



Upcoming Meetings
Lake Agassiz Water Authority Board of Director Meeting
 Tuesday, November 13 at 10:00 AM
 Doublewood Inn - Woodland East Room, Fargo

New LAWA Board Member Elected

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- Kevin Burg, Hillsboro Representative, LAWA Board of Directors

Cities from the Red River Valley held elections for the LAWA Board of Directors in September at the North Dakota League of Cities Conference in Bismarck.

The group elected Hillsboro as the newest member of the Board of Directors. Kevin Burg, City Commission President, will be the city’s representative on the Board. He sees this as a vital role for the city, he says, “it is very important that we be involved and informed in the decisions that will impact all of eastern North Dakota involving water distribution.” Hillsboro replaced Grafton on the Board as representative of cities with a population under five thousand and east of state Highway 1.

Reelected and continuing to serve on the Board of Directors representing cities include:

- Valley City—represented by City Commissioner Ken Evenson
- Fargo—represented by former Mayor Bruce Furness
- Grand Forks—represented by City Council member Curt Kreun

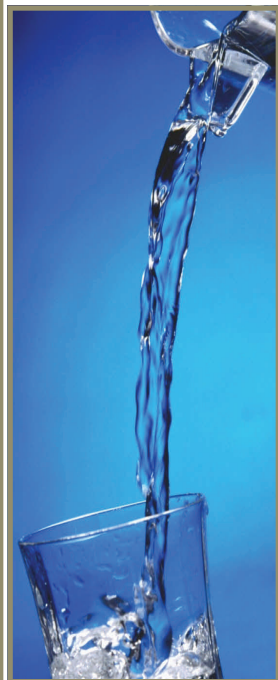
The city of Moorhead, represented by Moorhead Public Service Commissioner Kelli Poehls, also serves on the Board.

The Board consists of 10 elected members, each serving a two year term. Five of the members represent cities while the other five members represent rural water systems.

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Finding a solution to the drinking water supply needs of the Red River Valley

Lake Agassiz Water Authority Update

- At the September LAWA Board meeting, the Board requested that the cost allocation models be updated using additional federal loan funds.
- They also approved sending a letter to the Congressional Delegation confirming that authorization for the project is the most important effort needed from them.
- More detail was provided on the draft 2008 work plan and budget.
- At the October Board meeting, the Board reviewed the updated cost allocation models, which included federal loans.
- They also discussed the 2008 dues structure and 2008 work plan.

Red River Valley Water Supply Project Update

- All studies are complete and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is ready for print. Reclamation is working to brief their leadership on the project before the document is released to the public.
- The Boundary Waters Treaty work group continues to discuss the necessary steps to comply with the Treaty. EPA and the State Department have provided comments on the administrative draft of the Final EIS. Reclamation has responded to those comments.
- A public informational meeting on the RRVWSP was held in Williston on September 27.
- LAWA Board Chairman Bruce Furness gave a presentation to the Lake Agassiz Exchange Club on October 18th about the project.
- Garrison Diversion District Engineer David Johnson gave a presentation on the project to the North Dakota American Water Works Association conference on October 24.

New City Representative on LAWA Board of Directors

Kevin Burg, long time resident and business owner from Hillsboro was recently elected as the newest city representative on LAWA's Board of Directors. Burg has been President of the Hillsboro City Council since August of 2006. He has been greatly involved in the community, serving on the city's Economic Development Commission Board for six years and holding the position of Chairman. Additionally, he spent ten years on the Hillsboro Medical Center Board and served as President.

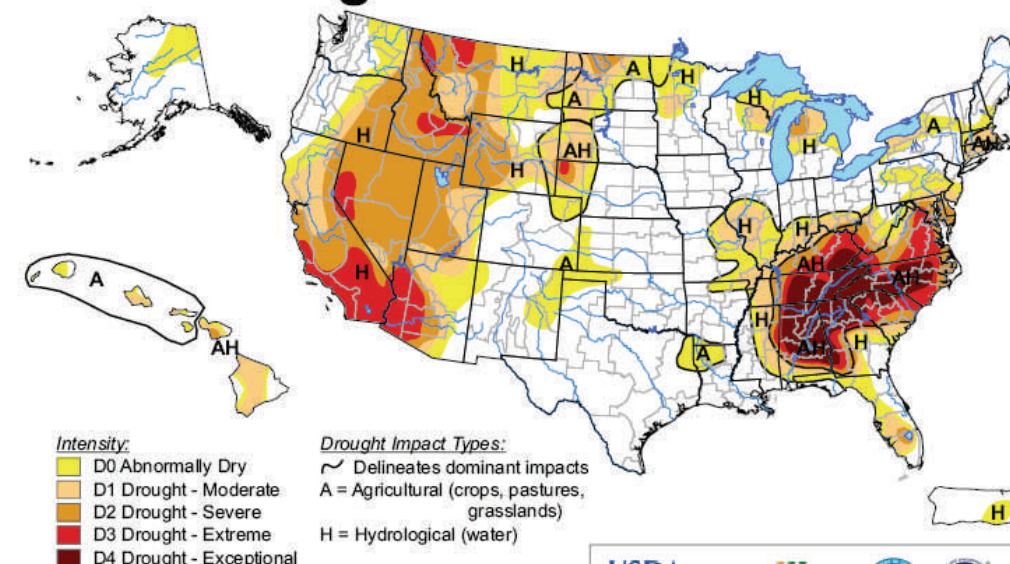
Burg is the owner of Culligan Water Conditioning in Hillsboro. He and his wife Connie have two children.

Regional Drought Conditions

An area of abnormally dry conditions has been growing in the northern Red River Valley over the past two months. The north central part of North Dakota is now classified in the severe drought category and most of western North Dakota is facing a moderate drought. Over 75% of the state is classified by the Drought Monitor as at least abnormally dry.

Record setting rainfall in Minnesota in August and a wet September has alleviated some of the severe and extreme drought conditions in Northern Minnesota and the Otter Tail River basin. The Otter Tail River contributes a majority of the inflows of the Red River.

U.S. Drought Monitor October 23, 2007 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:
 D0 Abnormally Dry
 D1 Drought - Moderate
 D2 Drought - Severe
 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:
 ~ Delineates dominant impacts
 A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
 H = Hydrological (water)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>



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