

**82a-615. Time for hearing petition; election of director; bylaws; notice of hearing.** Whenever a petition as provided in the preceding section is filed with the county clerk, the clerk shall give notice to the county commissioners of the filing of the petition. The county commissioners shall forthwith fix a time and place within 30 days from date of filing of the petition for a hearing of the same. In addition, the county commissioners, with the advice of the petitioners shall forthwith fix a time and place of landowners meeting, immediately after the hearing, for the purpose of electing directors and a time and place within seven days from the date of the hearing for a meeting of the landowners for the purpose of adopting bylaws for the district. The county clerk, at least seven days before the date fixed for the hearing shall mail written notice of the times and places of the hearing and the landowners meetings to each of the petitioners. The county clerk shall transmit to the chief engineer one copy of the petition and notice of the time and place of the hearing thereon. The county clerk shall also cause to be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper a notice entitled, "Notice of hearing of petition to incorporate and organize a rural water district in the vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ county, Kansas," (inserting word or words descriptive of vicinity and name of county). The last publication of the notice shall be not later than seven days before the date set for the hearing. The published notice shall (1) define by metes and bounds the boundaries of the proposed district; (2) state the time and place of hearing; (3) state that all owners of land within such boundaries may appear and be heard; (4) state that a rural water district, if incorporated, shall have no power or authority to levy any taxes whatsoever; (5) state the time and place of the meeting of the landowners for the purpose of electing directors; and (6) state the time and place of the meeting of the landowners for the purpose of adopting bylaws for the district.

**History:** L. 1957, ch. 540, § 4; L. 1963, ch. 512, § 1a; L. 1965, ch. 556, § 2; L. 1981, ch. 173, § 82; July 1.