

Friend of Rural Water Award

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Excerpt from official press release:

East Dakota Water Development District named Friend of Rural Water

Madison, SD – The South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems (SDARWS) recently awarded The East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) with the “Friend of Rural Water” Award at their Annual Technical Conference in Pierre on January 11, 2018. This distinguished honor is awarded to agencies, organizations, or individuals who have lent a hand in supporting the fantastic phenomenon we call rural water. The ability to provide life’s essential need, water, to all the citizens of South Dakota was not done by one person or organization; it was a collective effort encompassing many.

East Dakota Water Development District has been a long-time supporter of improving water quality and supply in South Dakota. They supported the responsible development of Rural Water Systems and SDARWS for many years. EDWDD was an integral player in providing funds during the authorization process for Lewis & Clark Regional Water System. They have also supported the development of wellhead protection areas for rural water wellfields, supported the purchase of wellhead protection land by rural water systems, supported engineering feasibility studies for rural water systems, supported the purchase of GPS and Valve-exercising equipment for the SDARWS, and continue to support educational endeavors such as “Quality on Tap!” magazine produced by SDARWS, along with the Big Sioux and Sioux Empire Water Festivals. Currently, they are continuing research into nitrate levels in the Big Sioux River and adjacent aquifer.



The Board of Directors for the East Dakota Water Development District pose with their Friend of Rural Water Award

(Back Row (left to right) - Dana Loseke, Mark Anderson, Martin Jarrett. Front Row (L to R) - Kay Kassube, Jay Gilbertson & Lois Brown)