**BLUE RIVER WATER DISTRICT**

**Superintendent Report**

**Nov. 4th 2026**

- Ongoing issue with meter @ 91304 Blue River Rd.

Currently waiting on contractor to schedule time to have meter vacced out. Customer refuses contact with Superintendent. If there is a leak found at meter setter the cost will be on the water district. If the leak is not to be found at the setter the cost of excavation and parts will be on the customer, including all water usage.

Currently investigating possible meter tampering by the customer.

- For the month of October, 39 Kamstrup meters where available for reading electronically. Due to construction issues, not all meters were read! A notice in the billing will acknowledge this and some customers will only be billed for the meter usage for October and will be billed for water consumption usage for October and November on the November billing.

- Current construction status take aways from construction meeting 10/29/26.

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**Subject:** Takeaways from Meeting with Brinks

Rob,

I wanted to follow up after the meeting with Brinks earlier today and provide you a list of my takeaways:

- Joel and Jeff made the claim that contract work is substantially complete and all that is left is testing and final connections. That is not accurate. The contract is not complete until all waterlines pass the required tests, including bacteriological tests, and are put into service. I do not consider verification that the lines they installed are clean and completing service connections “punch list items.”

- The 6” main by the well was presented to the group as “proof” that the recurrent bacteriological test failures is not a Brinks workmanship issue, because Joel personally oversaw its installation and scrubbed the pipes when they saw dirt. It should be noted that this was the first time they tested this segment, and it’s the very last week of contract time. For the record, our inspector did not see them clean the pipes, but that’s not to say that they did not do it – they could have cleaned them at the staging area before bringing them to the trench.

    - Josh made a good point: they stored those pipes for a long time in their staging yard, open to the elements, and as a result may need a few rounds of flushing and disinfecting to prepare them for service. Swabbing a pipe before installing it is a good practice but is not sufficient; chlorinating, flushing, and testing negative for total coliform per AWWA C651 is the only acceptable method. When Brinks followed the project specifications and the relevant AWWA standards earlier in the project, they were able to get satisfactory results on other mains with OHA’s approval. The contractor should be expected to do the same with this and other pipe segments on the project.

- Joel and Jeff insinuated that the water district’s source water is causing Brinks to fail the required bacteriological tests with no evidence to support that claim. The water district tests their distribution system monthly as required by OHA and have not had a detection for total coliform since July 15, 2025, which was prior to you sending Brinks the Notice to Proceed on August 21, 2025. At Brinks’ request, we have taken samples from the source reservoir multiple times during this project and those have all resulted in absent total coliform results. Brinks acknowledged this in the response letter they sent you on 10/22. The test directly downstream of the source well that was collected yesterday also came back

clean in both samples. The only times we have seen results present for total coliform during this project is when the water is in contact with pipes they installed.

- Regarding Joel's proposed experiment with the source well water: letting a sample of the well water sit in a container for some period of time before taking a sample is already what we require them to do – the "container" is the pipe that they are expected to install and disinfect before it is put into service.

- One thing that was not mentioned in the meeting that we're all aware of is that the grant runs out of money soon. A two-week extension will not be enough for Brinks to complete the amount of work remaining.

Regards,

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