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from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

NDRWSA Holds Third Biennial Legislative Social

By Lisa Schatz

NDRWSA and 19 rural water systems hosted a legislative social at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck on Jan. 24. Rep. Kevin Cramer and numerous state legislators attended the event for an opportunity to visit with rural water system managers, water operators, and board members. "The legislative social was a great place for rural water systems to educate and inform state legislators about rural water funding needs. The state plays an important role in rural water development and it is important that all legislators are aware of this," says NDRWSA Executive Director Eric Volk.

Exhibit booths and table-top displays outlined the perimeter of the event, depicting the areas of past and recent development and areas of essential need. Rural water supplies more than 100,000 rural residents with potable drinking water. "The continued development and expansion of these systems are significant to rural growth, property value, and the quality of life," says NDRWSA President Keith Nilson.



The legislative social provided a great venue for numerous Rural Water Systems to network with state leaders.



Representatives from the Southwest Water Authority discuss key issues with District 33 State Sen. Jessica Unruh.

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Small System Funding Options

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Meeting the demands of repairing and replacing infrastructure such as water and wastewater projects is taking its toll on many small utility systems. The North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA), in conjunction with the North Dakota League of Cities (NDLC) Regional Meetings, is bringing together several entities that offer funding and resources for small systems.

The objective during these half-day training seminars is to promote awareness of funding sources, rules, regulations, application processes, names, addresses, and “how to” topics will all be under one roof. These training seminars are a do-not-miss for those looking at outside funding for a project in the near future. Attendance and participation will greatly benefit rural water systems for years to come.

Acquiring funding for needed infrastructure improvements is time consuming and complex. Understand how to get on the project priority list for construction. Become aware of the current interest rates and special concerns for disadvantaged communities. Find out how these funding entities are working together to put affordable projects together for municipalities. Learn how to do the necessary research and homework.

Subjects to be discussed include: USDA Rural Development Loans and Grants, North Dakota Department of Health Revolving Loan Funds, Community Development Block Grants, Interim Financing, MR&I Funding, National Rural Water Association Revolving Loan Fund, Rate Setting, and Money Saving Services and Ideas.

Groups targeted for participation in these seminars are: mayors, administrators, economic development personnel, utility supervisors, utility superintendents, engineers, water and wastewater operators, and others involved or interested in the financial stability of municipal and rural water systems.

Pre-registration is appreciated! The seminars will start at 9 a.m., (local time) and last until noon. NDLC Regional Meetings locations and dates are:

- Mandan - April 29
- Velva - April 30
- Lakota – May 1
- Mapleton – May 2

Contact NDRWSA for the specific seminar location in a particular city, and watch the mail for further details.

Small System Funding Options Seminar Registration Form

PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL:

Name: _____ Title: _____

System/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Attending At: ___ Mandan ___ Velva
 ___ Lakota ___ Mapleton

Number of people attending: _____

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