

Annual Meeting Minutes (draft) March 19 2024

1. The Annual Meeting was called to order by President, Joe Burns at 5:05pm.
2. Introductions of the Board of Directors included: Joe Burns, Larry Healy, Otto Hagedorn, Mike Perkinson, Chris Hofer, Dan Fink, and Trent Lubbers. Mary Pat Mullen (KMWF), Jeff Fossum (SDARWS), and Blaine Eilts (SDARWS) were also present. Joe Burns introduced Robin Dykstra, Manager; Robin introduced the staff: Water Specialists: Dan Schwarz, Nick Larson, Tom Hruska, and James Nussbaum. Office Operations: Claire Hotze and Assistant manager: Andrew Krege
3. A quorum was present with 51 memberships represented.
4. Secretary/Treasurer, Otto Hagedorn, read the Proof of Mailing Notice. Copies of the Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting were included in the Annual Meeting Official Notice brochure.
5. Rex Pommier made a motion to approve the Minutes and Garry Peterson seconded the motion. The 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
6. Mary Pat Mullen, Auditor, presented an explanation of the Comparative Audit Report for 2023-2022. Handouts reflecting assets, liabilities, cash flows, revenues and expenses, and a comparison of 2023-2022 change in net assets were reviewed. A motion was made by Rex Pommier and seconded by Joe Dose to approve the Audit Report. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. Manager Robin Dykstra conducted the election process. As spelled out in the Bylaws of Lincoln County Rural Water, under Article 5, Section 2, nominations can only be accepted for persons that have turned in a valid petition for that district to which they plan to serve. We had one valid petition turned in by Joseph Burns for District 1. A motion was made to elect Joe Burns in District 1 by Patty Peterson and seconded by Bob Messner. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. We had one valid petition turned in by Chris Hofer for District 3. A motion was made to elect Chris Hofer in District 3 by Rex Pommier and seconded by Dennis Albers. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
8. Joe Burns called for Old Business. There was none.
9. Joe Burns called for New Business. There was none.
10. Joe Burns reported on and presented the recent service medal awards from SDARWS to Claire Hotze and Andrew Krege for 5 years of service in 2023. Chris Hofer was presented with his 25-year pin and certificate as a Director on the Board.
11. A motion was made by Joe Dose and seconded by Rex Pommier to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm. Motion passed.

**Our mission is to sell and deliver
high quality water to our members
with great service at a fair price.**

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2025 ANNUAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE

According to Article VII, Section 1, of the By-Laws, the Annual Meeting of the members of Lincoln County Rural Water System, Inc., will be held at **5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 18, 2025** at the office located at 27066 Henry Pl., Sioux Falls SD 57108. Registration will begin at 4:30 PM. This brochure announcement will serve as the official notice to all members.

The Annual Meeting is held so members can elect directors, review the financial status of the Corporation, vote on proposed Amendments to By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation, and vote on proposed resolutions. As outlined in Article V of the By-Laws of Lincoln County Rural Water System, Inc., two petitions for directors were successfully submitted.

**Larry Healy
for District 2**



**Isaac Johnson
for District 3**



No nominations will be received from the floor at the Annual Meeting of the members. All members are urged to attend the annual meeting. A one-time \$25 credit per member, (regardless of the number of memberships) will be applied to your water bill when you attend this meeting. This does not apply to tenants or renters.

2025 Manager Report by Robin Dykstra

First, I want to thank all who attended our Annual Meeting last year. I had a lot of information I shared through power point slides.

This year the Lincoln County Rural Water System **annual meeting starts at 5:00pm on March 18** at the LCRWS office warehouse located at 27066 Henry Pl., Sioux Falls.

This report may seem like part 2 of what I wrote last year. The Eastside Improvement project is at substantial completion. And, we still have several projects that are either ready for construction or in engineering or planning stages. I will identify them for you in the next several paragraphs.

The Eastside Improvement Project. This project consists of 2 ½ miles of 16 inch mainline, 2 miles of 12 inch mainline, and about ½ mile of 8 inch mainline. The purpose of this project is two-fold. It is to get our large diameter mainline construction out of Sioux Falls growth area before Sioux Falls grows over it. The other is to strengthen the eastern side of the water system. We received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a portion of the project with the remaining amount to paid with an SRF loan. This project started in late summer and reached substantial completion December 3rd. We expect final completion by May.

The Westside Improvement Project. This project consists of 1 mile of 12 inch mainline, 3.75 miles of 8 inch mainline and a second connection to the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. We are struggling with obtaining easements for this project so it is not as far along as I had hoped it would be. Getting responses from letters I wrote to landowners has been a challenge.

As I mentioned last year in the manager report we are losing our main water distribution line across I-29 at 85th St. because of the planned interchange. We have agreed to vacate that line in exchange for compensation from SF. We plan to use these funds to off-set the costs of the 2nd Connection to L&C. Hopefully we can bid this project no later than July.

Another project that is affecting LCRWS is the Veteran's Parkway project. Because of the conflicts created by the planned roadway we are having challenges with keeping our existing water lines and connections in-tact. We are planning other improvements along 271st St. from Louise Ave. to Tallgrass Ave. and then to Albers Ave. This phase of the Veteran's Parkway project has been delayed because of issues with land acquisition.

Finally, as mentioned last year, is the growth of Harrisburg into our water system. The growth west of Harrisburg to the new Adventure Elementary School and north to 271st St. is our permanent service territory to serve water. We have been contacted by developers that encompass approximately 600 acres. We are working with Harrisburg, our engineers, and developers to prepare for the growth.

Your board of directors are doing a great job staying on top of all the different projects and growth potential affecting your water system. This is the end of my written report, come to the annual meeting for more information.