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MRWA District 1 Sighting—Chatfield

The city of Chatfield is located in Fillmore county and has 812 connections on their water system.

Chatfield had a 1940's era fire hydrant. The hydrant was not operational and was in a commercial area where fire protection was an issue, concerning the city. The location was by a hospital which made the repair more difficult with the time restriction the water could be off.

Jeff Dale, Circuit Rider, explained the hydrant could be repaired and not replaced, a new option for significant savings having not to dig. The only problem Chatfield faced was getting the old hydrant apart to install all the new parts.

Minnesota Rural Water has a network of people to utilize in order to access equipment to assist cities. Jeff located a hydrant seat removal wrench and the hydrant was repaired in a timely manner and saved the city significant dollars compared to digging and installing a new hydrant.

The city saved \$6,500 with Minnesota Rural Water Association's technical assistance.



Minnesota Rural Water Association's Circuit Riders are experienced operators/technicians/teachers that travel the entire state, day-in and day-out to provide immediate on-site, hands-on technical assistance to small systems and USDA Rural Development water system borrowers and/or potential borrowers.

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MRWA District 7 Sighting—Brownton

The city of Brownton is located in McLeod county and has 327 connections on their water system.

Brownton initiated a MnWarn emergency event for flooding after unexpected rainfall. Minnesota Rural Water responded with equipment and personnel by 9:00am.

MRWA Circuit Riders Jeff Dale, Frank Steumke, and Kelly Janes spent the next three days assisting in the flood effort. MRWA provided guidance to the city officials with their experience from other natural disasters where they've assisted.

MRWA took care of pumps and treatment facilities while the city operators were taking care of other

duties that come with these types of unexpected events.

MRWA provides the service and emergency response equipment to all municipalities free of charge. Public health and safety were protected and no property damage occurred in this event.

The city water superintendent Mark Streich quoted " I don't know what I would have done without the help from MRWA".

The city saved \$15,000 with Minnesota Rural Water Association's technical assistance.



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MRWA District 2 Sighting—Goodhue

The city of Goodhue is located in Goodhue county and has 275 connections on their water system.

Goodhue is replacing their water tower. The city engineer included new telemetry for controlling the existing wells, but the water operator was not convinced they needed to replace their current well controls. The engineer had convinced the mayor and already included this in the new project plans. The operator contacted Circuit Rider Jeff Dale to meet with the mayor and city engineer.

After a walk through of the well houses and explaining the new telemetry compared to the existing controls, the mayor and the

engineer agreed that the existing controls are adequate.

This is unfortunately a common occurrence when the city officials don't have their operators participate in the planning. The current controls were only two years old and the new telemetry system proposed was overkill for this small water utility.

The city saved \$55,000 with Minnesota Rural Water Association's technical assistance.



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