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Koch Pipeline Company, Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame to Preserve Historic Water Tower

Koch Pipeline Company, L.P. and the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame are working together to protect an historic water tower once used near Jenks, Okla.

Koch Pipeline will donate the tower to the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame on May 25. That day, workers will use a 100-foot crane to lower the tower to the ground intact; load it onto a truck and transport it to Muskogee. There, it will be refurbished and readied for permanent installation at the Frisco Freight Depot, home of the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Museum.

Koch Pipeline will also help defray expenses to refurbish the tower and protect its historic value for generations to come.

"This water tower was a part of Oklahoma oilfield history for many years. We are pleased the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame will preserve it and maintain it as part of Oklahoma's lasting tribute to its musical heritage," said Pat McCann, president of Koch Pipeline.

The water tower is similar to water towers used historically by railroad companies.

"In the early days of passenger railroading, a water tower stood on the horizon as an incoming train headed into a depot loaded with passengers who anticipated a chance to stop for refuge and a bite to eat," said Andrea Chancellor, Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Board chair. "The water tower is truly an icon in the railroading industry and since our new Museum has its roots firmly planted in a restored freight depot, we are proud to install an historic water tower as part of our authentic footprint in the community."

"Once this tower is permanently installed, the music museum's building will become truly authentic. Museum visitors will not only learn about music from the exhibits inside, but also will get a visual lesson on the role a depot water tower has played throughout history in keeping the steam engines moving and functioning," she said.

Koch Pipeline will formally hand over the water tower to the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame at ceremonies May 25 at 10 a.m. at the Koch Pipeline property in Jenks, west of 121st St. and Elm.

The property in Jenks once served as a transportation and storage hub for crude oil when the industry was very active in Tulsa County.

The Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame was established by the Oklahoma Legislature and charged with responsibility for honoring and recognizing the outstanding contribution that Oklahoma musicians have made to the state's culture and heritage. The Hall of Fame also is creating a Music Museum in Muskogee Oklahoma, and, each year, it hosts the annual Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame Induction and Concert. For information, go to www.oklahomamusichalloffame.com.

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