

THE INNOVATOR

Denison Municipal Utilities

January, 2012

2011—YEAR IN REVIEW

2011 proved to be another very exciting, progressive and successful year at DMU! Listed below are some of the major highlights for the year:

- Adopted a new Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (PILOT) policy that established a new economic development fund within DMU. This new policy allowed for the payment of over \$66,600 to the City of Denison general fund.
- Began the process to replace all electric meters in Denison with new, radio-read meters. This conversion work should be completed early in 2012.
- Approved a contract to install a new sanitary sewer main to Farmland. This project also includes the installation of new screening equipment and replacement of the grit removal system at the wastewater treatment plant.
- Approved an upgrade to the electric SCADA system to allow for greater application of the load management program, better detection of outages, improved monitoring of system voltages and transformer performance.
- Updated the electric, water and wastewater service rules and regulations.
- Approved the purchase of decorative streetlights for the City of Denison Phase III Streetscape project.
- Initiated engineering of an improved transmission line relaying system between the DMU substations and the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) substation using fiber optic cable.
- Approved a new payment schedule with MRES for capacity from the DMU local generator.
- Completed replacement of the water meters with radio read meters.
- The Lime Sludge Dewatering project at the water treatment plant is nearly complete and should be fully operational by the end of January 2012.

Upgrading the utility infrastructure will continue to be the focus in 2012. These upgrades help to achieve the core purpose of DMU which is to provide the community of Denison clean water, water reclamation and electric services.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a federal grant program established to help reduce the heating and cooling costs for low income persons, particularly the elderly, disabled, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes. This program uses trained crews and contractors to install permanent cost effective measures that address both the building structure and heating and cooling systems in the dwelling.

The installation of energy efficiency measures for each home is based on a computerized energy audit which determines the cost effectiveness of each measure. Energy efficiency measures include high density wall and attic insulation and blower door-guided infiltration reduction which results in “tightening” the homes.

For more information or to apply for this program go to West Central Community Action office at 145 N. 7th St., Denison, Iowa 51442 or call 712-263-3538.



Did you get a new appliance for Christmas? If you bought a new clothes washer, dishwasher, refrigerator or even LED Christmas lights this year you could get some money back if your appliance qualifies.

Just bring in your receipt and fill out a rebate form. It's that easy!

Rebates are also available for ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, air conditioners and furnaces.

Stop at our office at 721 West Broadway or go to our website for the rebate forms.

Denison Municipal Utilities and Chamber and Development



Council together sponsored a Christmas lighting contest this year.

1st Place will receive \$50 credit on their December electric bill/ 2nd place is a \$20 CDC gift card.

Winners are:

Most Unique:

1st place Gloria Kuehnhold;
2nd place John DeConnick;

Best Theme:

1st place Stephanie Arkfeld;
2nd place Arlo Schwanz;

Most Animated:

1st place Ryan Keough;
2nd place Marcella Kluver

CONGRATULATIONS!

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DMU SPOTLIGHT LUNCHEON

The 6th Annual DMU/MRES Business Spotlight Luncheon was held December 2nd at Cronk's Café. The Spotlight Luncheon is designed to honor DMU customers and to highlight their importance to our community. In the spotlight for 2011 was Crawford County Memorial Hospital. A virtual tour of the new facility (photo below) was presented along with highlights of the benefits to the citizens of Crawford County of the expanded services available.

The Luncheon also featured information about new additions to Denison's power supply and changes to the Bright Energy Solutions incentive program along with other news items.

This Business Luncheon is an annual event that helps connect DMU with their business accounts and to keep them informed of updates.



Have you checked out our FREE resource for our residential customers to help you find out more about your energy consumption and how to use less? It's called "Bright Ideas". "Bright Ideas" for your home features a monthly e-communication with energy saving tips and recommendations delivered right to your inbox.

The Denison Municipal Utilities "Bright Ideas" includes:

****eNewsletter:** an email newsletter filled with energy saving tips and tools.

****eLibrary:** keyword search hundreds of articles and resources on energy topics.

****Tools You Can Use:** whole-home energy audit tools, with HVAC and appliance calculators. Check it out at our website www.dmuonline.com

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