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Highlights:

- * New Well Update
- * System Update
- * Air in System



ANNUAL MEETING - PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

DATE: February 19th, 2025 (WED)

TIME: 6:00 p.m. at Carrolls Elementary School

NEW WELL UPDATE

The new well is complete and has received final approval from the Health Department! It is online now. This project was 100% paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

SYSTEM UPDATE

Much of our distribution system is over 50 years old and in need of replacement and upgrades. Because of this we are currently experiencing many expensive leak repairs.

We have engaged with a local engineering firm to get an estimate of costs for beginning this maintenance. The estimate is approaching six million dollars. In an effort to secure funding, the board has contacted our Legislators, searched for grant money, and looked for loans that would include subsidies allowing for a portion of said loan to be forgiven. Unfortunately, our options are limited. We applied but did not receive a grant during the last legislative session.

We have applied for a 10 year, no interest loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for \$250,000. But we won't know until the middle of next year if we are approved. If approved, this loan would be for initial planning and development and would require a 10 year assessment on each water connection of about \$12 a month. In addition, the Board has contacted both the Kalama and the Kelso water systems to inquire about their ability to consolidate our system into theirs. In both cases, we were told that the replacement and upgrades necessary in our system would have to be complete before they would consider consolidation.

AIR IN THE SYSTEM

As we all know, there is air in our distribution system. This comes from the water in our existing wells. It does not affect the quality or safety of the water. We hoped that when we brought the new well online, this issue would be mitigated. However, there is air in the new well also.

Our Operator tells us that there is a solution, but it would involve building a holding tank to allow the air to dissipate before it enters the system. The cost of building such a tank is approximately \$250,000. Given our other financial needs, this is not an option at this time.

REMINDERS

- **RATE INCREASE:** Your February 10th bill will reflect a base rate increase to \$100.
- If you see water in an area that it shouldn't be and suspect a leak, please call us right away @ 360-747-7869.
- Please do not park on meters. We need 24-hour access to meters for maintenance and repairs. This is especially important the first week of the month when meters are being read.

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