

Lewis & Clark Delivering Water to Worthington!

Lincoln Pipestone RWS Receiving Water at Second Connection

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Tea, SD – The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System began delivering water to Worthington on Monday, May 13! Worthington, who has reserved capacity of 1.904 million gallons a day that will be blended with their existing water sources, is the 15th connected member of the system. “Finally getting water from Lewis & Clark has been an effort over 30 years in the making. It took longer than originally envisioned, but we are very excited to finally have the water flowing. This additional source of water will truly benefit our community today and well into the future,” said Scott Hain, who is General Manager for Worthington Public Utilities and also serves on Lewis & Clark’s Board of Directors.

On May 13 Lewis & Clark also began delivering water to Lincoln Pipestone RWS at their second connection just east of Adrian. They have been receiving water from Lewis & Clark at their Magnolia connection since November 2017. Between the two connection points Lincoln Pipestone RWS now has access to a total of 1.1 million gallons a day.

“This is a monumental milestone for both Worthington and Lincoln Pipestone RWS that will have a lasting impact for generations to come. Our heartfelt congratulations to both members!”, said Lewis & Clark Chairman Red Arndt of Luverne.

BACKGROUND:

There are five more members yet to be connected to Lewis & Clark -- Sioux Center, Hull, Sheldon, Sibley and Madison. Depending on federal funding levels, it is anticipated that Sioux Center and Hull will be connected by the end of 2022.

The idea for Lewis & Clark was first discussed in 1988 and the project was incorporated in January 1990. Congressional authorization occurred in July 2000. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in August 2003 and construction started in earnest in 2004. Lewis & Clark started delivering water to the first eleven members in July 2012. When completed the project will benefit an estimated 300,000 people in southeastern South Dakota, southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa.

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