Illinois Rural Water Association

"The State's Largest Rural Utility Association"

Membership Services

MISSION STATEMENT

"Protecting and preserving the water and wastewater resources of Rural Illinois through education, representation and on-site technical assistance"



MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS!



VOTING MEMBERS RECEIVE:

Access to IRWA technical assistance library, slide presentations & videos at either no charge or discounted rate

Free access to technical equipment

Information sent directly to you on IRWA training sessions in your area

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VOTING MEMBERS RECEIVE:

Technical assistance provided by field technicians at no charge to you

Will list your job openings in a mail out to our S.O.U.P. Members at no charge to you

VOTING MEMBERS RECEIVE:

30% discount on GPS/GIS and video inspection projects

Receive discounts from affiliate programs through National Rural Water on fleet vehicles, websites, and leak adjustment programs.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Municipalities with a population over 10,000.

Supporting members have the same benefits as our Voting members - except they do not have voting rights and shall not hold office in the Association.

All MEMBER RECEIVE

Industry Contact Book

The "T.A.B." (Technical Assistance Bulletin) enewsletter every other month

Mailing of "IRWA Water Ways" quarterly magazine

Discounts on Trainings and Conferences

HOW MUCH IS MEMBERSHIP?

Dues are figured as \$294 base cost

Plus # of connections x .06 for water OR wastewater connections only

Or x .12 for both water and wastewater connections



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836 VOTING MEMBERS CAN'T BE WRONG!

All you need to do is fill out the membership application and send it into the office with a check for your dues

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Effingham Conference
 Keller Convention Center
 February 18-20, 2025
 2 ¹/₂ Days
 Approximately 13 Credit Hours of Training
 115 Exhibitors for 2 days

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

 Annual Northern Conference
 Radisson Hotel & Conference Center October 22 & 23, 2024
 2 Day Conference
 Approximately 10 Credit Hours of Training
 40 Exhibitors

Administrative Conference

Annual Administrative Conference
 Holiday Inn in Effingham on July 16 & 17, 2025

This conference is for the admin and office staff.

It is one and a half days and is dedicated to sessions like Healthcare, Risk Management, Human Resources, Accounting and much more.

IPWSOA

 IRWA has assisted IPWSOA to continue with their annual conference
 The conference is held the second week of September in Springfield

WELCOME ABOARD!

Look for your packet in the mail welcoming you as a part of the association!

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS





President – Greg Bates Jersey County Rural Water At Large

Vice President – Steve Fletcher Washington County Water Co Dist. 7 (NRWA)



Secretary – Jay Bell Village of Strawn District 4



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- Director Brian Strike
 City of Prophetstown
- Dist. 1



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- Director Kaleb Kahl
- Village of BrightonDist. 5



- Director Jake Johnson Village of Ashmore
- Dist. 6



- Director Casey Johnson
- Anna-Jonesboro Water
- District 8

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



OUR FRIENDLY OFFICE STAFF!





Don Craig Executive Director

Roger Noe Deputy Executive Director

OUR FRIENDLY OFFICE STAFF!





Heather McLeod -**Chief Membership Officer/Chief Event** Coordinator **Denise Burke - Chief** Financial **Officer/Chief Publications Officer**

IRWA WATER FIELD STAFF



Evan Jones – Director of Field Staff Programs Circuit Rider #1

IRWA WATER FIELD STAFF



Jason Cochran -Circuit Rider #2



Chuck Woodworth -Circuit Rider #3

IRWA WATER CIRCUIT RIDERS

Leak Detection
Locating
On-Site Training
Certification Overview
Troubleshooting Chemical Feed Equipment
Nitrification Action Plan Assistance

LEAK DETECTION









LOCATING



ON-SITE TRAINING



EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

Equipment for Loan

We have many pieces of equipment that are available to loan to our members free of charge. They may be checked out for as long as 30 days at a time. Some examples are:

Pressure Chart Recorder	Electric Valve Exerciser
Foot Pump	Hydrant Relief Valve
Composite Sampler	Pipe & Cable Locator
Pipe Thawing Machine	Hydrant Pressure Test Kit
Wastewater Analysis Kit	Certified Thermometer
Backflow Preventer Test Kit	Fire Hydrant Gauge
Hydrant Flow Tester/Diffuser	Core Pro Sampler - (Sludge Judge)
D.O. & Temperature Meter	Hydrant Diffuser
Portable Flow Meter	Portable Test Meter
Electronic Metering Pumps	PVC Pipe Locator
Conductivity Meter	Low Ionic Strength Chamber
Portable Test Meter	Water Level Indicator
Magnetic Locator	Dechlorination Bazooka
Pressure Logger	

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE WITH IRWA PERSONNEL



Smoke Testing Equipment	Computerized Flow Meter
Microscope	Leak Locators and correlators
See Snake camera with locator & monitoring equipment	

IRWA WATER FIELD STAFF



Dave McMillan -Training & Technical Assistance Specialist



Steve Vance -Training & Technical Assistance Specialist

WATER TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- PROVIDES TECHNICAL TRAINING SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR WATER OPERATOR CONTINUING EDUCATION
- PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMPLIANCE INCLUDING VIOLATION NOTICES, AND IEPA EVALUATIONS.
- PROVIDES ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE FOR THINGS LIKE NITRIFICATION ACTION PLANS, EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS, RISK AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENTS, AND LEAD LINES.

IRWA WATER FIELD STAFF



Mary Reed -Compliance Assurance Specialist



Rich Adams -Sourcewater Protection Specialist

IRWA FIELD STAFF



Dave Speagle -Energy Efficiency Circuit Rider



Clark Cameron -State Circuit Rider (Rate Studies)

IRWA APPRENTICESHIP



Jeff Tumiati -Apprenticeship Coordinator



Marc Lemrise -Apprenticeship Training Instructor

IRWA WASTEWATER FIELD STAFF



Jeff McCready -Wastewater Technician #1



Scott Tozier -Wastewater Technician #2

IRWA WASTEWATER FIELD STAFF



Kent Cox - Clean Water Act Training & Technical Assistance

IRWA WASTEWATER FIELD STAFF

- Certification Overviews and Tutoring
- Troubleshooting Lagoons, Lift Stations, and Collection systems
- Laboratory Assistance and Training
- Violation Notification Assistance
- Algae Control Troubleshooting
- Process Control Troubleshooting
- NPDES Permit Review
- DMR Reporting Training
 - Activated Sludge Troubleshooting

SLUDGE SURVEY ASSISTANCE

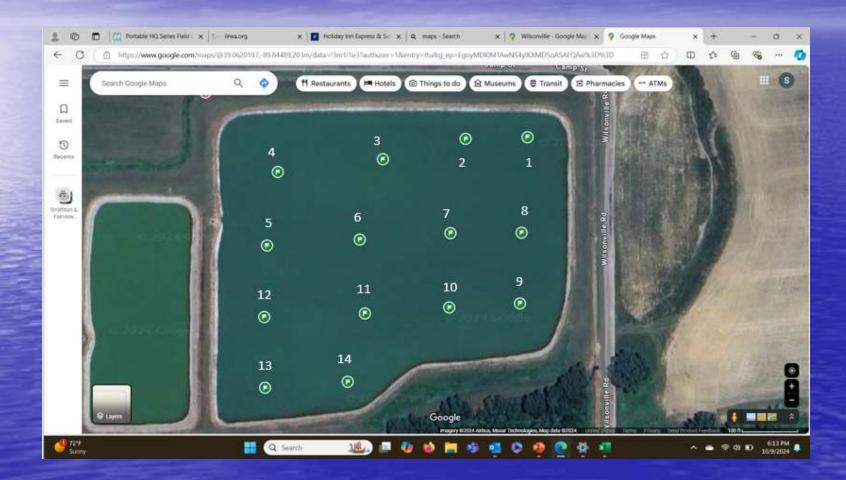
Scott can provide complete training, and assistance with performing a sludge survey for your lagoon. He utilizes sonar equipment and verifies the actual bottom depth of the lagoon at the location of each reading. He also provides a map and summary of the sludge volumes.



SLUDGE SURVEY

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SLUDGE SURVEY



PUSH CAMERA



SMOKE TESTING



SEWER VIDEO AND SMOKE TESTING EQUIPMENT





Marti Ankrom assisting a member system with IRWA sewer video equipment

VIDEO INSPECTION SERVICES



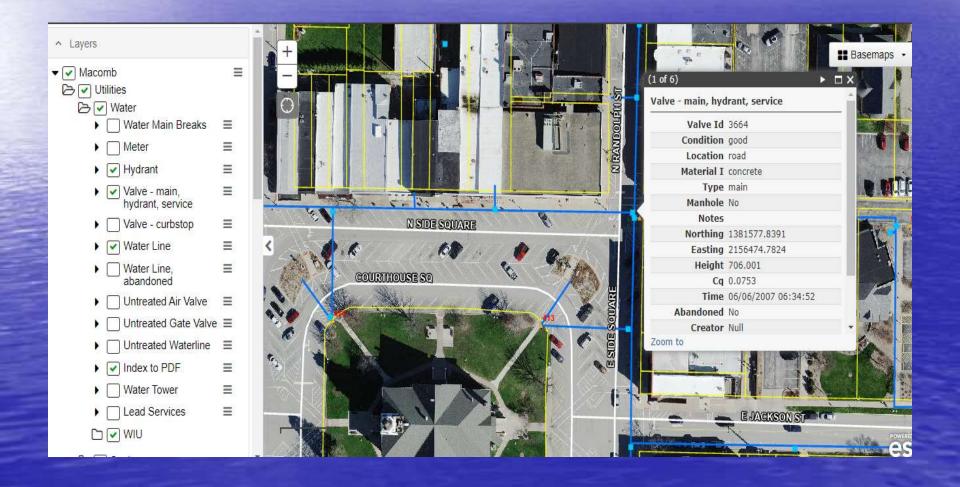
As of March 1, 2024, the IRWA voting members "set minimum maintenance fee" for this service is \$500.00 for projects that do not exceed 500 feet.

GPS/GIS MAPPING SERVICE



 Mapping Services through **IRWA:** Through the implementation of GPS & GIS technology, IRWAcan effectively produce hard copy and digital maps, to be utilized by system personnel for water and/or wastewater facilities in the state. With this new service available from IRWA, utilities can attain new and accurate maps to better manage their infrastructure assets.

GPS/GIS MAPPING SERVICE



TRAINING SESSIONS

Wastewater Training Session on Control Strategies for Lagoons at Macon. Available at any location for as few as two operators from two systems.



RURAL WATER FINANCE

The Rural Water Financing Agency (the "Agency") was created in order to provide tax-exempt financing to governmental entities. The Agency has two loan programs. The Interim Loan Program provides borrowers construction financing in advance of their long-term financing from the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development or another qualifying entity. The Flex Term Program provides financing to borrowers for a variety of uses and can offer short to long term fixed rates (1-30 years).

RURAL WATER FINANCE

Interim Program

Short-term Loan Involving Either a USDA or SRF Takeout Letter. The purpose of the program is to provide construction funding for water and sewer systems that have received a permanent loan commitment from the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development ("RD") (formally known as the Farmers Home Administration). The program structure provides communities access to short-term loan funds at favorable interest rates. Loan proceeds are utilized for the construction period only and are repaid with RD bond funds when the project is complete. RD will provide the permanent financing once the construction phase is complete and project conditions have been met.

Flex Term Program

 1-30 year Loan Without USDA or SRF Takeout Letter. The Program provides financing for a variety of projects with loan terms up to thirty-five years. The program aims to make the process of obtaining funds less complicated than its alternatives and to have funds available as quickly as possible.

NRWA LOAN PROGRAM

The Rural Water Loan Fund (RWLF) is a funding program specifically designed to meet the unique needs of small water and wastewater utilities. The **RWLF** provides low-cost loans for short-term repair costs, small capital projects, or pre-development costs associated with larger projects. The RWLF was established through a grant from the USDA/RUS, and repaid funds used to replenish the fund and make new loans.

NRWA LOAN PROGRAM

Eligible Projects

- Pre-development (planning) costs for infrastructure projects
- Replacement equipment, system upgrades, maintenance and small capital projects
- Energy efficiency projects to lower costs and improve system sustainability
- Disaster recovery or other emergency loans are available

NRWA LOAN PROGRAM

Key Points

- Reasonable, below market interest rate (currently 3%) and a maximum repayment period of 10 years
- Straightforward application process and quick turnaround time (just a few days if documents are in order)
- Loan amounts may not exceed \$200,000 or 75% of the total project cost, whichever is less
- Emergency loans are 90-day no interest, with immediate turn around on applications
- NRWA charges no administrative or processing fees
- Systems must be public entities (municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Native American Tribes, nonprofit corporations and cooperatives) serving up to 10,000 persons, or in rural areas with no population limits

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