

REMARKS BY SENATOR BOB DOLE
GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE POST ROCK RURAL WATER DISTRICT
LAKE KANOPOLIS, KANSAS
JULY 19, 1984

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU AGAIN TO MARK ANOTHER MILESTONE IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO OUR POST ROCK COMMUNITY. I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND DETERMINATION OF SO MANY WHICH HAS CARRIED US THIS FAR.

ADOLPH VOPAT, MELVIN WEBB, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- BOB WHITMER, DWIGHT SPERRY, HENRY BENDER, LEROY CHARVAT, BOB DIERS, LARRY KILIAN, LEE ROSS -- HAVE GIVEN AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME AND ATTENTION TO THIS PROJECT SINCE THE IDEA SURFACED BACK IN 1976. BOB WHITMER, CURRENT CHAIRMAN, HAS HAD A MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY IN ENCOURAGING THE GROUP AS WE STRUGGLED WITH GAINING THE ATTENTION OF THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, SELLING MEMBERSHIPS, SECURING EASEMENTS, AND AWARDING CONTRACTS.

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IT IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT THAT SIX CITIES HAVE SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE -- BROOKVILLE, DORRANCE, GORHAM, LURAY, PARADISE, AND WALDO. PERSONALLY CONTACTING AND SIGNING ON NEARLY 700 INDIVIDUAL USERS FOR THIS PHASE ALONE REPRESENTS A MONUMENTAL UNDERTAKING.

KANAPOLIS LAKE, SINCE IT BEGAN TO FILL IN 1948, HAS COME TO MEAN FLOOD CONTROL, BOATING, AND FISHING TO US HERE IN THE HEART OF KANSAS. SHORTLY, IT WILL SERVE AS A SOURCE OF CLEAN, SAFE WATER FOR OUR HOMES, IN WHAT LARRY DAVIS AND THE FARMERS HOME PEOPLE HAVE CALLED THE LARGEST RURAL WATER DISTRICT IN KANSAS, IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL AREA ENCOMPASSED BY THE BOUNDARIES WHICH SPREAD THROUGH EIGHT COUNTIES.

THAT BRINGS US TO TODAY'S AGENDA -- MARKING A SIGNIFICANT STEP AS ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION BEGINS. THE PAPERS ARE SIGNED, THE SHOVELS ARE READY. GIVEN THE NATURE AND PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION

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OF THE ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS WHO ARE IN CHARGE, IT IS REASONABLE
TO EXPECT THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REACH YOUR GOAL -- TO BEGIN
PUMPING WATER BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME.

July 11, 1984

TO: SENATOR
FROM: MARCIE

DRAFT: "Groundbreaking for the Post Rock Rural Water District"
Thursday, July 19, 1984
Lake Kanopolis, Kansas

It is a pleasure to be with you again to mark another milestone in our continuing efforts to provide water service to our Post Rock community. I am particularly proud to recognize the spirit of cooperation and determination of so many which has carried us this far.

Adolph Vopat, Melvin Webb, and the other members of the Board of Directors--Bob Whitmer, Dwight Sperry, Henry Bender, Leroy Charvat, Bob Diers, Larry Kilian, Lee Ross--have given an enormous amount of time and attention to this project since the idea surfaced back in 1976. Bob Whitmer, current Chairman, has had a major responsibility in encouraging the group as we struggled with gaining the attention of the Farmers Home Administration, selling memberships, securing easements, and awarding contracts.

It is particularly significant that six cities have signed up to participate--Brookville, Dorrance, Gorham, Luray, Paradise, & Waldo. Personally contacting and signing on nearly 700 individual users for this phase alone represents a monumental undertaking.

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Kanopolis Lake, since it began to fill in 1948, has come to mean flood control, boating, and fishing to us here in the Heart of Kansas. Shortly, it will serve as a source of clean, safe water for our homes, in what Larry Davis and the Farmers Home people have called the largest rural water district in Kansas, in terms of the total area encompassed by the boundaries which spread through eight counties.

That brings us to today's agenda--marking a significant step as actual construction begins. The papers are signed, the shovels are ready. Given the nature and professional

reputation of the engineers and contractors who are in charge, it is reasonable to expect that you will be able to reach your goal--to begin pumping water by this time next year.

Thank you for inviting me. ~~I always look forward to being with you whenever possible and appreciate your consideration in accommodating the demands upon my schedule. . . Thanks again.~~

POST ROCK RURAL WATER DISTRICT GROUND BREAKING DETAILS

Driving time from Russell (60 Miles): Henry Bender estimated 45 minutes. However, only 33 miles are on I-70. Therefore, I think that you should allow more time.



STATISTICS

*District encompasses approximately 2500 square miles.

*Project totals nearly \$10 million (\$9,820,000.)

\$5,018,000.	FmHA Grants
\$3,463,000.	FmHA Loan
\$350,000.	EDA Matching Funds Grant
\$250,000.	Membership/user fees

PROGRAM 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome	Adolph Vopat (Short history)
Prayer.....	Father Kieffer
Intro. of Guests.....	Ron Svaty
Intro. of Senator Dole..	Henry Bender
Brief Remarks	Senator Dole
Ground Breaking/Press Opportunity	
Refreshments (Iced tea & donuts)	

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POST ROCK RURAL WATER DISTRICT GROUND BREAKING

NOTES

- *I have cautioned them that you need to leave no later than 10:00 a.m. in order to make a 10:45 meeting in Hoisington.
- *There is no electricity on site; however, they have arranged for a pickup with a battery-operated speaker system and a speaker stand. There will be steps to access the truck bed.
- *Henry Bender will assist you with the shovel. (He will also give you a ride from Russell, if you wish.)

ATTENDING

Board of Directors: Bob Whitmer, Dorrance, Chairman
Dwight Sperry, Beverly
Adolph Vopat, Wilson
Melvin Webb, Westfall
Henry Bender, Russell
Leroy Charvat, Dorrance
Bob Diers, Sylvan Grove
Larry Kilian, Russell
Lee Ross, Luray
Ron Svaty, Attorney (Sent official invitation)
Gary Urbanek, Van Gundy & Associates, Engineers
Charley Dolezal, Ellsworth, Employed as Post Rock Exec. Director
Gary Smith, FmHA
Wendell Anderson, FmHA
Roy Ehrlich, State Senator
Bob Miller, State Rep.
Cliff Campbell, State Rep.