New Dominion Donates Close To $1 Million For Prague Water Project

By: Sharon Maggard

The big news at the City Council meeting Monday night came at the end of the meeting during PPWA. That news was the donation by New Dominion, LLC of approximately $933,000 for the City of Prague water project.

"This is probably the greatest gift a community could receive," Prague's City Manager Jim Thompson stated.

New Dominion has decreed the water rights of 400 acres to the City. The land is located south of town at Keokuk Falls, formerly owned by James and Judy Akerman, who executed the water rights deed.

Of the $1,115,000 estimated project cost, the City of Prague will be responsible for $182,000.

Doug Erickson, Chief Financial Officer for Prague Hospital, presented the January 2005 Financials. "The good news is we made a profit," Erickson said. The presentation revealed the hospital made $75,808.07 last month.

During the council meeting Mr. Roger Anderson gave an airport (Continued On Page 8)

City Council Seats Filled

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There will not be a need for an election as the two Prague City Council seats have been filled since no other candidates filed on Wednesday, February 9.

Monte Johnson is the new Ward I councilmember. He will replace Harold Vanzant, who did not seek re-election.

Bryan Benson will retain the Ward II seat of which he was appointed to a few months back when John Huston moved out of town.

Both seats are for a four year term and begin April 11.

Legislative Breakfast

This Friday In Prague

For the first time in several years the Prague Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Lincoln County Legislative Breakfast. The event is planned for this Friday, February 18, at 7:00 a.m. at The Fillin Station Restaurant.

Mike Matlock Sworn In At School Board Meeting

The Prague school board meeting was called to order last Monday evening with approximately twenty guests in attendance. All board members, except Roger McKee, were present.

The administration of Oath of Office was given to Mike Matlock and the reorganization of officers went as follows: Karl Beachler, President; Randy Stricklin, Vice President; Mike Matlock, Board Clerk.

First item on the agenda was presentations by the public. Karl Beachler read a statement pertaining to this item of business. It gave stipulations concerning what would be announced publicly, or whether the party should be

Most of these questions were not answered at the time of the board meeting, but there were questions where the Superintendent and Albert Grimes did respond.