

Water Flowing to Sibley!

Last of Lewis & Clark's 20 Members Connected

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After a 34 year wait, water from the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System (L&C) finally started flowing to Sibley on October 17! Sibley is the 20th and final member to be connected and has reserved capacity of 650,000 gallons a day. A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the connection has been scheduled for October 28.

L&C was incorporated in January 1990 and Sibley joined in October 1990. Director Larry Pedley first joined the Sibley City Council in 1985 and made the motion for the city to join L&C. Larry has served on L&C's Board of Directors since 2006. He remarked, "Finally the wait is over! Council members and I were fortunate enough to cast a "yes" vote to join Lewis & Clark. Sibley now has another reliable source of quality drinking water, which provides resiliency. Lewis & Clark water will save households money in lower costs such as soap and plumbing bills, as well as provide an improved quality of life for everyone in the community. It also opens the door for more economic growth and development. We are so excited that finally we are receiving Lewis & Clark water." During the October 28 ribbon cutting the new meter building will be dedicated in Pedley's honor.

Mayor Jerry Johnson has served on the Council since 1983, the last 21 years as mayor. "It's a wonderful day! We're finally getting Lewis & Clark water! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staff and directors at Lewis & Clark, we have finally accomplished our goal. Thank you to our Council for their foresight and City staff for their work on the project. We wouldn't be here without it," said Johnson.

Even though all 20 members are connected, construction of the 44.19 million gallon a day Base System will not be finished until 2028 when the third and final phase of the water treatment plant near Vermillion is completed. Construction started in 2022 to expand L&C to 60 MGD. This expansion is expected to be completed in 2030 and will increase Sibley's reserved capacity to a total of one million gallons a day.

MEDIA ADVISORY

A ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at **11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 28** at the Sibley meter building to celebrate Sibley's connection to L&C. It is expected to last about 45 minutes. Confirmed speakers include Senator Chuck Grassley, Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Brent Esplin, Sibley Mayor Jerry Johnson, Sibley Councilman/L&C Director Larry Pedley and L&C Chairman Murray Hulstein of Sioux Center.

The address is 1651 Pierce Avenue (half mile north of the Kwik Star in Sibley). A map is also attached. Media availability before and after the ceremony. Because of Grassley's schedule, **please note the ribbon cutting will take place first followed by the program.**

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