



## Iowa Regional Utilities Association

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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

*"We flow that extra mile"*

## Iowa Regional Utilities Association Meeting Notice

Dear Member:

February 2023

**You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Iowa Regional Utilities Association on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. This meeting will be held at the Grundy Center Community Center at 705 F Ave, Grundy Center, IA.**

If you cannot attend, please exercise your right to vote by signing the enclosed proxy card and returning it to the Association no later than Friday, March 19, 2023. Should you wish your tenant or another individual to vote on your behalf, you must visit the Association office at 1351 Iowa Speedway Drive, Newton, Iowa at least five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and execute a General Proxy form.

This year's Annual Meeting will include a report on the Association's 2022 business activities. The audited financial statements, which are comprised of the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2022, and the related statements of activities and cash flows, will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

In case of inclement weather, please tune in to KCOB (FM 95.9), KFJB (AM 1230), KOEL (FM 98.5 & AM 950), or KCRR (FM 97.7) radio for rescheduling information.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting of your Association on March 20th.

Delwin G. Van Zante, Secretary



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**Proxy for Annual Meeting March 20, 2023,**

**Solicited by Management**

Ron Dunsbergen, President of Iowa Regional Utilities Association, or his designee as provided by Board resolution, is hereby appointed proxy of the undersigned to attend the Annual Meeting of the members of Iowa Regional Utilities Association on March 20, 2023, and any adjournment thereof, and to vote the above referenced membership on any and all matters which may properly come before such meeting or any adjournment thereof. This proxy revokes all previous proxies, and shall terminate at the conclusion of the aforesaid Annual Meeting. The undersigned represents that this proxy is executed with full knowledge, consent and authority of all persons having any interest in the above-referenced membership in Iowa Regional Utilities Association.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

(Member Signature)

*This may be photocopied, if needed.*

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Bring this with you to the 2023 Annual Meeting  
-OR- If you do not plan to attend the meeting, complete and return by mail with your signed proxy for a chance to win a \$25.00 credit on your water or sewer bill.

**\*\*One per account number\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# of Properties \_\_\_\_\_

# NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Delwin Van Zante, Otley** – Delwin lives on a small farm three miles northeast of Otley in Marion County. His support of the Jasper County Water Association was instrumental in establishing rural water in northern Marion County and he became a rural water member in 1981. Delwin and his late wife Nancy are the parents

of two sons: Dale and Craig. Delwin is a graduate of Pella Community High School and was formerly part owner of D & D Pump & Pipe Service in Pella. He was employed by Two Rivers Cooperative from 1983-2007 retiring in December 2007. In his spare time Delwin enjoys woodworking, antique tractor shows and traveling to see his sons' families.



**Bryce Dee, Marshalltown** - Bryce and his wife, Jamie, live outside of Marshalltown. Bryce is a graduate of West Marshall High School and Iowa State University. Bryce works for Corteva Agriscience as a District Sales Lead for crop protection. Bryce and Jamie have two children; Clara (20) and AJ (16). The Dee's are members

of Trinity Lutheran Church in Marshalltown. Bryce enjoys the outdoors, attending kids sporting events, and hunting in his free time.



**Curt Mackie, Grundy Center** – Curt and his wife Deb live on an acreage south of Grundy Center. Curt graduated from Grundy Center High School in 1979 and Iowa State University in 1983 with a B.S. in Ag-Business. Curt has been in the seed and chemical business for the past 36 years. The past 23 years he has been with

Monsanto as a Territory Manager. He is currently an account manager for the DEKALB/Asgrow seed division. Curt was a member of the Grundy County Fair Board for the past 24 years, past President of the Grundy County Pork Producers, and is a director of the Grundy County Heritage Center, LLC. Curt is also a Farm Bureau member and a member of the Grundy Center High School Advisory Committee. Curt also raises cattle specializing in selling beef through the local locker. Curt and Deb have four adult children: Alicia, Christine, Nick, and Michelle and eight grandch

## IRUA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Ron Dunsbergen*

### Building Blocks

The Power of Partnership!

Iowa Regional Utilities Association (IRUA) is many things.

To our residential members and customers, IRUA is a water utility providing drinking water.

To our agricultural, commercial and industrial members and customers, IRUA is a water utility providing a key tool that keeps their business running.

To some members and customers, IRUA is a sewer utility providing responsible treatment and disposal of their wastewater.

To its employees, IRUA is a career.

To its vendors, contractors and suppliers, IRUA is a customer.

To economic development stakeholders, IRUA is a critical component and provider of a resource that draws businesses and job growth to rural Iowa.

To the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, IRUA is an operator of water and sewer systems that must be held accountable to meet water quality and purity standards.

To the city customers who purchase water from IRUA in bulk, IRUA is a drinking water source that they utilize instead of a well and water treatment plant.

To other cities, IRUA is responsible for the entire supply of water to their residents, including being the provider of individual customer meter reading, billing, and water system maintenance and repair.

To the State of Iowa, IRUA is a nonprofit corporation falling under Chapter 504 of the Iowa Code.

To IRUA's Board of Directors, IRUA is a responsibility that - I assure you - is not taken lightly.

Looking back I can now see that at its core IRUA is simply the power of a cooperative partnership in action. This was true when IRUA started out as an idea among a handful of farmers in Jasper County who wanted a more reliable and higher quality drinking water than they could get through a well on their farm. It is still true today when the network has grown to include the members, customers, employees, towns, cities, businesses, regulators and officials that make up IRUA today.

With each member, the network of partnerships reached by IRUA has grown, naturally strengthening IRUA in the process. The value of that growth is then returned to you as IRUA works aggressively keep the rates you pay as low as possible.

As a result, your membership and contributions to IRUA benefits the other more than 55,000 people IRUA serves – just as their membership benefits you!

As I do every year, I want to thank you for your continued trust and partnership as a member of IRUA.

# CEO / ENGINEER'S REPORT

By Matt Mahler, P.E.

2022 started out on a sad note in January with news of the passing of longtime Newton Waterworks General Manager, L.D. Palmer. The Newton Waterworks was IRUA's original wholesale water supplier, and IRUA has maintained a positive and mutually beneficial relationship with the organization since that first water purchase agreement was signed. IRUA's entire membership has benefited from Mr. Palmer's professionalism and understanding of the shared benefit that comes from IRUA's regional utility structure and customer growth. On behalf of IRUA, I would like to extend condolences to Mr. Palmer's friends and family.

I also want to take the opportunity to recognize two longtime IRUA employees who both began a well-earned retirement in 2022: Toni Hudson and Bruce Yeager. Bruce Yeager retired from his position as Operations Manager in December of 2022 after thirty years of service to IRUA's membership. Toni Hudson retired from her position as Office Manager in March of 2022 after thirty-one years of service to IRUA's membership. I had the pleasure of working with both of these individuals on a daily basis since I joined IRUA, and it would be difficult to understate how strongly committed they both were to the organization and its mission every day they showed up for work. IRUA's membership is fortunate to have had them as part of the management team guiding the company, and on behalf of our membership I want to take this opportunity to recognize them for their contributions and wish them well in retirement.

Organizationally, IRUA is now responsible for enough miles of pipe to stretch from Seattle, Washington to the Florida Keys and still have more than 1,300 miles of pipe left over!

The responsibility of managing that length of water main, along with a water treatment plant, water towers, wastewater treatment lagoons, booster pumping stations, wastewater pumping stations and other facilities falls on the shoulders of 65 dedicated people who keep the water flowing. I want to thank them for their diligence and commitment to IRUA, its mission and its members in 2022, as it was a busy year with increasing customers and expansion projects occurring in nearly every area of IRUA's water system.

The following are a few project highlights from 2022:

- We now serve safe, high-quality water to 15,607 farms, residences, businesses and small communities through more than 4,738 miles of pipeline.
- Construction of 19-miles of water main, including several significant water main extensions, for example:
  - A 3-mile water main supply improvement in Polk County.
  - A 2-mile water main supply improvement in Marshall County.
  - A 4-mile water main service area expansion in Buchanan County.
- Generators to provide emergency power during outages were installed at IRUA's corporate office in Newton (Jasper County) and at a wastewater pumping station serving the City of Lincoln (Tama County).
- IRUA completed decommission of the City of Baxter's source water wells and water treatment plant facilities – as negotiated in the interconnection/water purchase agreement.
- One of IRUA's source water wells at its water treatment plant was re-habilitated and re-fitted with a brand new well pump and motor.

- IRUA's 500,000 gallon water tower in central Jasper County was repainted.
- There were 176 new services installed across our service area over the course of the year.
- The Association's 2023 Budget was approved with a 4% rate increase.

IRUA looks forward to continuing to work with you and for you in 2023. As always, on behalf of the Board of Directors, IRUA staff and myself, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

## IRUA WATER PROJECT UPDATES

### CITY OF WESTGATE, POPULATION 189

The City of Westgate and IRUA have continued to explore resources and opportunities to viably fund the infrastructure required to connect the city's water system to IRUA. The project scope includes construction of a 10.1-mile IRUA water supply main and new water tower serving both IRUA and the city's water distribution system. IRUA is working with the City of Westgate to continue to proceed through the various funding agencies with the goal of securing funding and starting construction in the fall of 2023.

## IRUA WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATES

### GREEN MOUNTAIN, POPULATION 182

In 2022, IRUA continued to make steady progress on the Green Mountain sewer and lagoon project. The lagoon portion of the project received concurrence to proceed to construction from the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA-RD). Bids were received from contractors on August 3, 2022. The contract for the lagoon portion of the work was awarded to the apparent low-bid contractor September 20, 2022, and after filing the appropriate documents the contractor was issued a notice to proceed December 20, 2022. The contract completion date for the lagoon project is August 11, 2023. For the sewer portion of the project, IRUA is continuing to work with the USDA-RD to receive concurrence to proceed with the sewer portion of the work utilizing IRUA's construction staff, equipment and resources.

## Board of Directors

Ron Dunsbergen, President  
Dan Brandt, Vice President  
Delwin Van Zante, Secretary  
Curt Mackie, Treasurer  
Don Struthers, Director  
Gene Wiemers, Director

Bryce Dee, Director  
Doug Enyart, Director  
Kevin Nessa, Director  
Matt Mahler, P.E., CEO/Engineer  
Frank Smith, Attorney

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## System Facts

**CORPORATION** - Jasper County Water Association was organized in 1977 as a corporation not-for-profit under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 504. Due to expanding service areas across many county boundaries, the Association changed its corporate name to Central Iowa Water Association in 1988. In 2000, due to the addition of rural sewer services, the Association changed its name to Iowa Regional Utilities Association. The Association is member-owned and headed by a nine-member Board of Directors.

**TOTAL MILES OF PIPELINE** - 4,738 miles in the ground, with sizes from 2" - 20" in diameter, 1" and 1 1/2" service lines.

**ELEVATED WATER TOWERS** - 27 towers which are located near Prairie City (200,000 gallons), Baxter (200,000 gallons), Laurel (200,000 gallons), Sully (300,000 gallons), State Center (150,000 and 300,000 gallons), Marshalltown (100,000 gallons), Gladbrook (150,000 gallons), McCallsburg (400,000 gallons), Collins (500,000 gallons), Wellsburg (2,000,000 gallons), Colo (300,000 gallons), Lincoln (300,000 gallons), Otley (500,000 gallons), Marshall County Jail (300,000 gallons), Newton (2,000,000 and two 500,000 gallons), LeGrand (300,000 gallons), Aurora (300,000 gallons), Waverly (1,000,000 gallons), Greeley (300,000 gallons), Quasqueton (300,000 gallons), Rowley (300,000 gallons), Oakland Acres (300,000 gallons), Dike (300,000 gallons) and Radcliffe (300,000 gallons) with a total storage capacity of 12,300,000 gallons.

**WATER SUPPLY CAPACITY** - 90 million gallons per month provided by IRUA's water treatment plant near Waverly. Also, 90 million gallons per month provided by the City of Newton, 90 million gallons per month available from the City of Marshalltown, 3 million gallons per month available from the City of Pella, and 7.5 million gallons per month available from the City of Nevada. Current average demand is approximately 138 million gallons per month.

**HIGH SERVICE PUMPING** - Water purchased from the City of Newton is stored in an 86,000 gallon reinforced concrete surface reservoir under the high service pumping station and pumped by three 500 gpm pumps to elevated towers. There are also thirty-one booster pump stations capable of pumping a total of 35,500 gpm.

**TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST** - Including the main office, pump stations, towers, water lines, etc. was approximately \$228,518,143. To finance the construction, IRUA received numerous USDA-RD/CoBank loans and \$25,975,462 in RD/CDBG/SRF/Econ Devel. grants. Customer/member contributions accounted for \$25,738,708 with interest and other income providing the balance of funds.

**TOTAL METERS IN SERVICE** - 15,607 including larger meters which monitor water served to city customers.

**CITY INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMER METERS (43)** - Attica, Aurora, Austinville, Bangor, Buckeye, Clyde, Dillon, Dunbar, Dundee, Farrar, Ferguson, Fernald, Frederika, Galesburg, Garden City, Green Mountain, Greeley, Haverhill, Iowa Center, Ira, Kesley, Killduff, Lamoille, Lincoln, Littleton, Marietta, Metz, Morrison, Newburg, Oakland Acres, Otley, Park Hills, Pershing, Quarry, Quasqueton, Reasnor, Rowley, St. Anthony, Valeria, Van Cleve, Vandalia, Voorhies, and Whitten.

**CITY BULK PURCHASE METERS (27)** - Baxter, Beaman, Clemons, Collins, Colo, Conrad, Dike, Fairbank, Garwin, Gilman, Gladbrook, Grundy Center, Holland, Janesville, Laurel, LeGrand, Liscomb, Lynnville, McCallsburg, Melbourne, Mingo, Monroe, Montour, Rhodes, Sully, Wellsburg and Zearing.

**EMERGENCY CONNECTIONS (16)** - Communities of Albion, Cambridge, Colfax, Eldora, Hazleton, Lamont, Maxwell, New Hartford, Nevada, Prairie City, Reinbeck, Roland, Shell Rock, State Center, Stout, and Union. Interconnections have been established with Poweshiek Water Association and Rathbun Regional Water Association.

**WASTEWATER SERVICES** - Provided to Whitten (1998), Hunter's Ridge near Pella (1999), The Harvester (2000), Pine Lake near Eldora (2001), Rustic Ridges near Grinnell (2001), IDOT-Grinnell rest area (2001), IDNR-Rock Creek State Park (2001), Lakeview Heights, Diehl's Acres and Homesites Subdivisions near Rock Creek (2003-2004), Colo Business Park (2003), Haverhill (2003), Lincoln (2004), Pollard Development near Grinnell (2004), St. Anthony (2005), Morrison (2006), Grundy County Industrial Park (2006), Oakland Acres (2007), Park Hills (2009), I-35 Dows Interchange (2009), Stout and Camp Wallashuck (2011), Butler Logistics Park (2014), North Overlook Lake Red Rock (2015), and Red Rock Marina (2016).

**CONSTRUCTION DATES** - Construction began on the original Jasper County System in April 1980 and was completed in December 1981. Major expansions to the system have occurred each year, beginning with Marshall-Story Counties (1983-1985), Northeast Marshall System (1986-1987), Northeast Polk County (1987-1988), Northwest Tama County (1989-1990), Story County (1991-1994), Grundy County (1994-1997), Southwest Black Hawk County (1997-1998), Northern Grundy County (1998-2001), Northwest Black Hawk County (2000-2002), Hamilton and Hardin Counties (1999-2002), Southern Butler County (2001-2004), Southeast Butler County, Newton to Marshalltown transmission main, and Garden City (2005), Bremer, Black Hawk, and Buchanan County projects, cities of Aurora and Dundee (2007-2008). Delaware County projects and cities of Greeley and Quasqueton, I-35 Dows Interchange (2009), City of Rowley (2010), Stout sewer and Camp Wallashuck sewer (2011), City of Littleton (2013) Bremer Station (2014), North Overlook Sewer (2015), Red Rock Marina (2016), Frederika supply main (2016-2017), Hamilton and Hardin Counties II (2017-2018), City of Fairbank (2019), Butler County 12-inch Loop (2020), City of Montour (2021), City of Baxter (2021-2022) Story County and Marshall County Retrofits (2022), Ridge Haven Cono Extension in Buchanan County (2022).

