



# Summer 2023 Newsletter

## Lead and Copper Rule Update

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As part of PWSD #9's commitment to provide safe drinking water to all our residents, we comply with all regulations of the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act.

As a result of recent revisions to the act's Lead and Copper Rule, we are required to create an inventory of water service line materials throughout the district, and make it publicly available by the rule compliance date of October 2024. This assessment will include both the customer side of the service line – the water line that connects your home/business to its water meter – and the district side of the service line, which connects the meter to the water main.

We maintain records on a majority of the district-owned service lines; however, there is little information available about the customer-owned portions.

Currently the district is aware of no lead lines in use in the district. To gather this information, we will distribute a short survey about the materials used inside and outside your home/business. We ask that you respond to the survey via mail, email or online, so that we can accurately complete this inventory. If you would like to complete the survey now, please visit

[www.pwsd9.com/lcrr](http://www.pwsd9.com/lcrr)

For more information, please visit our website. Thank you for your assistance!



## Apprenticeship Program:

It is estimated that over the next decade the water utility field will lose 30-50% of its workforce to retirement so our industry needed to address and take action to ensure proper staffing needs for growing water demands. In the fall of 2018, Missouri Rural Water Association joined the growing number of States implementing the Apprenticeship Program offered by the



Left to Right:  
Trevor Drummond , Brenden Smith and PK Gaud

National Rural Water Association and PWSD #9 quickly enrolled our first employee. Brenden Smith was the first graduate in the State of Missouri from the state level Apprenticeship Program. He completed the two year program in May of 2021. Soon after, two more PWSD #9 employees, Trevor Drummond and PK Gaud, enrolled in the program and will be graduating later this summer. This Apprenticeship Program offers on-the-job training along with in-seat instructional classes over a two year period. Once completed, the apprentice graduates with the ability to maintain a life long community impacting career and a certified portable credential that is accepted by industries across the nation. If you are interested in this program please visit <https://moruralwater.org/mrwa-apprenticeship-program/> for more information.

## Tidbits and Reminders:

**Supply Chain Delays:** Like many other industries PWSD #9 is currently experience supply chain issues for meter parts and supplies. We are doing our best to ensure each new meter is being set as quickly as possible but please be patient with us!

**Website:** For the most up-to-date information regarding District happenings please visit [www.pwsd9.com](http://www.pwsd9.com)

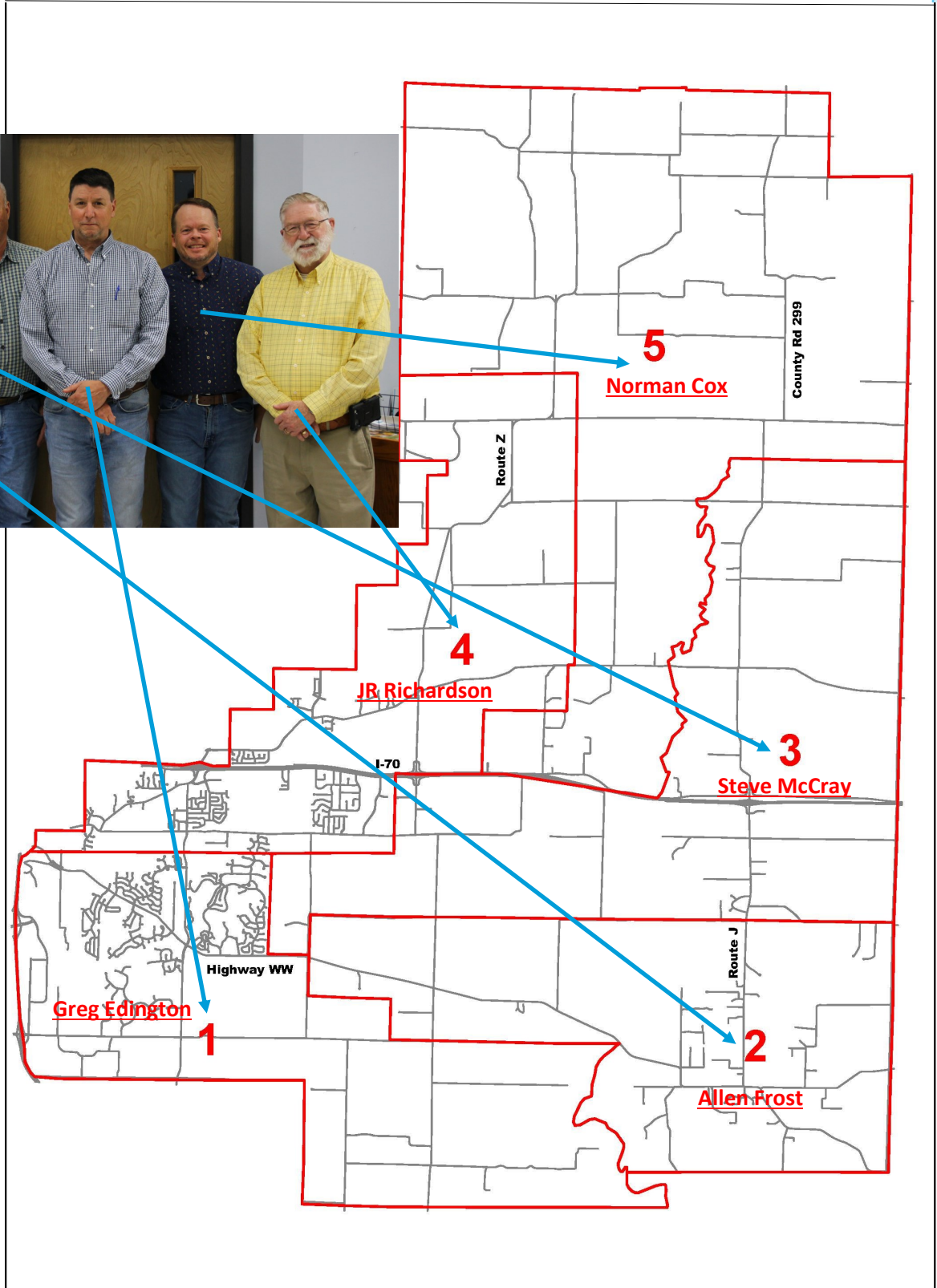
**Utility Locates:** MO One Call 1-800-344-7483

**Board of Directors Meetings:** Third Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, PWSD #9 Office

**Consumer Confidence Report:** To view the most current water testing results, visit <https://dnr.mo.gov/ccr/MO3024058.pdf>

**Lead and Copper Survey:** [www.pwsd9.com/lcrr](http://www.pwsd9.com/lcrr)

# 2023 Board Members and Sub-Districts





## PWSD No. 9 EMPLOYEES

### Top Row (from left to right)

Tessa Ogden– Administrative Assistant  
Kyle Williams– Fields Services Tech  
Rich Roberts– Field Services Tech  
Brian Canaday– Field Service Manager  
Kyle Baker– IS Manager  
Roger Ballew– District Manager  
Trevor Drummond– Construction Foreman  
Paul Smith– Serviceman (part-time)  
Brenden Smith– Operations Manager

### Not Pictured:

Averie Gomel– CSR 1  
Nolan Baker- Operations Tech (part-time)  
Genevieve Roberts– CSR (part-time)  
Reece Baker– Operations Tech (part-time)

### Bottom Row (from left to right)

Heather Green– Office Manager  
Janice Nichols– Accountant  
Jo Anne Rousset– Administrative Assistant  
(part- time)  
David Allen– GIS Tech  
Joseph Bieksza– GIS Tech  
Jordan Bell– Shields– Serviceman  
PK Gaud– Serviceman  
Riley Baucom– Serviceman  
Colton Epperson– Operations Tech  
Blake Harmon– Operations Tech