

## **Madison Connected to Lewis & Clark!**

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### **Madison, SD – August 2, 2024**

With DN Tanks reaching substantial completion on the one million gallon ground storage reservoir near Madison, water from the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System started flowing today to Madison! Madison has reserved one million gallons per day from Lewis & Clark and becomes the 19<sup>th</sup> connected member.

“A heartfelt congratulations to Madison on this big day that was 34 ½ years in the making! Madison is an original member of Lewis & Clark. The Articles of Incorporation for Lewis & Clark were signed on January 29, 1990, so it “only” took 12,604 days. All good things are worth the wait and I have no doubt Madison will find that to be the case,” said Executive Director Troy Larson.

Utilizing a temporary “wheeling plan” that involved Minnehaha Community Water Corporation (MCWC) and Big Sioux Community Water System, Madison was able to access 511 million gallons since it went into operation in May 2017. “This interim source of water was a huge help to the city. A big thanks to Big Sioux and MCWC for their great partnership, as well as to the State of South Dakota for providing the funding to make it happen,” said Larson.

A ribbon cutting celebration is planned for August 21 at the reservoir. Senator John Thune, Senator Mike Rounds and Congressman Dusty Johnson are scheduled to attend. The attached photo shows the one million gallon ground storage reservoir near Madison

Sibley, IA is expected to be the final member connected this fall. Construction of the third and final phase of the water treatment plant near Vermilion, SD is expected to be completed in 2028. Only then will the Base System of 44.19 million gallons a day be completed.

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