

HISTORY

In August 1966, the North Edmonson Water District was created to serve all of the county west of Nolin River and north of Green River with Roger Rich, Gilbert Webb and Haskell Lane as commissioners appointed by County Judge John H. Blanton.

The South Edmonson Water District was created to serve all of Edmonson County south of Green River, with the exception of the city of Brownsville and Mammoth Cave National Park. Judge John H. Blanton appointed as commissioners Benton Skaggs, Marvin Moody and Ray James.

In March 1967, the North and South Districts were consolidated to form the Edmonson County Water District to serve all the county west of Nolin River, south of Green River (with the exception of the City of Brownsville and Mammoth Cave National Park), and north of Green River, and a portion of Warren and Grayson counties with Ray James, Roger Rich and Marvin Moody as the commissioners.

The consolidation enhanced the possibility of obtaining funds to build the water system and improve the overall management and operation of the system.

On October 3, bids were opened to build a one-half million gallons per day Treatment Plant near Lock #6 on Green River, install approximately sixty-six miles of lines, three pump stations and two storage tanks.

On November 12, 1968, upon recommendation of the Engineer, the Commissioners rejected all bids, modified the Plans and Specifications and rebid the project.

On January 8, 1969 bids were reopened. March 29, 1969 was set as a deadline for customer sign-up. A total of 463 customers signed up. On April 19, 1969, a pre-construction meeting was held with the contractors. April 18, 1969 at 2:00 P.M., the \$245,000 Bond Sale was made to FmHA to match the Grant of \$980,000 from the Economic Development Administration. The construction was scheduled to be completed in fifteen months.

Meetings were held at the county agent's office, local banks, or the Chevrolet building until September 1970, when the Commissioners rented an office in Brownsville.

The Treatment Plant and lines were completed in November 1970. Some customers started receiving water at that time; however, other customers did not receive water until late Spring 1971.

On June 6, 1972, the commissioners, Engineers, and FmHA officials met to discuss the need to extend water lines to other customers. September 6, 1973, a Letter of Conditions was received from FmHA. February 26, 1974, the Letter of Intent to meet FmHA Conditions was signed. The process of signing up customers and obtaining easements began, along with advertising for construction bids and Sale of Bonds. FmHA bought the \$586,000 worth of Bonds and Grant of \$40,000 was obtained from FmHA. The customers began receiving water in January 1975. The project added approximately 30 miles of lines, and 2 tanks. That brought the total number of customers to 978.



**Brownsville Treatment Plant after
1 million gallon per day upgrade.**

An application was made in the summer of 1976 funds to upgrade the Brownsville approximately 70 miles of lines, 4 pump stations, build 3 tanks which would serve approximately 800 additional customers, and to build a new office building.

A Letter of Conditions was received from FmHA on March 15, 1977, with \$931,000 Grant. After a long battle to get the needed customers signed up, bids were opened on March 1, 1978. Bids were more than \$1,000,000 over the approved amount of money. After numerous phone calls, several meetings, and modifying the project, a new Letter of Conditions was received from FmHA March 24, 1978, with \$1,516,000 loan and a grant in the amount of \$1,414,300. At this time the 5th Magisterial District was annexed into the Water District. After proper approval was received, the contracts were awarded on May 25, 1978, and construction began shortly thereafter. Customers began receiving water in January 1980.



**100,000 gallon Storage Tank behind
Office Building on KY 259 N.**



**Office Building located on
KY 259 North of Brownsville.**

An application was filed in May 1983, for approximately 69 miles to serve approximately 875 new customers. June 9, 1983, a Letter of Conditions was received from FmHA with a loan of \$1,298,000 and a grant of \$319,000. Bids were opened on January 24, 1984. Customers started receiving water by the end of that year (1984).



**Maintenance Building
located on KY 259 North.**

In Spring of 1985, the District built a Maintenance Garage and expanded its office building to provide better service to the 2,800 customers it now served.

An application was filed in Spring of 1985 for approximately 29 miles of lines, and a tank, to provide service to approximately 400 new customers. Bids were received in May 1986. Bonds in the amount of \$789,000 were sold to FmHA in August 1986. Customers began receiving water in December, 1986.



**Booster Station located on
KY 259 South near Fairview.**

In February 1987, the District and the Edmonson County Fiscal Court filed a Community Development Block Grant for \$365,550. Approval was received and 257 customers were signed up in the fall. Construction began in the Spring 1988 after a loan in the amount of \$365,550 to match the grant funds was received from the Bank of Edmonson County. Thirty-four miles of lines were laid. Customers started receiving water in May 1988.

In April, 1988, an application was filed by the District and the Hart County Fiscal Court for 25 miles of lines, a tank, and two pump stations, to serve 229 additional customers. A grant of \$340,000 and a KIA Loan of \$360,480 were received to finance the project. Construction began March 1990 and service to the customers began July 1990.



**Wax Treatment Plant after upgrading
to 1/2 million per day.**

An application was made to FmHA for upgrading an existing Treatment Plant obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers on Nolin River, and installation of approximately 16 miles of line to serve 200 new customers. A Letter of Conditions was received February 23, 1989, with a loan of \$1,160,000 from FmHA. Line construction was completed in July 1989 and Treatment Plant was finished in April 1991.



**120,000 gallon Storage Tank
located at Nolin Lake Estates**

An application was made to FmHA June 27, 1988, for approximately 35 miles of water lines, one tank, and a booster station to serve approximately 860 customers. A loan was received for \$950,000 from FmHA. Construction was completed in January 1991.

An application was filed by the District and Edmonson County Fiscal Court in September 1989. It was approved in the amount of \$247,900 in grant money and a FmHA loan of \$303,300 to install 22 miles of line to serve approximately 200 more customers. Service began in December 1991.



**A Tank and Booster Station
located at Dog Creek on KY 1015.**

An application was filed with FmHA in February 1991 for a \$545,000 loan. After approval of the loan and bidding the project, an amendment was made in the loan amount from FmHA to \$598,000. Approximately 22 miles of line and approximately 200 new customers were put into service March 1992.

An application was filed in May 1991, by the District and the Hart County Fiscal Court for a Grant in the amount of \$101,637 from the Department of Local Government and a loan from KIA in the amount of \$105,441. Approval came in August 1991. Plans and Specifications were complete to lay 8 ½ miles of water lines. This project was bid in May 1992, and water service for the 70 new customers began in early September 1992.



In 1994, the Water District received a Loan in the amount of \$2,200,000 from Rural Development to construct 31 miles of water line to serve 271 new customers, replace 35,000 feet of existing line, upgrading two existing pump stations and expansion of the Wax Treatment Plant from 1/2 MGD to 1 MGD.

In 1994, an additional \$860,000 Loan from Rural Development was obtained to construct 23 miles of water line to serve 185 new customers and construct a 400,000 gallon water tank.

In 1997, the Water District received a Loan in the amount of \$600,000 from Rural Development, a Grant from the Economic Development Cabinet of \$216,000, to install larger lines to serve the Industrial Park and construct a 300,000 gallon elevated water tank.



In 1999, the Water District received a \$250,000 CDBG Grant to install 9.5 miles water line to serve 87 new customers. This project was done by District employees.

In 2001, the Water District installed 33,000 feet of 16, 12, and 4 inch lines, upgraded the Brownsville Treatment Plant, installed a 1 MG water tank at a total cost of \$4,896,000, of which a Grant of \$775,000 was received from Rural Development and the balance was a Rural Development Loan.



In 2001, the Water District received a \$125,000 KIA Grant to install 16,000 feet of 4 inch lines to serve 24 new customers and a \$450,000 KIA Grant to install 5.74 miles of water lines to serve 46 new customers and construct a 200,000 gallon elevated water tank.

In 2003, the Water District constructed 85,450 feet on lines to serve 86 new customers, at a total cost of \$1,144,057. The project was financed with a \$295,000 Grant from Rural Development, \$281,157 Grant from KIA, \$110,000 Grant from the Tobacco Development Fund, \$442,000 Loan from Rural Development and \$15,900 Local Contributions.

The Water District looked into the possibility of starting a County Sewer System and held its first planning meeting on October 11, 1999. After several meetings the Water District organized the county wide Sewer System. The first project was completed in 2006, serving 58 customers on the North side of Green River. The project consists of approximately 18,280 feet of sewer mains and two pump stations, at a total cost of approximately \$1,600,000. The funds consist of a \$300,000 KIA Grant, \$300,000 TDF Grant, \$400,000 ARC Grant, Rural Development Loan of \$100,000 and a \$500,000 TDF Grant and some Local Contributions.



The Water District has purchased additional land adjoining the office site, expanded its office and built a new maintenance building and purchased approximately twenty acres of land at the Brownsville Treatment Plant site.

In 2007/2008, the Water District received a USDA Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$438,000, KIA Grants in the amount of \$1,038,500 and a USDA Rural Development Loan in the amount of \$1,720,000 to do a project that installed approximately 20 miles of 4, 6, and 12” water mains, upgrade 2 pump stations, construct a new 250,000 Gallon elevated water tank, a 50,000 Gallon ground storage water tank, painted the inside and outside of 2 existing water tanks and provide service to 65 new households. The Water District Contribution was \$12,000.

In 2009, the Water District received a USDA Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$644,000, KIA Grants in the amount of \$1,910,535, a USDA Rural Development Loan in the amount of \$1,511,000 and the Water District contribution of \$15,200 to do a project that installed approximately 16 miles of 4, 6, and 3” water mains, replace 3 pump stations and upgrade 2 pump stations, construct a 250,000 Gallon elevated water tank and a 100,000 Gallon elevated water tank, painted the inside and outside of 5 existing water tanks and provide service to 67 new households. Also, the Water District installed an emergency connect with the Hardin County Water District.

In 2010, the Water District received a USDA Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$249,500, a KIA Grant in the amount of \$450,000, a USDA Rural Development Loan in the amount of \$570,000 with a \$9,500 Water District contribution to construct approximately 9 miles of 6” and 4” water mains, 3 meter stations to measure water flow, 10 leak detection meters provided service to 48 new customers.

In 2010, the Water District also received a USDA Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$295,000, a USDA Rural Development Loan in the amount of \$700,000, with a \$5,000 Water District contribution to construct approximately 3 miles of 3” and 4” water mains, 3 meter stations to measure water flow, 21 leak detection meters, and provided service to 16 new customers.

In 2010, the Water District used some money that was not used for water mains, pump stations, and water tanks and began with USDA Rural Development permission to purchase and install Radio Read type meters. The Water District began installing these meters March 18, 2010 and completed the approximately 10,000 on June 8, 2012. These meters cut the meter reading time from 26 days to 4 days using two trucks to drive over the Water District water lines. This also provided the Water District means to detect if a customer is having a leak at the

time the meter is read. Meter reading cost was reduced by approximately \$50,000 per year.

The Water District has been working on a project to provide Sewer service to the Southern portion of Edmonson County for approximately 6 years. The project consists of servicing approximately 15 miles of mains with 3 pump stations. Approximately 300 families will have access to the service. The construction was started on September 11, 2012. This project was funded with Grants from KIA of in excess of \$3,000,000.

Our appreciation is extended to the customers because they are the life blood of the Water District. We look forward to serving you in the future!

Hard work and a lot of effort has gone into making the Water District what it is today.

Past Commissioners

August 1966

North Edmonson Water District

South Edmonson Water District

Gilbert Webb
Haskell Lane
Roger Rich

Benton Skaggs
Marvin Moody
Ray James

March 1967

Edmonson County Water District

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| Roger Rich | 1966-1978 |
| Ray James | 1966-1972 |
| Marvin Moody | 1966-1981 |
| Tommie Buttram | 1972-1976 |
| Roy N. Davis | 1976-1978 |
| Wilbur Gibson | 1978-1980 |
| Max W. Vincent | 1978-1988 |
| Harold Stewart | 1980-2007 |
| John H. Blanton | 1981-1996 |
| Jackie McCombs | 1988-2008 |
| James Turley | 1996-1997 |
| Mac Houchins | 1998-2002 |
| Jimmy Mills | 2002-Present |
| Barry Rich | 2008-Present |
| Roy McDougal | 2008-Present |