GRDA board member's company delivers to children in need

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The Grand River Dam Authority Board of Directors is a diverse group with many interests. Chief Operating Officer Kevin Easley recognizes achievements outside the scope of GRDA. Director David Chernicky was recognized at Wednesday's meeting.

Video from two different Tulsa television stations showed two U-Haul trucks full of merchandise being delivered to the Laura Dester shelter.

Chernicky's company, New Dominion, has employees shopped for clothing and gifts, including toys, jewelry and electronics, for the children at the shelter who are ages birth to 18.

Shelter workers said children often arrive at wearing only a diaper.

"But for the grace of God, it might be one of us in that shelter waiting for somebody to help," Chernicky told a television interviewer.

"I try to give until our CFO cries," Chernicky said.

Chernicky said the shelter needs volunteers and foster families all the time.

Two requests for approved for easements from GRDA. The easements are temporary and are for the construction of a roadway, bridge and drainage system in Collinsville.

Directors approved the estimated worker's compensation insurance premium with CompSource Oklahoma. The premium is $708,278. Fewer claims in 2006 than the year before will save GRDA over $100,000.

"I'd like to commend the employees for working safely and saving the authority money," Director Stephen Spears said.