



Above: Two District operators volunteer to help restore water service to the devastated Bahamas. Read more about their efforts on page 2.

WATERWORKS

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District (The District) Board of Trustees will finish 2019 approving several resolutions that will impact our water agreement with the City of Toledo and our board structure.

In November, the Board appointed District Engineer Tom Stalter to be The District representative for the Toledo Regional Water Commission. According to Board Chairman Mark Sheffer, "As part of the newly formed commission, Stalter's role will be crucial to ensure The District has a voice in the decisions made by this regional commission."

The District's Board of Trustees may soon have an additional member if the Henry County merger is approved by the courts. According to the proposed filings, The District's Board of Trustees will add one board seat appointed by the Henry County Commissioners. "We feel this will fairly represent our larger service territory," said Sheffer.

Municipalities and townships in Henry County may also be able to vote on a board seat if the merger is approved.

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2020 RATES

The District recently completed a comprehensive rate study which will be used to develop the 2020 water and sewer rates. The District relies solely on rates to maintain and improve our water and wastewater systems. The rates are based on recovering the costs associated with maintaining these systems.

The District Board of Trustees will vote on the 2020 rates in December.

FAQ's on the study can be found at NWWSD.ORG.

HENRY COUNTY

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District and the Henry County Regional Water and Sewer District (HCRWSD) have filed petitions with the courts to finalize the merger of the districts. Both districts should see final decisions by the courts by January 1, 2020.

This action was requested by the HCRWSD, due to increasing costs of maintenance, increasing state/federal regulations, and a lack of resources.

For updates on the merger go to NWWSD.ORG.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Board of Trustees Meetings in December will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 a.m. due to the holidays. Board meetings are open to the public.

Holiday Office Closures:
At noon, Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25.
Wednesday, January 1.

Mission

Our goal is to be the premier water and wastewater provider in Northwestern Ohio. We are committed to sound financial management, responsible environmental stewardship, responsive public service, superior customer service, and responsible economic growth. We strive to field a skilled, respectful, and cooperative workforce dedicated to the highest professional and ethical standards; we support them with appropriate training and technology.

Pictured right: The District's Board Chairman Mark Sheffer presents Eastwood H.S. Student of the Month, Mason Steele with a Chromebook. Thanks for encouraging fellow students, Mason.



CONSTRUCTION CORNER

NORTHWOOD – EAST BROADWAY VALVE INSTALLATION

Through December, lane and shoulder restrictions are possible on East Broadway Street between Wales and Andrus Roads for valve installation. Project investment: \$480,000.

ROSSFORD - SANITARY SEWER WORK

Through April 2020, lane restrictions are possible on Eagle Point Road and Birch Drive for sanitary sewer lining. Project investment: \$1.2 million.



Above: The landscape in Rossford continues to change at a fast pace as Amazon constructs their new distribution center. The District is proud to help deliver the infrastructure on this important regional economic development project.

ROSSFORD – DEIMLING ROAD WATER & SEWER LINE INSTALLATION

Through December, lane and shoulder restrictions are possible on Deimling Road, from Simmons to Lime City Roads, for water and sewer line installation near the Amazon construction site. Project complete: January 2020. Project investment: \$502,000.

For the complete list of construction projects, visit:

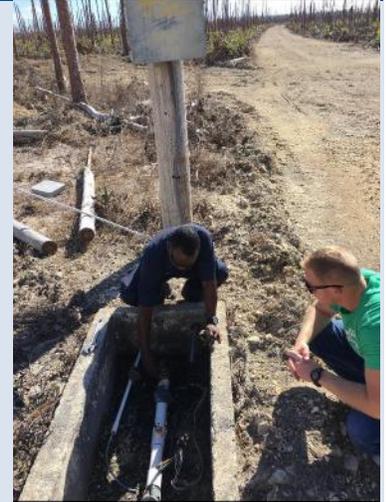
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OPERATORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Two District operators applied their expertise to help rebuild the water system in the Bahamas that was destroyed by hurricane Dorian. In November, Ohio EPA licensed operators Tom McGrain and Todd Saums flew to Grand Bahama and Abaco islands to help repair the water system as part of Operators Without Borders. Operators Without Borders is a non-profit organization that assists with post-disaster recovery for water and wastewater utilities in the Caribbean.

While there, the two assisted another team of water professionals in determining the depth of saltwater vs. freshwater, drill test wells, and taking samples.

According to District Operator Todd Saums, "The terrain was very rough. We had to hike for miles with equipment because roads were still closed from debris."



Above: Locating fresh water vs. salt water and drilling test wells was a big part of the team's efforts.



The team would like to thank fellow operators from around the state of Ohio, and members of the Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) that raised money to fully fund their transportation and accommodations.

More on their story is available on Facebook & Instagram @NWWSD.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (CONT)

Those municipalities and townships in Henry County may be able to fill a board seat appointed by the township or municipalities which comprise all of The District.

In other board news, John Cheney was reappointed to his board seat by the Wood County Commissioners. The District's board is currently awaiting the election of a township-appointed trustee to fill Rob Armstrong's available seat. The new board member will be appointed in January 2020.

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