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## Manager's Message

By: Mary Massad, Manager/Chief Executive Officer



**Mary Massad**  
SWA Manager/CEO

With spring upon us, everyone here is gearing up for a new construction season as well as meeting the needs of our current customers during the upcoming warm summer months. Bid openings were recently held for several contracts for construction on the Southwest Pipeline Project. The North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) met on March 17, 2008, and awarded the following contracts: the Trotters Pocket, located in northern Billings County, the Fairfield Service Area north of Belfield, the West Killdeer Mountain Pocket located in western Dunn County, the Grassy Butte Pocket located in southeast McKenzie County, and the Fairfield Reservoir. All of these contracts will serve at least 420 customers through more than 400 miles of new pipeline construction. The Fairfield Service Area will include a VFD Booster Station and a 197,300 gallon reservoir.

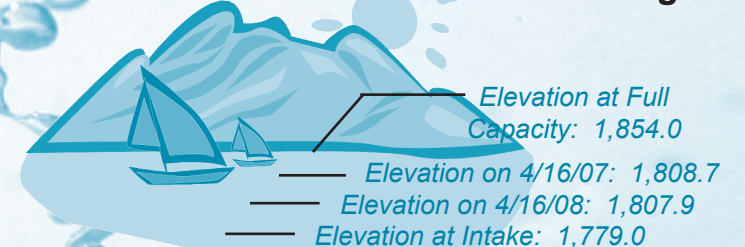
We received word that USDA Rural Development (RD) approved the loan and grant application of the SWC for the Fairfield Service Area in the amount of \$5 million. This will consist of a loan in the amount of \$3,005,000.00 and a grant of \$1,995,000.00. With the funding for the Fairfield Service Area being provided by USDA - RD, other funds that were appropriated for the SWPP in the current biennium can be used to complete the Medora Beach Service Area. This will also allow the SWC to fund a pilot project at the Basin Electric intake to study treatment options for the Oliver, Mercer, North Dunn (OMND) Phase in the current year. This in turn will allow design to commence on the water treatment plant (WTP) in Mercer County, which will serve the OMND Service Area. Plans will also be underway for design of the main transmission line from the raw water tanks located approximately seven miles north of Zap, which is also the future home of the WTP for the OMND Service Area.

Our sincere thanks go out to the state and federal USDA - RD offices for the additional funding. The ND USDA - RD office has gone above and beyond the call of duty in the submission process to aid in obtaining funding for SWPP. I would like to specifically thank Clare Carlson, State Director, Dale Van Eckhout, Business & Community Program Director, and their staff for all their efforts, especially Jane Tesch, Rural Development Loan Specialist. The SWC, SWA and the citizens who will be served in the Fairfield Service Area are truly grateful for their efforts and for the funding.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome George Saxowsky to the SWA Board of Directors. George was sworn in at the March Board meeting and is our new board member from Morton County. He was appointed by the Morton County Commission to replace Steve Tomac who recently resigned his position on the SWA Board of Directors. Thank you, Steve, for your years of service to SWA and the SWPP. We look forward to working with George as our newest board member to SWA.

The March Board of Directors meeting for the SWA was held in Hazen. Representatives from the North Dakota State Legislature, the ND SWC, the city of Hazen, Mercer County and the Mercer County Water Resource Board were in attendance. We were pleased that they all took time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting and learn more about SWA and the SWPP and future service to this region.

## Lake Sakakawea Elevation Gauge



## Cindy's Water Notes



By: Cindy Miller, Customer Service Representative

Here are some tips on how to read your updated monthly billing statement. Illustrations (shown below, right) indicate which area of your statement each number coincides, beginning with your payment stub.

**Cindy Miller**  
Customer Service Representative

**1. Please Show Meter Reading Here:** Include ALL seven digits from your meter/remote, even

if some of the digits are zeros. Do not round up or down.

**2. Net Amount to be Paid:** Amount to be paid by you.

**3. Route:** Code for office use only; indicates general area in which your service is located.

**4. Account:** Your account number.

**5. Due Date:** Date which your payment must be postmarked or placed in drop boxes by 3:00 pm. A \$3.00 late fee will be added to your next bill if your payment is not received on time.

**6. Mail this Stub with Your Payment:** Return the right side of the post card with your payment to the Southwest Water Authority. If you include the nine digit zip code, your payment will reach our office sooner and be processed faster.

**7. Meter Reading:** Both the previous and present month's meter readings are shown here.

**8. Used:** Shows the amount of gallons used.

**9. Charge for Water:** Indicates charge for water used per thousand gallons.

**10. Monthly Minimum:** Amount based on the type of service at signup.

**11. Misc:** Indicates any adjustment to your bill, such as a credit, past due balance or any other charges for services and/or materials.

**12. Meter Read:** The month and day your meter reading was entered.

**13. Class:** Type of service; code is for office use only.

Note that customers in Morton County (including Junction Inn, Burt Service Area and Tower Hills Service Area) and in the Beulah Interim Service Area will see this change in the next few months.

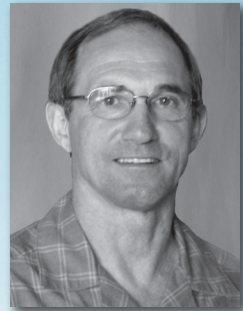
Thank you for your assistance in ensuring accurate billing. If you have any questions, please call Southwest Water Authority at 701-225-0241 or toll-free at 1-888-425-0241.

## SWA Board of Directors welcomes new face

The Southwest Water Authority Board of Directors welcomes George Saxowsky as the new representative for Morton County.

**George Saxowsky**  
Morton County Director

George was appointed to this position in March due to the resignation of Director Steve Tomac. "We welcome George to the Board of Directors," said SWA Chairman Loren Myran. "Working together to meet Southwest Water Authority's mission of providing quality water for southwest North Dakota is a goal the SWA Board of Directors share."



## Closed for the holidays

Southwest Water Authority will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

**Memorial Day - May 26**  
**Independence Day - July 4**

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6.

MAIL THIS STUB WITH YOUR PAYMENT

ROUTE	ACCOUNT	DUE DATE
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NET AMOUNT TO BE PAID

PLEASE SHOW METER READING HERE

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METER READ MONTH	CLASS DAY	NET AMOUNT TO BE PAID

PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE 20TH OF THE MONTH ARE SUBJECT TO \$3.00 LATE FEE.

## Celebrate 2008 Drinking Water Week

The American Water Works Association will kick off 2008 Drinking Water Week, May 4-10, with a celebration dedicated to our most precious natural resource. To commemorate the occasion, water utilities across North America, including Southwest Water Authority, will join with their communities throughout the week to celebrate what **Only Tap Water Delivers**, the theme for this year's celebration.

A safe, reliable water supply is critical to the success of any community. It creates jobs, attracts industry and investment and provides for the health and welfare of citizens, ranging from disease prevention to fire suppression. For more than 30 years, Drinking Water Week has marked a unique opportunity for water professionals and the communities they serve to join together and recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives.

## SWPP pasture taps benefit livestock and ranchers

By: Glenn Eckelberg, Marketing Coordinator



**Glenn Eckelberg**  
Marketing Coordinator

While many ranchers in southwest North Dakota struggle with lack of quality water for their livestock, many have found the benefits of pasture taps through Southwest Pipeline Project water.

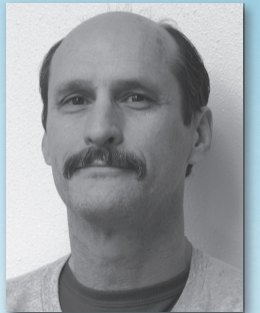
Bringing quality water to various sections of pasture results in various benefits to livestock by increasing daily weight gains and more effective use of available forage. Producers who have installed pasture taps capitalized on the quality water in areas where natural sources had become stagnant. They are also maintaining an efficient grazing pattern, utilizing available forage away from natural water sources.

### SWPP Pasture Tap Benefits:

- Better management of pasture and grassland
- Economical solution to livestock water needs
- Improved general herd health
- Cattle weight gain
- Peace of mind...knowing there is a good water source regardless of weather conditions

Interested producers should contact Rachelle Weiler or myself for more information at 225-0241 or toll-free 1-888-425-0241.

## New Master Electrician joins SWA staff



**Gary Robinson**  
Master Electrician

Southwest Water Authority has recently hired Gary Robinson as the SWA Master Electrician in Dickinson. In this position, Robinson's many responsibilities fall under the wide umbrella of ensuring the water system's electrical components remain in full operation. Gary has been an electrician since 1973. He was also an instructor for electrical construction at the Northwest Technical College in Wadena, Minnesota for over three years.

"We are pleased to have Gary join our staff. His electrical experience and expertise are valuable assets in achieving and maintaining water quality through the treatment and distribution processes," said Lee Messer, SWA Distribution Manager.

Gary has two grown sons, residing in Florida, and two grandsons (ages eight and five). Robinson's interests include golf and traveling to warmer climates during the winter.

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