

RENNER SANITARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER  
May 31, 2019

It is with great appreciation for her many years of dedicated service that we say goodbye to Lori Jasper, who served on the Board as Trustee and as Board President since November, 2009. She has been a strong voice for Renner Sanitary District. Due to a change in her resident status, she is no longer able to serve on our Board.

We welcome Roger Scheibe as appointed to the District Board of Trustees and elected as President and we welcome his years of service in governmental agencies. Roger has come to us at a challenging time, with the rain events and flooding, but we are certain of his abilities to help us move forward. His contact email is [rkscheibe@gmail.com](mailto:rkscheibe@gmail.com) if you have a need to contact him.

**MAJOR EVENTS:** On March 14 we lost lift station #4 to flooding, on March 18 we had a hole wear through the line out of lift station #3, on March 25 lift station #5 was overtaken by flooding. We have yet to receive word as to how much our insurance will cover. We do have a \$10,000 deductible per event, so there are large costs to be covered no matter how much assistance we get. We are also on the FEMA contact list to see if there will be any federal money available for us.

**PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE:** This year video inspection

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Remember that any connection of sump pumps to the sanitary sewer or allowing any groundwater to enter the system is illegal and a fine can be administered for each violation. Extra water entering the sewer is costly because every 1,000 gallons of water sent to the City of Sioux Falls costs the District customers over \$5. In many cases this adds up to be about \$300 in extra processing costs per month for each location so please do whatever you can to stop extraneous flows from entering the sewer. Extra flows during the last year cost the members of the District over \$20,000.00.

The water processing cost for the month of April was \$41,000 for 254,926 gallons per day. May is looking about the same, and this is twice what April and May, 2018 was.

**RATES:** We have received notice that the increase from the City of Sioux Falls for 2020 is 6% or \$5.69 per 1,000 gallons. In addition to all of our repairs, flooding issues and high flows, we have determined that rates will be going up. There will be public meetings announced in the coming months. We hope that everyone will attend to understand how the rates are determined.

**SUMP PUMP INSPECTIONS:** High flows are always a concern, and when they are over 200,000 gallons per day (twice what it should be during high rain events) we want to try to determine the cause. We evaluate the mainline sewer and any suspicious flows from service laterals. During these inspections we have determined that it is necessary to inspect homes to verify that extraneous groundwater is not entering the sewer. On May 7, 2019 we started the visual checks/video review to identify areas where there are high discharges and possible suspicious flows. Thank you for your cooperation in regarding matter.

**RATE AND FLOW STUDY:**

Some of you may have noticed that we are adding manhole markers. These are sometimes hard to locate for our subcontractors and for those doing grading. We are placing the markers in our easement, which is 10' either side of the sewer main. This should help eliminate future issues.

**WEBSITE:** Please note that our website is now up and running. Please visit us at [www.rennersanitarydistrict.com](http://www.rennersanitarydistrict.com). This site will serve as a virtual office and will be used to review and download organizational documents, minutes, notices of meetings and elections, etc. We will continue to add to our website in the future.

As we move into a new year, rest assured that we continue to strive to furnish our members the best service at the lowest rates possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
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