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ALL SEASONS WATER USERS DISTRICT

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SEPTEMBER 2023

TO: Potential System Users

RE: Northeast Bottineau County Expansion

Dear Potential User,

The All Seasons Water Uses District (ASWUD) is now soliciting and accepting users for the Bottineau County Expansion Project. If you are a recipient of this letter, you have been identified as a landowner or potential user in this project area. The project area identified includes Dalen, Roland, Homen, Whitteron and Cordelia Townships.

This is your opportunity to sign up with a Good Intention Fee of \$200. The Good Intention Fee will be used to complete the analysis of the feasibility of this project. The feasibility, planning, and funding of the project can only account for users that have signed up. When enough signups are received and the study shows that the project is feasible, the Good Intention fee will be applied to the \$2000 connection fee (connection point on property). The deadline for this sign-up with a Good Intention Fee has been designated as August 1, 2024. If enough signups are not received prior to this date, then the feasibility study will not be completed and there will be no project.

Enclosed is an Expansion Project Information Flyer and survey for rural water service signup form to become a customer of the ASWUD. Please fill out the enclosed survey form and return it to ASWUD.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please visit the ASWUD website (<u>www.allseasonswaterusers.com</u>) or Facebook page, or call Dan Schaefer at 701-228-8030 or any of the ASWUD Board Members.

Sincerely,

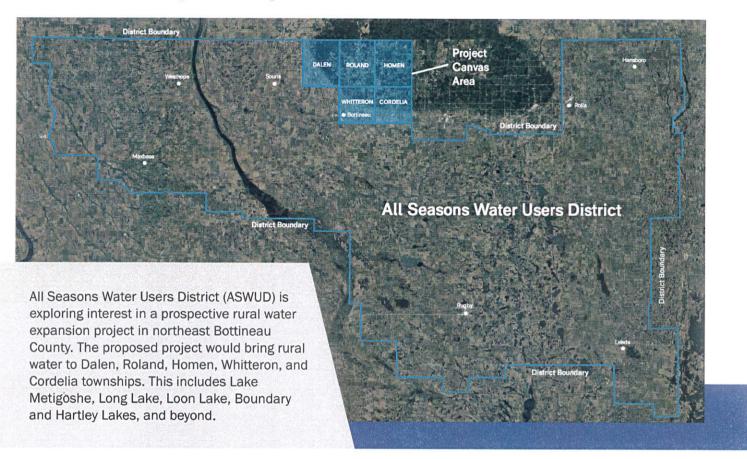
Dan Schaefer, Manager

All Seasons Water Users District

Northeast Bottineau County Rural Water Expansion



Includes Lake Metigoshe, Long Lake and Loon Lake



\$2,000 (Good Intention Fee + Connection)



*Monthly expense is an estimated amount based on 5,000 gallons used per month.

How much will each user have to pay?

Sign Up: Interested users are being asked to pay a good intention fee of \$200 prior to August 1, 2024 to allow the project to move forward.

Connection Fee: Sign up will be \$2,000 and will be a one-time fee. Good intention fee will be deducted from the connection fee.

Monthly Costs: Will depend on usage, but a typical household should expect a bill ranging from \$85-100.

Actual costs will depend on project costs and the number of connections. ASWUD 2023 rates are \$46/month base fee plus \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons used.

Project Expansion Estimated Timeline

Receive water from NAWS 2024-2025

Start Construction (First Phase) 2026-2027 Project Completed 2029-2030

Why Now?



Water: The Northwest Area Water Supply Project (NAWS) will begin bringing reliable, clean water from Lake Sakakawea to All Seasons Water Users District in 2024-2025.



Grant Funding: The current cost-share program through the North Dakota State Water Commission would pay for up to 75% of the project.



Loan: A 25% loan would come through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program administered by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

Can I Wait to Sign Up?

Without enough sign-ups, the proposed rural water project will not move forward. By signing up in the project's early stages, property owners in the project area will not only ensure the project moves forward, but they reduce their costs by taking advantage of the 75% grant funding available from the State of North Dakota. This grant funding will not be available to those that decide to connect after the project is constructed. The water district is also unable to guarantee the system will have the capacity to serve future connections that were not identified during the project's planning phase. Sign up now to guarantee reliable, clean water in northeast Bottineau County!

How Can We Make This Happen?



Sign up with All Seasons Water Users District by completing the project survey and paying a \$200 good intention fee.



Spread the word. The project needs a sufficient number of sign ups to move forward.

Visit https://allseasonswaterusers.com for more information.



All Seasons Water Users District

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Advantages of a Rural Water System

- Healthy, safe, drinkable water. Water can be used for plants, gardens, lawns, and trees.
- 2. No cost or worry of well, tank and pump failure.
- No electric bills for water pumping.
- No cost or upkeep of softeners, reverse osmosis, iron removal, filters, distillers, or other systems.
- Longer life of pipes, water heaters, plumbing fixtures, valves, dish washers, washing machines, etc.
- 6. If you calculate the total long-term cost of your present well water system (interest on investment, depreciation, maintenance, electric bills), the proposed rural water system will be cheaper. The high-quality water is a bonus. If your present water needs treatment (softeners, iron removers, reverse osmosis systems, distillers, etc.), the cost advantage will be greater.
- 7. Although well contamination in most of the project area is not a significant current problem, there is a concern of pollution from septic tanks, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, or barn yards. Well contamination could become a problem in the future or may be a problem in selected areas. A rural water system with treated and inspected water would prevent this problem.
- A secure supply of good water will greatly increase the value of your property. In the future, rural property without rural water may not be readily saleable.
- You will be able to enjoy a good cup of coffee and other beverages made with the higher quality water. The excellent quality of water from the System will lower the annual costs for laundry detergent, soaps, replacement or damage to fixtures, water heaters, etc.



SURVEY FOR RURAL WATER SERVICE

NORTHEAST BOTTINEAU COUNTY

Let us know your interest by returning!

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION:				
Name:	e: Email:			
Mailing Address:				
		State:		
Contact Phone	e No.:			
LOCATION OF POTENTIAL SERVICE:				
911 Address of Service Location:				
RURAL: Se	ection: Quarter:	Township	Pango	
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LAKE HOME/CABIN: Lake/Cabin Area Name: Lot #:				
Comments:				
(Please identify your location by completing the information requested above, regardless of the boxes checked below.)				
QUESTIONNAIRE:				
Please check the appropriate box:				
☐ Household/ Cabin ☐ Pasture Tap ☐ Commercial ☐ Other:				
Indicate your level of interest to sign up for service: <u>Rural hook</u>				Rural hook up Location
	Want to sign up to conner			Home or Use Location SecT R
	Not sure (go to <u>www.allseasonswaterusers.com</u> for additional information or contact All Seasons Water User District)		NW NE	
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Not Interested in rural water service				
For more info	Please locate your location with an % on the map.			

DEADLINE FOR RESPONDING IS AUGUST 1, 2024!
IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUMMITTED THE ABOVE INFORMATION
YOU <u>DO NOT</u> NEED TO SUBMIT IT AGAIN!

Return to: All Seasons Water Users District; 1066 Hwy 5 NE; Bottineau, ND 58318