

GRWD WATER LINES

Greater Ramsey Water District

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Special points of interest:

- Directors Needed
- Annual Meeting
- Rates Increase
- Sump Pumps

District will elect two Directors

Greater Ramsey Water District will have 2 openings on the 7 member Board of Directors starting in February of 2009. The board members will be elected at the annual meeting held Thursday January 22, 2009. The director must be a member of the District from the area north of US Hwy #2.

Currently GRWD President Les Windjue and Vice President Paul Becker serve as directors from this area and are eligible for reelection. The board members must be elected by majority vote of the members present at the meeting from within the area electing the directors. The new directors will serve a 3 year term.

The duties of the directors are listed under Article IX in the bylaws of GRWD. The other duties not listed generally require setting policies to guide management and staff to operate both the water and sewer systems in an efficient and progressive manner.

The board meets monthly at the office in Devils Lake.

If you are interested in serving on the board of directors for Greater Ramsey Water District, please contact the office in Devils Lake at 1-888-223-0090 or 662-5781 and ask for Nels. Also you may download a nominating form from grwdnd.com.



GRWD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for the members of Greater Ramsey Water District will be held at the Armory in the Memorial Building in Devils Lake, North Dakota on January 22, 2009. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm with coffee and bars being served. The members who attend the meeting will be eligible for door prizes which include 1st prize—\$150 credit on account, 2nd prize—\$100 credit and 3rd prize—\$50 credit.

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling to order and proof of quorum.
2. Proof of notice of meeting.
3. Reading and action on any unapproved minutes.
4. Reports of offices and committees.
5. Election of directors.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

Attendance at the meeting is very important to ensure that the members place their vote to ensure they are represented by directors who will perform the duties of the directors and guide the district by setting policies to build a strong district for all members.

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How and why become a Director and what do I receive if I do?

In order to become a director you first must contact the office in Devils Lake and request a nominating form. This form must be completed and sent back by January 7, 2009 for review by the nominating committee. The committee will then place up to 4 names on the ballot for the annual meeting. If you completed a nominating form and are not placed on the ballot, you can still be placed on the ballot by having a request from the floor at the meeting. The top two majority vote winners of the members present at the meeting from within the area electing the directors will be on the board for a 3 three term.

Serving on the board is a rewarding service to the members of the district, as a director you will represent not only your ward but the district as a whole. The board will provide the leadership needed to guarantee a secure water supply and sewer service to the members.

The board members receive compensation for serving on the board plus mileage. Board members do attend water related meetings and conferences throughout the year which are paid by the district.

GRWD Raises Both Water and Sewer Rates

Greater Ramsey Water District board of directors have voted to raise the water rate by .25 per 1000 gallons from \$3.00 per 1000 gallons to \$3.25 per 1000 gallons. This rate increase will be reflected on your January bill. GRWD has never raised the cost of the water since beginning of the system back in 1992 and with the increase will still have one of the lowest costs per 1000 gallons in the state. Costs for treatment and distribution have risen dramatically over the past few years. The increase will cost average users approximately \$1.25 per month.

Greater Ramsey Water District board of directors have voted to raise the sewer rate by \$5.00 per tank per month and no longer offer the seasonal rate. This rate increase will be reflected on your January bill. This increase will not be charged to the Scooby's Point area. Many factors have increased the costs to operate the system. The costs to pump the septic tanks have risen 60% since the last rate increase, manholes and lift stations need reconstruction and illegally discharging sump pumps into the system.

The sewage and groundwater collected by the system is treated by the City of Devils Lake and GRWD pays for treatment. The annual amount paid to the City has doubled due to more accurate flow metering and higher flows. The flows increase after each rain event and in the spring. GRWD staff have spent many hours sealing the system but have determined many customers illegally discharge sump pumps into the system. In some areas the system cannot handle the extra flows and overload the sewer system. The board will address this problem with fines and more increases in rates or surcharges.

REMEMBER—ANNUAL MEETING



When: January 22, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

**Where: Armory-Devils Lake,
North Dakota**

**Purpose: Elect 2 board
members, annual reports
and conduct District
business.**