

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH AT THE AGM ON 19TH NOV.2009

At Potters Church-Timau

The Administration, WRMA, Stake holders, guests, friends ladies and gentlemen, I take this opportunity to welcome you all to Ngusishi Water Users Association AGM .Feel at home.

We usually hold AGM amid quarrels, conflicts and empty river beds but this time is different.

We have water flowing in the river and we have received good rains thus creating conducive atmosphere to replenish our riparian areas with planting of trees.

I thank all our stake holders, donors, government and friends for their financial support without which we couldn't have come this far.

The communities have contributed enormously in way of labour in the on going Wiumirire-Olenaishu pipeline excavation and weir repairs at Kabeere springs. I salute them all!

This year we have moved greatly by being able to connect two community water projects namely Batian farmers and Kongoni

We are still on course to connect 3 more of our projects namely Wiumiririe, Chumvi and Olenaishu ranch. This a significant achievement

This year it was a great honour for NWUA to host The World Water Day for Ewaso Ngiro North Catchment Area at one of our springs

The two (2) Managers are doing a commendable job by executing the duties given to them by the committee members and the supervising and managing all the affairs of RWUA. We have recruited five (5) scouts, whose duties include; patrolling the river, removing illegal abstractions, cleaning and reading meters, taking care of tree seedlings and other duties as directed by the managers.

We noticed that water volume at the source is declining due to mushrooming of boreholes slightly above our source, due to that we have called in hydrological surveyors to determine our Catchment boundaries and to tell us whether those boreholes are the cause of the decline. The people within those established boundaries will be registered with us as members.

The proposals written to W.D.C were approved and our WRUA was awarded a sum of Kshs. 10 Million. The first batch of 3.8 Million was received in the month of September and we have utilized it as stipulated in the contract report. We expect the next batch of Kshs. 3.8 Million any time from now. Al-Puckett's, friends of the WRUA from the U.S had given a donation of Kshs. 1 Million to put up two (2) water tanks near the weir for 2 communities. The Laikipia wildlife forum have approved our proposal of four (4) drip kit units for demonstration for the four (4) public communities within the Catchment namely Kabubungi, Batian farmers, Kongoni and Chumvi. Also the British Army promised NWUA two break-pressure tanks at Lolomarik.

I appeal to all friends, stakeholders, donors and well wishers to reach us through our website available online at www.ngusishi.com or the email address info@ngusishi.com for any donations in cash or kind towards this worthy cause to uplift the living standards and supply communities with quality and clean water at their doorsteps.

I also appeal to you all to assist us protect our water sources of water, we lands , riparian areas and the whole catchment.in the way of phasing out eucalyptus in the river courses and replacing them with water friendly species. Pegging of these areas will require funds to fence it off and engage a full time guard to ensure the tree seedlings planted grow to maturity. One errant member has taken us to court for development activities that we do within the riparian area

We will let the law of the land related to water resource use take its course

Thank you and welcome