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Linda Close holds a total dissolvable solids reader measuring 771 parts per million in water that came out of the kitchen faucet. She and others along Dover Drive in Salina have been dealing with discolored and unusably hard water for years. PHOTOS BY CHARLES RANKIN/THE SALINA JOURNAL

Salina resident shows sediment-riddled water

Resident has dealt with issues for years as city set to vote on bid for repairs

Charles Rankin
Salina Journal
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One woman in Salina is on a quest to get better and clean water flowing into her home.

Linda Close, who lives on Dover Drive in central Salina, has had issues for years, which includes brown or reddish water coming from the faucets and fixtures throughout her house.

She said her and her neighbors were told — after contacting the city several times — that staff had enough information to bring the issue before the city commission and they didn't need to notify them anymore.

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Salt from Linda Close's water softener has turned brown in her system. Close believes this same water is causing damage to her washing machine, water heater and other appliances.



Water that was emptied from a reverse osmosis filtration system at Linda Close's house shows sediment that has settled to the bottom of a bucket. Close said she has to replace filters, at a cost of more than \$100, constantly.

Airport authority names new finance director

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Residents in Salina can expect a change in leadership at the Salina Airport Authority, as Jamie Doss-Boos has been appointed director of administration and finance.

Doss-Boos will join the authority Sept. 14, bringing nearly 30 years of public-sector experience to the role. She will succeed Shelli Swanson, who is retiring after 30 years of service.

Doss-Boos has spent 29 years with Saline County, most recently serving as county clerk and election officer since 2017. In that role, she oversaw elections, records management, budgeting and tax rolls, public services, statutory compliance and staff development. She previously served as deputy county clerk/election officer from 2011 to 2017 and spent 14 years with the Saline County Appraiser's Office.

"Jamie brings extensive public-sector experience, strong financial and administrative skills, and a proven record of leadership and service to Saline County," Pieter Miller, executive director of the Salina Airport Authority, said in the announcement. "Her knowledge of local government, budgeting, statutory compliance and stakeholder engagement will be a tremendous asset to the Airport Authority. We are excited to welcome Jamie to our leadership team and look forward to the experience and perspective she will bring to the organization."

Swanson has played an integral role in the authority's financial and administrative operations and has helped support the organization through decades of growth and development at the Salina Regional Airport and Airport Industrial Center. Doss-Boos will work alongside Swanson during a transition period to ensure continuity of operations and the transfer of institutional knowledge before assuming the full responsibilities of the position.

"Shelli's 30 years of dedicated service have made a lasting impact on the Salina Airport Authority," Miller said. "Her knowledge, professionalism and

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