

## Foster, Joe

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**From:** Foster, Joe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:27 PM  
**To:** 'mitchell.kaminski@kmiz.com'  
**Cc:** BCRSD Custodian  
**Subject:** RE: ABC 17 News Request For Comment

Mr. Kaminski,

I apologize for the delay if you have not already received a copy of this. I was reviewing my emails and I believe this was stuck in my outbox rather than sent.

The District has been working with the affected homeowners and our insurance provider. Based on the information gathered to date and consistent with the decision of the District's insurance carrier, the sewer backup that occurred was not due to any fault on the part of the District. Unfortunately, overflows can happen as a result of weather events, third party actions, and other occurrences outside of the District's control. The District operates in accordance with Missouri law, and liability for situations like this is also determined by Missouri law.

Thanks,

Joe Foster  
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**From:** Foster, Joe  
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**Cc:** BCRSD Custodian <bcrsdcustodian@bcrsd.com>  
**Subject:** RE: ABC 17 News Request For Comment

Mr. Kaminski,

I apologize for the delay in my response.

The District will provide a statement to you on the matter shortly.

Thanks,

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**From:** Mitchell Kaminski <[mitchell.kaminski@kmiz.com](mailto:mitchell.kaminski@kmiz.com)>  
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**Subject:** ABC 17 News Request For Comment

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Good afternoon,

We got a call from Howard McHenry, saying that he lives on Dewey Lane, and his sewer clogged in late May during some heavy rain, which backed up in his house and flooded his basement. He blames the County for this and damage says the backup caused roughly \$30 thousand in damages.

He says his wife and he were at the last Board of Trustees meeting and when he brought up the issue during public comments the board said they were unfamiliar with the incident and needed to discuss it during a closed session. He called again yesterday and said he was told there is nothing the county can do.

I was wondering if this issue was brought to your attention. Why does the BCRSD feel they are not responsible for the damages? How matters like this are typically handled? How the \$220,000 in ARPA funds will be used and if an updated wastewater pump station would have prevented this backup from happening? And any other details or information you would like to share.

Thank you,

Mitchell Kaminski

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