

## Lewis & Clark Awards Two Contracts in Iowa

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The Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System recently awarded two contracts for construction in Iowa. On June 22 they awarded a \$2,291,000 contract to West Branch Construction of Boyden, IA for the Sibley meter building. This meter building is part of the "base system" and federal funding will be used. On May 24 they awarded a \$5,082,700 contract to Rice Lake Construction of Deerwood, MN for the Larchwood pump station. This pump station is part of expanding the system from 44.19 million gallons a day (MGD) to 60 MGD. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the State of Iowa will be used for this project.

"One step closer! We can definitely see the light at the end of the tunnel. All 20 members are expected to be connected by the summer of 2025. Construction started last year on the expansion to 60 MGD, which is estimated to be completed in 2030 or 2031," said Executive Director Troy Larson.

Two main projects are left to award in order to complete construction of the base system – the Sibley service line and Phase 3 of the water treatment plant. "We anticipate awarding the service line contract by this fall and Phase 3 of the treatment plant in early 2024," said Larson.

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