

# RENNER SANITARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

September, 2022

**Major Events:** We are seeing consistent low flows around the 47-52,000 gallons per day going to the City of Sioux Falls. Keep in mind during the flood of 2019 we had discharges to the City of Sioux Falls over 300,000 gals per day. The positive is the District's sewage line has very little, if any infiltration.

**Preventative Maintenance:** We will be conducting video inspections on some of the main lines this summer to look for infiltration cracks or anyone pumping sump pump water into the sewer line. A REMINDER: We had the Lift Station behind the Renner Community Center/ Fire Hall alarm go off this past month. After calling Dakota Pump out of Watertown and the local Roter Rooter to pull up a pump and clean out the lift station it was found that shop towels /other items plugged and twisted around the shaft of the motor. So, please **do not** place shop towels nor feminine hygiene products down into the sewer system. These towels do not breakdown and cost the District \$4000 on just this service call. We now need future estimates of \$40,000 for possible new pump and lift pipes in the lift station.

## **Several items to note:**

1. Some customers have expressed concern over new developments in the District. Rest assured every new permit request is reviewed by our engineer as well as the City of Sioux Falls, Public Works office to make sure the current operating capacity is not exceeded, and current customers' needs are met first. Approval from the District board is a condition of a Planning and Zoning board criteria for their approval of a construction permit.
2. We are in the planning stage of upgrading some of the pumps or motors in the lift stations, when this happens our contractors will ensure continued service while these changes are made.
3. As we work on the Budget for the next fiscal year, we are not anticipating a rate increase but are cautious for next spring depending on flows. Sample of a minimum cost to the District for each permit, (\$75/month): 2.5 persons per household x 70 gal /day x 365=63,875 gal per household per year. Our cost per 1000gal waste to City of Sioux Falls is \$6.25 per 1000, so it is \$63.87 of the total \$75 monthly fee. The remainder pays for retiring a bond (\$10/month) and \$2.13 is for daily expenses per month. 491 permits x \$2.13/mo= \$1046 x 12 = \$12552/yr for other expenses.
4. Also, a reminder, it is the current property owner's responsibility to inform the District and the new owner that the account responsibility is changing as of the closing date. Sewer account balances continue to accumulate and if not paid, finance charges are assessed. The past due amounts as of September 30 will be placed on the real estate tax rolls as per **SDCL-34A-5-40 Certification of unpaid charges and tax levies—Collection with real estate taxes-**

**Website:** It is updated regularly, please visit at [www.rennersanitarydistrict.com](http://www.rennersanitarydistrict.com). This site is used to review and download organizational documents, minutes, notices of meetings and elections. They can be easily found on the drop down dashboard on top of the home page.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **NOTICE OF VACANCY**

**SDCL requires the District to announce to its members the vacancy of board of trustee members and the process of nominating someone to the board:**

**Doug Dykstra's term (3yr) as a trustee will expire on November 15, 2022 at the annual meeting of the District. Anyone in the District may obtain a nominating petition from the clerk at:**

**[Rennersanitarydistrict@live.com](mailto:Rennersanitarydistrict@live.com) or send to the below address. The deadline for submitting the petition back to the clerk is October 26, 2022, 20 days prior to the election.**