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Re: Thank You Video

COMMISSIONERS RELEASE VIDEO THANKING EMPLOYEES OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY FOR THEIR HELP DURING THE FLOOD

WELD COUNTY, CO – In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Weld County Board of Commissioners released a video thanking the employees of the oil and gas industry for both the assistance they provided during flood and for the aid they continue to provide in the flood recovery effort.

“Many people don't realize how much the industry helped our county and our residents during the September flood,” said Commissioner Chairman William Garcia. “This video is a way for the Board to thank the thousands of Weld County energy industry employees for their work and contributions during that event.”

The video was released on the county's new YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/weldcountycoco>

“From the start of the event, the industry offered their assistance to the county,” said Commissioner Sean Conway. “They were very responsive and willing to help our county and our residents any way they could.”

When hundreds of people were displaced from their homes and relocated to shelters, the industry responded to a request from the Board to gather and donate gift cards so families could buy items they needed be it clothing, food, medicine, etc.

Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, who made the gift card request to the energy industry explained, “In a few short hours after the request was made, the industry donated almost \$70,000 in gift cards for the families in the shelters in Greeley and Milliken as well as for other families affected by the flood. It was amazing.”

“Not only that,” said Commissioner Douglas Rademacher, “but the industry also donated other supplies to those in need including food, cots, diapers and more to the shelter in Milliken, and they delivered clean water for the folks in Frederick and Firestone. They really stepped up to the plate.”

In addition to the assistance the oil and gas industry, and the companies that support that industry, gave to individuals throughout the county, the industry also assisted county government directly by helping repair some of the damaged roads throughout the county.

“This flood occurred at the start of the harvest season,” recalled Commissioner Mike Freeman. “If we didn't get those roads opened quickly, the farmers would not have been able to get their goods to market. The industry stepped up and said ‘Let us help with this road – this one is ours.’ They did that with several roads throughout the county.”

“Weld County is home to more than 4,300 oil and gas employees – they are part of our community, and they deserve our thanks for the help they provided. This was a way for the Board to thank them all.” concluded Garcia.

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