



February 4, 2026

Dear Member:

The annual meeting of the Brown County Rural Water Assn., Inc. (BCRWA) membership will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026, 9:00 am at the BCRWA office located at 3818 US 52, Ripley, Ohio 45167. The purpose of the meeting is to transact all business to be acted upon at an annual meeting, including voting on the nominating committee's selection of Ken Morrison, Bonnie Kress, and Jeff Cluxton for a three-year term ending in 2029.

BCRWA's mission is to deliver a safe and adequate supply of water to our customers, while operating a system that is in compliance with all state and federal guidelines. We will continually upgrade and replace aging elements within our treatment and distribution operations as needed.

We continue to support environmental education via our Wellhead Protection Program, which includes association members, county officials, educational leaders, business leaders and our state government representatives. As in previous years, we will continue to support our county high school students by awarding 12 scholarships to students selected by the administration of each high school.

BCRWA's efforts to **improve communication** will continue in 2026 through this newsletter, our website (www.bcrwa.org), our one-call system, our Facebook page, and our Wellhead Protection Program. It is **very important** that we have a **phone number** to be able to alert you for boil notices or other emergencies. Our website has key information regarding BCRWA as well as pertinent information for other Brown County agencies. The BCRWA website provides numerous ways to **pay your bill online**.

Our auditor, Bhm cpa group, presented the 2024 audit report to the board at the April 23, 2025, board meeting. They found no errors or mistakes and stated that it was an excellent report. Bhm highlighted the soundness of our financial position and business practices.

BCRWA is very proud of our treatment and distribution facilities and are always happy to show off our facility. Many from schools, businesses, government, and other water systems have toured it, and are very impressed with what they see. Why not make an appointment and bring your group for a tour?

BCRWA's electric costs for generation have increased 77% which started in January of this year. This increase is anticipated to cost an additional \$300,000 in 2026. The Board of Trustees and the Management Team continue to work diligently to control our costs, while ensuring that we maintain and keep our systems in excellent shape.

Sincerely Yours,

Lowell F. Allen
President, BCRWA