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DR. PAUL JACOBS
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Representative Paul Jacobs, along with Representative Patrick Windhorst, Senator Dale Fowler and Congressman Mike Bost, are working on a project that would “cross-connect” or “inter-connect” our water districts to allow them to combine into one large district for Grant purposes. Now, we qualify as an impoverished area but the individual water districts number of served customers may be too low to qualify for most Grants. Together the 117th and 118th (59th Senate District) would include approximately 218,000 people.

I have had conversations with many of the Water District Managers and Engineers who expressed interest in the possibility of significant increase in awarded Grants and the increase in the Grant amounts.

We are proposing an informal meeting of all concerned, possibly in Marion. There is a large meeting room at Thrillbillies Stadium for instance, and it is centrally located.

We here in Southern Illinois have the ability to combine our resources and give ourselves a better chance at the Grants awarded in the north because they serve more customers.

This is a serious project that can work with the involvement of the Water District Managers and Engineers. They have the knowledge to help us get going in the correct directions.

I have input available from water engineers from Illinois that do most of their work in Missouri and an Indiana firm of water engineers that have worked with Southern Illinois Water Districts already and are aware of our needs.

There are 153 Water Districts in the 118th and 117th Representative districts, or the 59th Senate District.

We want to have a meeting sometime soon this Spring. This is all fluid and will be adjusted accordingly. Please contact one of our offices for your suggestions on time, date and place. We will have our staff contact you also.

Sincerely,

Paul C Jacobs, OD, State Representative 118th

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Patrick Windhorst, State Representative 117th

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Senator Dale Fowler, 59th State Senate District

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Congressman Mike Bost, 12th Congressional District

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