

# **Spring Newsletter**



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## Minnehaha Community Water, Corp.

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#### **Directors:**

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### Notice of 47th 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 Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024 from 1-3 pm.

Paul Hentges and Kenny Sieverding of Humboldt 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 12th, 2024.

## **Executive Director's Comments**

MCWC delivered 1.23 billion gallons of water in 2023. This is the fourth year in a row that the system has exceeded the billion-gallon sales level. The largest pumping day in 2023 was 6.15 million gallons on June 5<sup>th</sup>. On that day, MCWC used our full allocation of Lewis & Clark water and ran both treatment plants, which reinforces the need for additional treatment capacity.

MCWC is working with Big Sioux Community Water to secure additional raw water supply and to build treatment and distribution capacity. The shared treatment plant project will start this spring. Information on the need for the project and project scope was sent out with the November billing. If you missed that, you can find the information on our web site at

www.minnehahacommunitywater.com The 2023 MCWC consumer confidence report will also be posted to our website this month. The report summarizes water quality information and test results. Please feel free to call our office with any questions.

Construction for new customers remains strong and we expect the demand to increase yearly as more businesses come to Minnehaha County. Our water tower on Six Mile Road is now in service, and our new tower near Humboldt will go online this spring. We will start the construction of eight miles of 12" pipeline from Hartford to Humboldt, which will help us get more water to the new tower. MCWC is a member of the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System, which is looking to bring additional water to the eastern part of South Dakota to meet water needs for the next 40 years. This effort is in addition to the expansion of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. The shortage of good quality raw water in Minnehaha County is an issue that is limiting economic growth and will need to be managed carefully.

At the annual meeting, we will be voting on two director positions. Paul Hentges and Kenny Sieverding are completing their current terms and will be running for reelection. Any member that is interested in running for the board of directors should contact our office to receive a petition.