



THE SPIGOT

from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

NDRWSA Thanks Mike Ritteman for Years of Service

By Lisa Schatz

Mike Ritteman, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association's (NDRWSA) eastern North Dakota circuit rider for the past 10 years, has accepted a position as the superintendent for the city of Lakota.

"Mike traveled countless miles and logged numerous hours to provide assistance to rural water areas," says NDRWSA Executive Director Eric Volk. "He was an integral part of the NDRWSA team and his dedication to rural water was phenomenal."

Water operators, city auditors, and rural water personnel welcomed Ritteman's expertise, experience, and knowledge, and he was often called upon when cities or rural water systems needed assistance with leak location, water treatment, water distribution, and/or line locating.

Rural water staff also enjoyed Ritteman's talent for cooking and catering, as he often brought spicy pickles

and his homemade sausage to the office for everyone to try. His outgoing personality and ability to bring "the calm throughout the storm" (often in the water industry) will be greatly missed.

The NDRWSA board of directors and staff wish Ritteman well as he continues his career and thanks him for his years of dedication and hard work. He has truly been an inspiration to the rural water community.



Mike Ritteman

NDRWSA Welcomes New Circuit Rider

By Lisa Schatz

Dan Hanson joined the NDRWSA team last month as the new circuit rider for eastern North Dakota. Hanson brings more than 10 years of experience to the rural water community. Prior to joining NDRWSA, he was employed by the city of Grand Forks Water Department as a senior service employee. The vast majority of his expertise lies within water system operation, maintenance, and installation such as line locating, excavating, water main repair, water tower and clearwell maintenance, and monitoring pump stations. Hanson is a certified Class 4 water distribution operator and Class 2 water treatment operator.

Hanson lives in East Grand Forks, Minn., with his 12-year-old daughter. He enjoys the outdoors and

spends his free time hunting, fishing, camping, and hiking. He has recently taken up distance running and has completed three marathons.

NDRWSA welcomes him to the rural water team!



Dan Hanson

N.D. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION
LEADERSHIP RETREAT
Rough Riders Hotel & Conference Center, Medora
July 15-16

Agenda

Tuesday, July 15 (All times are Mountain time)

- Noon Retreat Luncheon, Taco Bar Buffet, *Rough Riders Conference Center*
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome, Michele Schommer, NDRWSA President, *Rough Riders Conference Center*
Alison Ritter, N.D. Industrial Commission's Department of Mineral Resources,
Water Needs Throughout the Phases of Oil Development
- 2:30 p.m. Kris Roberts, N.D. Department of Health, Spill Response Emergency
Management
- 3:00 p.m. Gene Veeder, McKenzie County Economic Development, Planning for the Boom
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Social, Special Appearance - President Theodore Roosevelt, *Rough Riders Terrace*
- 6:00 p.m. Pitchfork Fondue and Medora Musical, *Tjaden Terrace & Burning Hills*
Amphitheatre

Wednesday, July 16

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 a.m. Bruce Emmil, Todd Seibel, and Ryan Caya, Bismarck State College National
Energy Center of Excellence, Water and Wastewater Technology Certificate
Program, *Rough Riders Conference Center*
- 9:45 a.m. Mike Hove, N.D. State Water Commission, Industrial Water Depot Use and
Telemetry Pilot Study
- 10:45 a.m. Mary Massad, Southwest Water Authority and Jaret Wirtz, Western Area Water
Supply Authority, Rural Water Development in Oil Country
- 11:30 a.m. Eric Volk and Jon Nelson, NDRWSA Legislative and State Water Commission
Policy Update

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Rural Water block**

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