

## Annual Meeting Minutes (draft) March 18 2025

1. The Annual Meeting was called to order by President, Joe Burns at 5:00pm.
2. Introductions of the Board of Directors included: Joe Burns, Larry Healy, Mike Perkinson, Chris Hofer, Dan Fink, and Trent Lubbers. Candidate for District 3, Isaac Johnson was present. Jeff Fossum (SDARWS) was also present. Joe Burns introduced Robin Dykstra, Manager; Robin introduced the staff: Assistant manager: Andrew Krege. Water Specialists: Nick Larson, Tom Hruska, and James Nussbaum. Dan Schwarz as absent. Office Operations: Claire Hotze
3. A quorum was present with 41 memberships represented.
4. Interim Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Perkinson, 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. Don Klassen made a motion to approve the Minutes and Rex Pommier seconded the motion. The 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.
6. Mary Pat Mullen, Auditor, was absent but provided a written report that was read by Manager Robin Dykstra explaining the pending Comparative Audit Report for 2024-2023. Due to loans during this fiscal period, the final audit is currently in the review process with the DLA. Handouts reflecting assets, liabilities, cash flows, revenues and expenses, and a comparison of 2024-2023 change in net assets were reviewed. No motion was made to approve due to the DLA review process.

7. President Joe Burns 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 Larry Healy for District 2. A motion was made to elect Larry Healy in District 2 by Patricia Peterson and seconded by John Monahan. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. We had one valid petition turned in by Isaac Johnson for District 3. A motion was made to elect Isaac Johnson in District 3 by Dennis Albers and seconded by Garry Peterson. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Isaac Johnson gave a brief introductory talk to the members.
8. Joe Burns called for Old Business. There was none.
9. Joe Burns called for New Business. There was none.
10. Robin Dykstra presented the recent service medal awards from SDARWS: Joe Burns received a certificate and pin for 25 years as a director on the Board. Dan Fink received his 5 year pin for service as a director on the board. Otto Hagedorn (not in attendance) was recognized for 42 years of service on the board and was thanked with the presentation of a clock.
11. A motion was made by Roger Lamp and seconded by Rex Pommier to adjourn the meeting at 5:27pm. 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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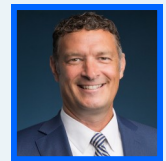
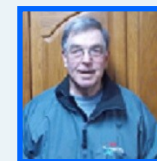
### 2026 ANNUAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE

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 17, 2026** 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., three petitions for directors were successfully submitted.

**Mike Perkinson**  
for District 1

**Dan Fink**  
For District 2

**Matthew Erickson**  
for At-Large



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.

## 2026 Manager Report by Robin Dykstra

As I write this report, my intention is to provide as much information as possible on one page. Any longer and you would get bored and stop reading. To really get a better understanding of what is going on with your water system you should attend the Annual Meeting.

**This year the Lincoln County Rural Water System annual meeting starts at 5:00pm on March 17th at the LCRWS office warehouse located at 27066 Henry Pl. SFSD.**

The manager and assistant manager will have reports that include power point slides related to ongoing construction projects, as well as other information we believe you would be interested in hearing.

Lincoln County Rural Water System (LCRWS) is a member-owned not for profit water system. As such, the staff and the Board of Directors work hard to operate in the most efficient ways we can find.

Costs are going up for everyone including LCRWS. On top of that we are preparing for the future. The original construction of LCRWS was started in 1971, many of those water mains are more than 50 years old and are now undersized. We are taking on loans for water system improvements to continue delivering to our existing membership and preparing for growth and increased demands.

The Eastside Improvement Project was completed before the city of Sioux Falls expanded over the route which would have driven costs much higher.

The Westside Improvement Project included a second meter connection to Lewis & Clark, and 5 miles of larger mainlines to allow better flows to the northwest part of the water system. The second connection is needed to prepare for the I-29/85<sup>th</sup> St. interchange. The planned interchange conflicted with the existing water main. It was decided the better option was to abandon the water main and build a second connection to L&C.

In the late 1980's LCRWS became a member of L&C. This has been a very beneficial relationship as LCRWS has a reliable water source for the present and is being increased for future water needs to about 2040. We are looking for water beyond 2040, we need to be serious now so that we can access it before we need it.

There is a lot going on at Lincoln County Rural Water by the staff and the Board of Directors as we plan and prepare for the future. Please come to the annual meeting to hear more about all of this.