

## **Hoye Honored with Lewis & Clark Trailblazer Award**

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Jim Hoye, General Manager of Rock Rapids Municipal Utilities and a member of Lewis & Clark's Board of Directors, was presented with the prestigious "Lewis & Clark Trailblazer Award" at the organization's annual membership meeting in Tea on June 22. This is Lewis & Clark's highest recognition.

Jim joined the Board of Directors in June 2002 and has served on the Executive Committee since 2017. In 2018 Lewis & Clark dedicated a pump station near Rock Rapids in his honor.

In making the presentation, Chairman Murray Hulstein said "Jim is never afraid to share his thoughts and ideas at meetings, but does so with great respect, professionalism, thoughtfulness and usually a good dose of humor. He has made many significant contributions through the last 21 years to help get the project to where it is today. His commitment and dedication are second to none. For generations to come the citizens of Rock Rapids and the surrounding region will enjoy an improved quality of life and expanded economic development opportunities because of water from Lewis & Clark. Jim can take great pride in the important role he played in helping to make that happen. Our heartfelt congratulations to Jim on this well-deserved honor!"

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