



THE SPIGOT

from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

How to Set Proper Water Rates Training

North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association, in conjunction with the North Dakota League of Cities' Regional Meetings, will be sponsoring six, half-day, "How to Set Proper Water Rates" training sessions. NDRWSA Executive Director Eric Volk will cover the following topics:

- Water rate basics
- Rate setting strategies
- Affordability, operating, and coverage ratios
- Full-cost pricing
- Inflation and depreciation
- Capacity development
- Water audits, meters, and unaccounted for water
- Planning for the future
- Computer rate analysis demonstration

Those targeted for participation in this seminar are: mayors, auditors, bookkeepers, office managers, board

members, engineers, operators, managers, and others involved or interested in the financial stability of municipal and rural water systems. Everyone is welcome to attend this free training, which is funded by a grant from the North Dakota Department of Health.

Pre-registration is appreciated. The seminar will start at 9 a.m. (local time) and last until noon. They will be held in conjunction with the North Dakota League of Cities' regional meetings, which will be in:

- New Town – May 1
- Minto – May 2
- Oakes – May 3
- Lincoln - May 8
- Garrison - May 9
- Beach - May 10

Contact the NDRWSA for the specific seminar location in a particular city, and watch the mail for further details.

How to Set Proper Water Rates Seminar Registration Form

Please complete in full:

Name: _____ Title: _____

System/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Attending At: New Town Minto Oakes

Lincoln Garrison Beach

Number of people attending: _____

To register:

Mail To:

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2012 Summer Board Meeting & Leadership Retreat in Medora

July 19-20 • Rough Riders Hotel Conference Center

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

July 19 (All times are Mountain time)

8:30 a.m. – Summer Board Meeting

Noon – Retreat Luncheon

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Leadership Retreat

6:00 p.m. – Pitchfork Fondue and Musical

July 20

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

– Leadership Retreat

Room Block Information

Bunkhouse – \$89/night • Badlands – \$135/night • Rough Riders – \$185/night

Call 1-800-MEDORA and ask for the rural water room block

NDRWSA Welcomes Executive Board of Directors



Geneva Kaiser and **Jon Nelson** are the newest members of the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association's executive board.

Kaiser was elected to the position of managers' representative. She has been the manager of Stutsman Rural Water District (SRWD) since 2007 and prior to

that, was employed by SRWD as its office manager for 17 years. Geneva lives in Jamestown and has one daughter.

Nelson was elected to the position of director at large. He and his wife, Sid, farm in the Wolford area and live in Rugby. They have three grown children. Nelson has served in a number of local community organizations and has served as a representative in the North Dakota Legislature since 1996. He has been on the All Seasons Rural Water District board since 2005.



Gordy Blixt assumed the position of past-president having served as the association's president for the past two years. Blixt lives in rural Gardner and is a director on the Cass Rural Water Users District board.

John Bearman of rural Minot serves as the national director. He is also a director on the North Prairie Rural Water District board.



"Geneva and Jon bring a vast amount of water system knowledge to the executive board. They are welcome additions to the board and will help in the continued growth of the association," says Nilson.



Keith Nilson, rural Park River, was elected to the position of president. Nilson is also the president of Walsh Rural Water District.

Michelle Schommer of Munich

was elected to the position of vice-president. She is the president of Langdon Rural Water District, as well.



LaVonne Althoff of rural Hankinson remains on the board as secretary. She is also a director on the Southeast Water Users District's board.



Joe LaFave remains on the association's board as treasurer. LaFave is also the president of the South Central Regional Water District.



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