

**UTILITY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2025**

A special meeting of the Utility Committee was held on May 28, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Members present: Mayor Dan Delaney, Councilmember Scott Swanson, Public Works Director Mike Bloemendaal, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Joel Adelman, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Stephanie LaBrune, City Engineer Travis Winter and City Administrator Deb Nelson. Others present: John Graupman, Principal Environmental Engineer with Bolton & Menk.

Mayor Delaney stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss possible membership with Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System.

John Graupman, Principal Environmental Engineer with Bolton & Menk, stated that in 2021, South Dakota leaders began discussions on the state's water future, recognizing the need for sustainable solutions. From these discussions, in 2023 Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System was created to address the water challenges through utilizing the Missouri River and other water resources. They initially started with 29 members but have now grown to over 50+ across four states.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Adelman shared that although there is adequate water supply now, there are still challenges in finding adequate groundwater in the rock. Pipestone is made up of unique rock formations throughout the city which create challenges in finding the right fractures in the rock or vein to pick up water. That, along with the number of our aging wells, the continued growth of Pipestone and the possibility of Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water purchasing water from the City, it was felt that we should begin exploring long-term strategies to ensure the continued delivery of safe, clean, reliable water to Pipestone. A result of that research, the City could consider possible membership with Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System (DMRWS). Approximate annual cost of membership for the City would be \$4,025.00 with a maximum cap set at \$10,000.00. Participation in DMRWS could be beneficial if our goal is to ensure long-term water viability and resilience for Pipestone.

To become a member, we would need to fill out an application to be presented to the DMRWS Board of Directors for formal acceptance. If approved, the City would become a member and then be eligible to appoint a representative to serve on their board, which meets three times annually, in addition to their annual meeting. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for late June 2025 so the application would need to be submitted to DMRWS no later than mid-June to be able to make the next meeting.

In looking at the Dakota Mainstem website, Minnesota cities include Luverne and Worthington who are already members of the Lewis & Clark Water System along with multiple cities and counties in South Dakota and Iowa and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water. Most cities that are members of Dakota Mainstem are also members of Lewis & Clark.

It is the consensus of the Committee to recommend the City Council approve the application for membership to Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System at the June 2nd meeting.

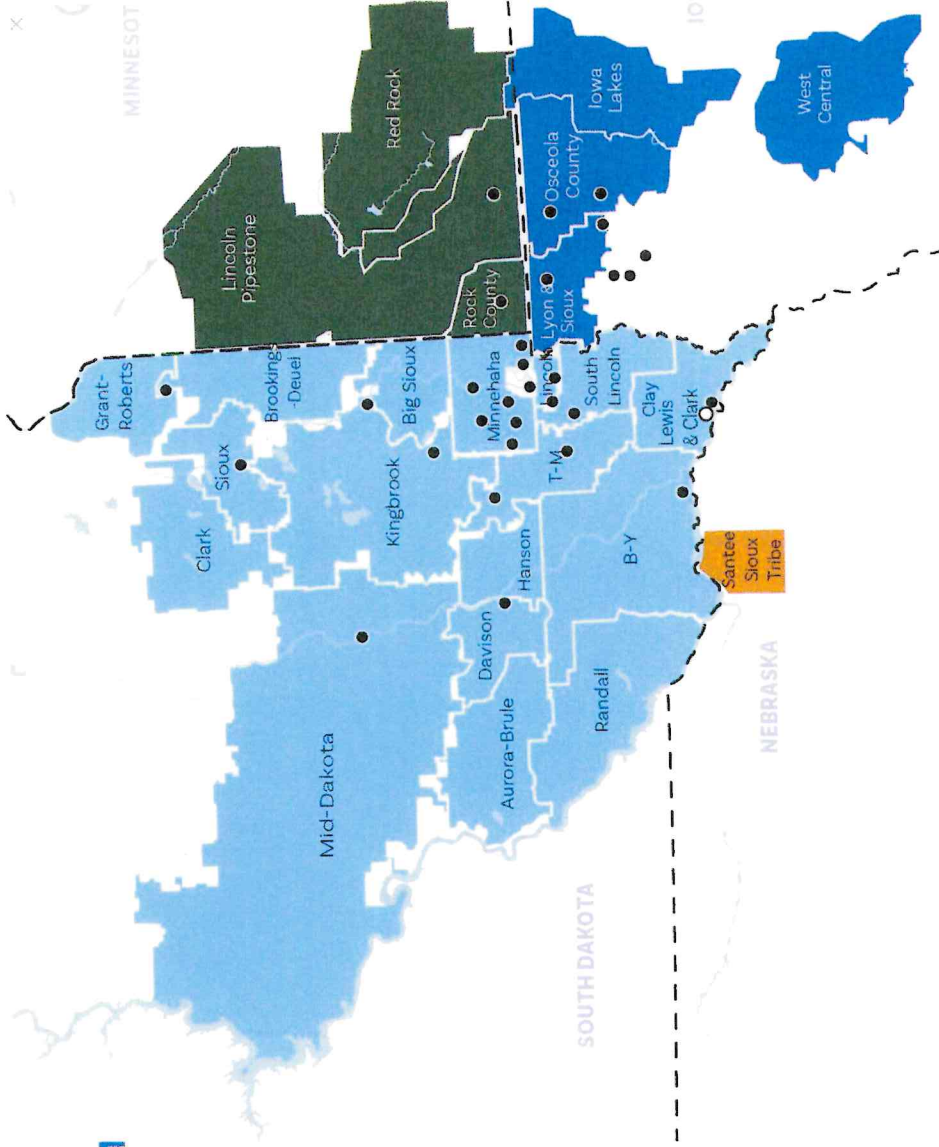
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Swanson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Deb Nelson
City Administrator

● **Municipalities**

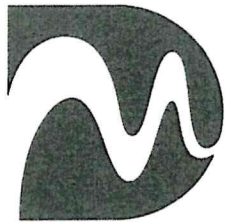
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Brandon	Luverne
Brookings	Worthington
Colton	
Crooks	Iowa
Dell Rapids	Hull
Huron	Orange City
Hartford	Sanborn
Harrisburg	Sheldon
Humboldt	Sibley
Lennox	Sioux Center
Madison	Rock Rapids
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DAKOTA
MAINSTEM

REGIONAL
WATER
SYSTEM

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: June 2, 2025

Name of Applicant (Individual/Organization):

City of Pipestone

Mailing Address:

Street: 119 2nd Ave SW

City: Pipestone State: MN Zip Code: 56164

Physical Address (if different from mailing address):

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Contact and Prospective Board Member Information:

Name: Dan Delaney

Position (if applicable): Mayor

Phone Number: 507-215-0306 Email: ddelaney@cityofpipestone.com

Alternate Contact and Prospective Alternate Board Member Information:

Name: Joel Adelman

Position (if applicable): Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Phone Number: 507-820-1008 Email: adelman@cityofpipestone.com

Membership Type (Please select the appropriate category)

- ☐ Regional (Rural) Water System
- ☒ Municipal
- ☐ Governmental
- ☐ Other (Please specify): _____

Previous Water System Affiliation (if any):

Name of System: _____

Role/Position: _____

Duration: _____

Additional Information (Please use this space to provide any additional information or specific interests you have in the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System):

Agreement and Signature

By signing below, I/We hereby apply for membership in the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System. I/We agree to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and rules and regulations of the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System and to support its mission to the best of my/our ability.

Signature: _____ Date: **June 2, 2025**

Please return this completed application along with any applicable membership fees to the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System office. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact us at:

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