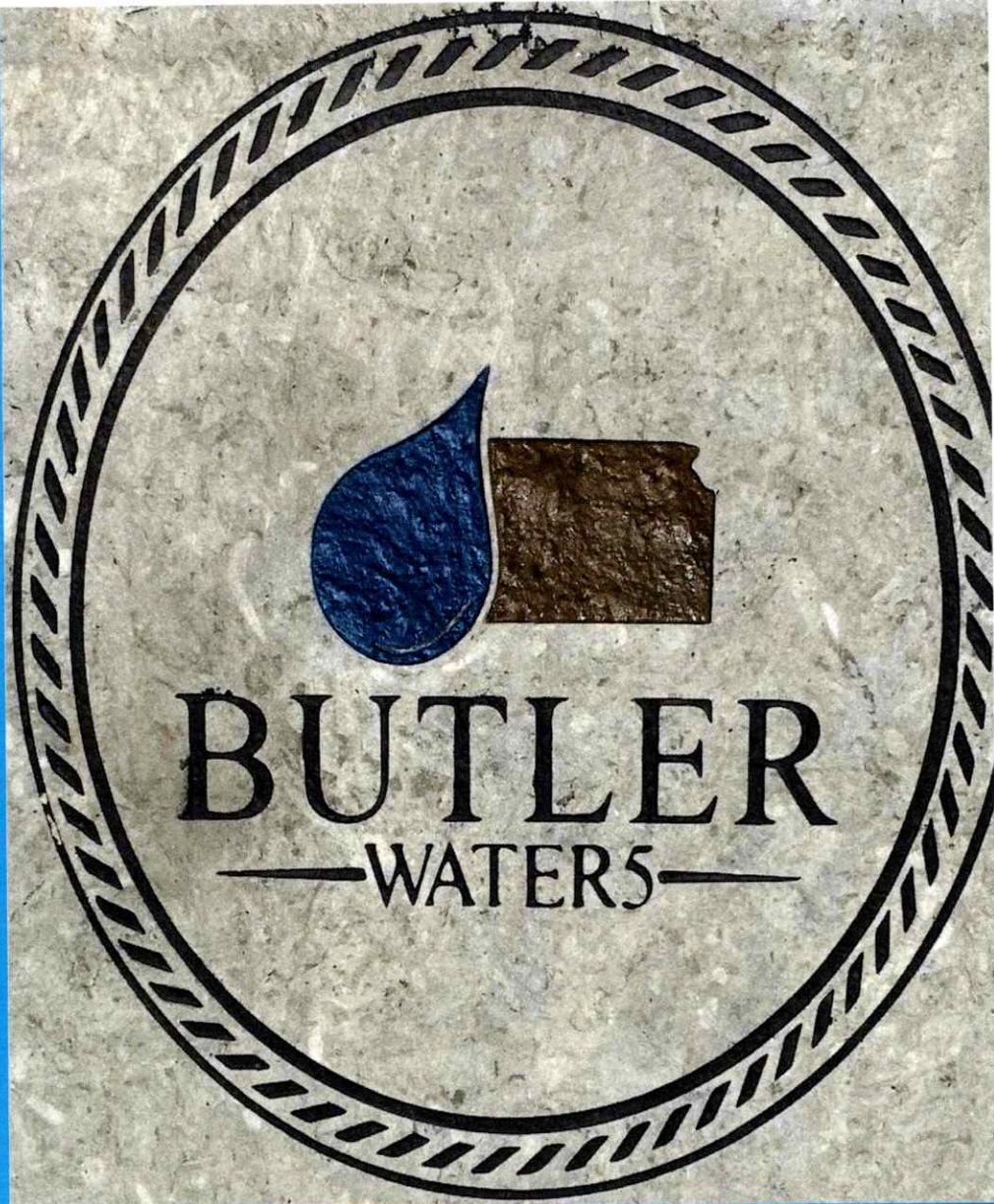
P.O. Box 56  
700 N. Main  
Benton, KS 67017  
Phone: 316-778-1631

**RWD NO. 5 EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Phone: 316-461-9427  
Phone: 316-737-1376

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# Annual 2025 Report



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**Butler Rural Water No. 5**

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## The year in review

Butler Rural Water District #5 (RWD #5) has been providing water service to customers for the past 48 years. I wanted to take a moment to update you on the recent developments within our district, which has experienced significant growth that has kept our staff exceptionally busy.

The landscape is changing rapidly as land is being sold and new homes are being constructed. In response to this growth, the district has been proactive in planning to accommodate the increasing demands on our infrastructure. Notably, we have installed multiple miles of water mains to enhance both pressure and quality for our residents.

Additionally, the maintenance team undertook the rebuilding of our pump station in the Lee Zone area. This station, which has been operational since 2008, was originally scheduled for an upgrade in 2025 focusing on its motors and pumps.

Looking ahead, we have also been tasked with relocating a road crossing at the intersection of SW 20th Street and SW Ohio Road to facilitate the construction of a new roundabout, set to begin in May of 2026. This project involves a significant undertaking, including creating a 30-inch hole in rock to install the new sleeve for the 16-inch main. Importantly, I'm pleased to report that all related projects have been completed on time.

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## District 5

### Meet the staff.

We are very proud of our employees.		Years of Service
Terry Brown	District Manager/Operator	20
Jon Shaffer	Operator/Operations	13
Clara Jewell	Office	10
Montana Ades	Operator/Maintenance	1
Tucker Cook	Maintenance	1.5 Months
Devin Hise	Maintenance	2



### Water purchased in 2025.

During 2023, the District purchased 106,222,346 gallons of water from the City of El Dorado and 77,408,675 gallons from the City of Wichita for a combined total purchase of 183,631,021 gallons. Water sold to both North-5 and South-5 customers totaled 171,262,600 gallons. The year ended with 2,327 customers, which is an increase of 38 customers District-wide. The District also sells bulk water to the City of Towanda that accounts for 44.1% of the gallons sold in 2025.

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### **Cost of doing business**

As rates continue to increase from our sources, RWD #5 can no longer be subsidized and will increase customer rates accordingly. The District has worked on a 10-year plan to help control rates as recommended by the water rate study.

### **Reminder about meter damage**

Water meter lids are equipped with a flat disc radio-read transmitter allowing collection of customer usage readings. **The customer is responsible for protecting the water meter lid, radio, and ring assembly from damage.** Please keep the assembly visible by trimming grass around your meter. Do not hit, drive over, or mow over the assembly. If the transmitter is damaged and must be replaced, **a minimum of \$265 replacement cost will be assessed to the customer.**

### **Reminder about payment due date**

Water bill payments are due on or before the **20<sup>th</sup>** of each month regardless of what day of the week it falls. If the envelope post-mark date shows on or before the **20<sup>th</sup>, late charges will not apply.** For your convenience, the office has a drop slot located in the office door inside the porch and a drive-up payment box located between the two drives for after-hours and weekend payments. Other payment options are online payment at [bucorwd5.com](http://bucorwd5.com) (small fee applies) or ACH monthly debit which is free and requires a signed authorization form. **Not receiving a bill through the USPS does not dismiss late fees.**

Shut-off notices are mailed by the **10<sup>th</sup>** of the month if payment has not been received for the previous month. Non-receipt of the notice through the USPS does not dismiss the shut-off policy. **This is basically a 10-day notice to have your bill paid in full by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month** or be subject to having your water meter locked and a \$100 service fee added. If the meter is locked, the amount due must be paid in full with **CASH, MONEY ORDER, or DEBIT/CREDIT CARD. NO CHECKS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

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## The Consumer Confidence Reports

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which is the water quality report for 2025, will be available in late April on our website at [bucorwd5.com](http://bucorwd5.com). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now allowing water systems to deliver this report online through a direct link. Your monthly billing card will contain information about when the report is available.

## Cross Connection

As spring approaches and lawn irrigation systems that use rural water are put into use, this is a reminder that the District's Cross-Connection Program requires that all backflow prevention device(s) be tested and inspected annually by a certified tester to ensure that the device is functioning properly. The annual test report must be provided to **RWD #5 ONLINE ONLY at BUCORWD5.com** and will be retained on file for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment routine inspection. **FAILURE TO CERTIFY DEVICE(S) WILL RESULT IN METERS BEING LOCKED AND A \$100 NON-COMPLIANCE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR ACCOUNT UNTIL CERTIFIED.**

Members are reminded that physical connection between any private water system (well) and the District water system **is prohibited. Violation of the provision shall be grounds for disconnection of service.** Representatives of the District have the right at all reasonable hours to enter upon the customers' premises to test control valves, inspect piping, and do their duties for the proper maintenance and operation of service, or to remove its service equipment and shut off after discontinuing of service to customers.

## High Water Usage

Customers may experience higher water usage, which is typical at dryer times and in the summer. You may wonder if you have a leak. There are steps you can take to check for a leak: 1) check for dripping faucets/showers and running toilets, 2) sump pumps running more than usual may indicate a leak exists from your meter to the

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home, 3) check yard frost-proof spigots or lawn irrigation systems if connected to rural water, 4) did you fill a swimming pool or have an automatic pool filler, 5) did you have company or extra family members for an extended period of time, 6) walk the line from the home to the meter checking for soft/muddy areas, 7) have you **installed any new appliances/water softener system**. Please remember, **the service line from the meter to the home or business is the responsibility of the customer.**

### **2025 Annual Audit**

The onsite 2025 annual audit was performed by the firm **Regier Carr Monroe, LLP, CPA's**.

### **Contact the Office**

Office staff are available to address customer needs during office hours, which are 8:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:30 Monday through Thursday and **8:00-1200 on Friday**. You may reach the office at **316-778-1631**. The emergency numbers are **316-461-9427** or **316-737-1376**.

Justin Kneisel **Chairman**

Bill Resse **Secretary**

## **BUTLER COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT #5**

### **TREASURERS' CASH BALANCE**

**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

### **Bank Balances as of 12-31-25.**

Operating & Maintenance Checking	\$	365,387.00
Operating #2 Money Market	\$	125,322.00
Capital Checking	\$	1,122,607.72
Regular Reserve Savings	\$	90,627.00

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## Bank Balances of Restricted Accounts as of 12-31-25

Total Restricted Cash in Accounts at 12-31-25	\$	1,317,874.00
Total Restricted and Unrestricted Accounts Cash	\$	3,804,974.00
Income from Sale of Water to Customers	\$	2,537,901.00
Cost of Water Sold	\$	777,110.00
Gross Profit on Sales	\$	1,706,791.00
Operating Expenses	\$	1,271,036.00
Depreciation & Amortization	\$	432,385.00
Gain (Loss) From Operations	\$	489,755.00
Other Income and Expenses:		
Interest Income	\$	124,463.00
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Interest Expense	\$	(118,814.00)
New Memberships & Line Extensions	\$	126,600.00
<u>Net Gain (Loss)</u>	\$	216,144.00

Aaron May, Treasurer  
Butler County Rural Water District #5

**Unaudited Report**