



Iowa Regional Utilities Association Meeting Notice

Dear Member:

February 2025

You are cordially invited to attend the 47th Annual Meeting of Iowa Regional Utilities Association on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. This meeting will be held at New Hope Christian Church, 3901 S Center St, Marshalltown, IA (please enter at Door 3 on the south side of the building.)

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 14, 2025. 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 2024 business activities. The audited financial statements, which are comprised of the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, 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 2025 Annual Meeting of your Association on March 17th.

Delwin G. Van Zante, Secretary



Iowa Regional Utilities Association

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**Proxy for Annual Meeting March 17, 2025,
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 17, 2025, 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 _____, 2025 _____

(Member Signature)

This may be photocopied, if needed.

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Bring this with you to the 2025 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

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NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



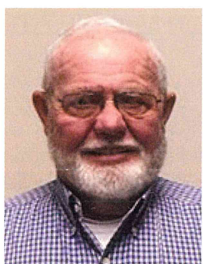
Kevin Nessa, Zearing Kevin and his wife, Janie, live on an acreage three miles east of Zearing. Kevin is a graduate of NESCO High School and Iowa State University. They own and operate NESSA, Inc. (Sprayers, Precision Ag, Seed and Grain Handling and Fertilizer Application Equipment) and the family farm with their three children, Luke, Garret and Kelly. This is NESSA, Inc.'s 44th

Anniversary. Kevin has previously served on the Prairieland Cooperative's (IAS) Board of Directors. The Nessa's are members of Bethany Lutheran Church in McCallsburg, and Kevin has served on the Board of Trustees and as a Luther League youth leader.



Donald Struthers, Collins Don and his wife, Sharon, live on a farm northeast of Collins. In 1979 and 1980, Don was vice-president of the Story County Rural Water feasibility study. Don has been an Iowa Master Pork Producer and was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Sharon, were Iowa Master Farmers in 2012. The Struthers families currently

have eight rural water hook-ups. Don and Sharon are the parents of three children; David, Dan, and Debra, and have 8 grandchildren. The family attends the Collins Christian Church in Collins. He is retired from farming but sometimes helps his two sons and daughter in their farming operations. His hobby is preserving two row mounted corn pickers.



Ron Dunsbergen, Sully Ron and his wife, Julie, reside in Sully. Ron is retired from farming and is a seasonal employee of Key Coop in Grinnell. Julie is employed by Lynnville-Sully Schools. Together they have five children: Dan is manager of the Grinnell Branch of Key Coop; Scott is a driver for On Demand Concrete in Loveland, Colorado; Tim is a contractor with North

Ridge Estates in Sully; Nathan is employed by Central College in Pella; and Courtney works as an executive administrative assistant at Pella Corp. Ron has served on the Iowa Regional Utilities board since 1980. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and bike riding. Together, Ron & Julie enjoy jigsaw puzzles, traveling, and spending time with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Dunsbergen's are active members of the First Reformed Church in Sully.

IRUA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By Ron Dunsbergen*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for your continued trust and support as members and customers of Iowa Regional Utilities Association. I know that I speak for the other Directors when I say that it is an honor for us to guide this organization as it serves you, along with your families, businesses and communities.

As I reflect on the past year, I feel like it is fair to say that it has had its share of challenges – some challenges are ones that we knew were coming, and some of which we could not have anticipated. But through it all, we have continued to make decisions that have been committed to ensuring that this Association works and plans so that affordable water continues flowing reliably to your homes and businesses both today and well into the future.

Through extreme weather like ice storms, extreme heat, sleet, wind, rain and snow – we work so the water supply continues flowing. Through power outages and floods – we work so the water supply continues flowing. Through the rising prices of supplies, fuel, equipment, chemicals, wholesale water and the increasing all-around cost of living – we work so the water supply continues flowing. Through careful management, maintenance and upkeep of IRUA's existing water mains, valves, pumps, water towers and its water treatment plant – we work so the water supply continues flowing.

Of course, with these challenges IRUA has encountered many opportunities, too! Big successes include the fact that IRUA continues to see growth and development within our service area. Through this growth we are able to spread our operating costs across more and more customers, which reduces IRUA's cost of service that would end up appearing on your water bills.

Other successes that happen throughout the year can be much harder to see. Whether it's IRUA responding quickly to a call for a new water service from a family whose well just failed. Or, when a pipe in a customer's home has sprung a leak and they need IRUA to help shut the water off. Or, even when a customer that calls IRUA is frustrated with concerns about their service - and IRUA's staff was able to assist and take what was a negative interaction and turn it into a positive one. These "small" victories are occurring every day across the company.

IRUA will always be looking for ways we can improve our service to you, and there will always be new, exciting and positive stories that IRUA is a part of, and these stories happen throughout the year all across our water system. We cannot let the challenges of today take away from IRUA's past, present and future accomplishments.

Thank you to IRUA's dedicated team of employees for carrying out the Association's mission. It is our employees that truly make all of IRUA's success stories possible.

And a heartfelt "thank you" to you, the member-customer. Making the service of reliable and high-quality water available to you is the reason that this organization was founded, it is the reason that it exists today, and it is the guiding principle myself and my colleagues on the board of directors follow planning for the future.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous 2025.

**Interested in joining the board of directors?
Call our office for more information.**

CEO / ENGINEER'S REPORT

By Matt Mahler, P.E.

Each year I enjoy the opportunity to take the time to write this message to our members and customers because I get to look back on the past year's accomplishments. Iowa Regional Utilities Association (IRUA) is a busy place. There are always projects to complete and customers to serve, and our customers' need for reliable and affordable access to drinking water doesn't "punch-out" at the end of the day! In the business of keeping the organization moving forward I can be guilty of not pausing to look back and appreciate how far we have come in the past year.

Similarly, I can also be guilty of taking my access to drinking water for granted, too. I think it's because it's such a "normal" part of everyday life - so you actually have to stop what you're doing to take the time to appreciate it (of course, unless the drinking water is not where you want it to be!). The fact that I can have access to drinkable water by simply turning on a faucet can sometimes be lost on me, and even with my "behind the curtain" perspective of what it takes to move water from Point A to Point B (and sometimes then to Point C and Point D!) – when I take the time to sit down and reflect I still can be inspired by the accomplishments of this organization.

IRUA is a very unique company. It is a not-for-profit, so it's revenue is used to either keep up with its expenses and re-invest in the organization to add value and return for its members and customers. It is a rural water utility, which means it provides water across a vast geographical distance. It has many different zones of varying water pressure, which means its system is made up of a variety of water towers and pumping stations to prevent customers having "too much" or "too little" water pressure. It purchases water wholesale and operates its own treatment plant, which means it has to manage different water chemistries depending on where the water was produced. Outside of drinking water it also operates a handful of wastewater and sewer systems. Here are some quick facts about IRUA that I think are interesting.

- IRUA provides water service to a geographical area that is larger than the entire State of Delaware!
- IRUA now pumps over 2 billion gallons of water across that service area!
- If you were to line up 2 billion 1-gallon milk jugs in a line from end-to-end it would wrap around the surface of the earth 13 times!
- The generator on stand-by at IRUA's water treatment plant is large enough to power over 800 homes!
- The combined storage capacity of all of IRUA's water towers is 12.25 million gallons, which is enough to fill 18 Olympic-sized swimming pools!
- If you were to lay all of IRUA's water mains from end to end, it would take approximately 70 hours to have driven the entire length of pipe in our water system!

The list goes on, and on, and the more I sit and think about "What is IRUA?" the more I can appreciate being a part of it, just like I hope you are proud to be a part of it as a member and customer. Ultimately, everything about IRUA and what makes it unique was done and is done for the purpose of better serving you. It is with IRUA's continued appreciation for the opportunity to provide service to you that I can provide the following highlights from a busy 2024:

- We now serve safe, high-quality water to 16,176 farms,

residences, businesses and small communities through more than 4,763 miles of pipeline.

- Construction of 12-miles of water main, including several significant water main extensions, for example:
 - » A major water main relocation project to accommodate the Iowa DOT's reconstruction of a segment of U.S. Highway 218 near Denver.
 - » A 4.5-mile water main construction project improving IRUA's ability to provide reliable service to southwest Story County.
 - » Water main extensions that will serve a 16-lot development in Jasper County, another that will serve an 8 lot development in Bremer County and a commercial development in Black Hawk County.
- There were 182 new services installed across our service area over the course of the year.
- The Association's 2024 Budget was approved with a 4% rate increase.

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 continues to work with the City of Westgate to procure project financing solution that provides the grant money to make the project viable.

WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATES

GREEN MOUNTAIN, POPULATION 182

In 2024, IRUA continued to make steady progress on the Green Mountain wastewater system project. The treatment lagoon portion of the project was constructed, completed and accepted by IRUA. For the sewer portion of the project: the materials for the sanitary sewer were selected and delivery is in the process of being scheduled. A busy construction season in 2024 complicated IRUA's ability to mobilize to the project last year, but IRUA plans to start work on the sanitary sewer portion of the project in 2025.

Board of Directors

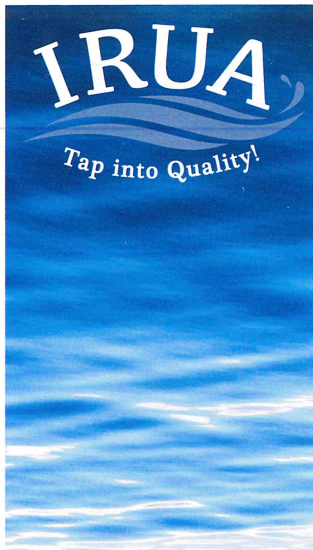
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Iowa Regional Utilities Association *System Facts*

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 2017, 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 - 4,763 miles in the ground, with sizes from 2" - 20" in diameter, 1" and 1 ½" 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 174 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 \$239,434,497. To finance the construction, IRUA received numerous USDA-RD/CoBank loans and \$26,725,544 in RD/CDBG/SRF/Econ Devel. grants. Customer/member contributions accounted for \$26,839,658 with interest and other income providing the balance of funds.

TOTAL METERS IN SERVICE - 16,176 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). Highway 30 Water Main Relocation, Rock Creek State Park supply improvements and Marshall County Phase 1 Retrofit (2023). Story County Retrofit and Hwy 218 water main relocation (2024).