



# Spring Newsletter



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## Minnehaha Community Water, Corp.

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## Notice of 45th Annual Meeting of Members

Pursuant to Article VII of its By-laws, **NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN** that the Annual Membership Meeting of **MINNEHAHA COMMUNITY WATER, CORP.** will be held at the Minnehaha Community Water office in Dell Rapids, SD on Thursday, May 19th, 2022 from 1-3 pm.

David Stearns of Hartford and David Howard of Sioux Falls are the Directors that have taken out nomination petitions to seek re-election.

If you are interested in being a candidate, please call the office at (605) 428-3374, and a nominating petition can be sent to you. Petitions must be filed at the Corporate office by Friday, April 15th, 2022.

## Executive Director's Comments



MCWC delivered 1.17 billion gallons of water in 2021. This is the second year in a row that the system has exceeded the billion gallon sales level, and is an increase of 15% from 2020. During that last two years, system pumping has increased by 29%. Hot weather and agricultural spraying led to a record day of 6.8 million gallons in June. On that day, MCWC used our full allocation of Lewis & Clark water and ran both treatment plants, which highlighted the need for additional treatment capacity.

MCWC is now working with Big Sioux Community Water to find additional raw water supply and to build treatment and distribution capacity. Our share of the estimated cost of the project is over \$100 Million. We have been placed on the state drinking water plan and hope to receive a significant amount of ARPA money to help pay for the project. In response to the upcoming expenses, adjustments were made to the water rate, monthly minimums, and membership fees.

Construction for new customers remains strong and we expect the demand to increase yearly as more businesses come to Minnehaha County. Projects are underway to build two new water towers. One will be located on the east side of Sioux Falls and the other will be south of Humboldt. A large water main line is planned between Hartford and Humboldt. The cost of materials and supply issues are adding uncertainty to projects across the nation. Currently, pipe suppliers are reluctant to take orders at any price since they cannot guarantee delivery.

The 2021 MCWC consumer confidence report will be posted to our website. The report summarizes water quality information and test results. Please feel free to call our office with any questions.

At the annual meeting, we will be voting on two director positions. David Stearns and David Howard are completing their current terms and will be running for re-election. Any member that is interested in running for the board of directors should contact our office to receive a petition.



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property.

2021 CCR Report should  
be available on our  
website by late March.



## Lloyd Rave Awarded with Carroll Anderson Memorial Award



The South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) named Lloyd Rave, with the Carroll Anderson Memorial Award.

The Carroll Anderson Memorial Award is a tribute to the dedicated work of Carroll Anderson, who gave generously of his time, talents, and efforts to the Kingbrook RWS and the South Dakota Association of Rural Water System. At the time of his death in December of 1977, Carroll Anderson served as Vice-Chairman of both organizations. The award represents the greatest tribute the association can bestow on an individual to recognize their contributions to their member system and South Dakota Rural Water. In recognition of outstanding voluntary contributions to the advancement of rural community water systems in South Dakota, this award has been presented to a very elite group of people.

Rave is a second-generation rural water board member. His father, Art Rave, was an original MCWC board member and served from 1976 to 1987. Rave joined the MCWC board in 1987 and has been a board member for 34 years. He was voted into the board president role in 2009, where he has been for the last 13 years.

When Rave was elected president of the MCWC board of directors, he also became the system representative to the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems. He has been on the State Association board for 13 years. More recently, he was nominated by Governor Dugaard to be the rural water representative to the South Dakota One Call board.

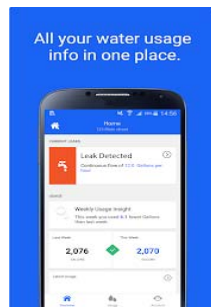
As a retired farmer, Rave understands the importance of rural water to South Dakota. He clearly remembers the improved quality of life when his family farm was connected in 1977. He has always been very forward-thinking when it comes to system planning and knows how often MCWC has done projects to bring additional water to areas that were seeing constant growth.

As MCWC and Big Sioux Community Water System embark on a joint venture to develop additional wells, treatment, and distribution capacity, the two systems will benefit from Rave's experience and leadership in the rural water industry. He has recently been voted in as chairman of the new company, Shared Resources, Inc.

*Congratulations Lloyd!  
Thank you for all your  
hard work & dedication to  
rural water!*

## Eye on Water

Eye on Water gives you direct access to your own water usage data and provides tools to help manage your water usage.



We suggest you create an eye on water account so you can see your hourly, daily & monthly water use. You can also set up leak alerts. A leak has to be going on a full 24 hours before you will get an alert.

MCWC staff periodically reviews unusual water use patterns, **but it is ultimately the customer's responsibility to monitor their own account.** Please take advantage of the leak alert feature with Eye On Water to receive the fastest notification of leaks. The website can be found at [www.eyeonwater.com](http://www.eyeonwater.com)