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BEAVER WATER DISTRICT TRIMS 2010 BUDGET BY 3 PERCENT

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Beaver Water District's Board of Directors met today and approved a fiscal year 2010 operating and maintenance budget of \$10,126,000. That is 3.27% less than the 2009 budget – a savings in real dollars of \$342,000 over 2009.

“To achieve a reduction in excess of 3% in the midst of the current economic climate is just outstanding,” David Short, President of the Board, said. “The Board of Directors appreciates the challenge of reducing expenses. It’s important for the District to be a leader when it comes to holding down costs while continuing to provide a high level of service to our customer cities.”

Alan D. Fortenberry P.E., CEO, of the District said trimming operation and maintenance expenses is especially important considering the lower water production demands the District has experienced over the past two years.

“The reduced revenues from lower water sales coupled with the deferral by the Board on a planned rate increase for 2010, placed a requirement on all of our departments to evaluate all budget areas very critically,” Fortenberry added. “Our staff did an excellent job of finding ways to reduce expenses in these challenging times.”

Beaver Water District's mission is to serve our customers in the Benton and Washington County area by providing high quality drinking water that meets or exceeds all federal and state regulatory requirements in such quantities as meets their demands and is economically priced consistent with our quality standards. For more information, visit www.bwdh2o.org.

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