

Press Release

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GRACE RIXEN HONORED AS "OUTSTANDING WATER WORKS EMPLOYEE"

Grace Rixen of Southwest Water Authority received the "Outstanding Water Works Employee" award by the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) at the 36th Annual Rural Water EXPO and Conference banquet held February 2, 2022 in Fargo. This award is given to a water operator or rural water system manager who has shown outstanding leadership abilities and has performed beyond the normal requirements of their job.

Grace has contributed to the water industry in every phase of her career. She has worked hard to keep her water system in compliance with EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act, and the North Dakota Department of Health. The Southwest Water Authority has received numerous certificates and awards such as Water Fluoridation Quality Award and Best Tasting Water in North Dakota all while under the direction of Grace. After completion of the Southwest Water Authority's water treatment plant, Grace led the team of operators to successful startup and operation of an Ultra Filtration and Reverse Osmosis system.

Grace received the NDWPCC Outstanding Water and Wastewater Facility Management Award in 2016 and the ESGR Patriot Award in 2019. Her hobbies include making homemade soaps and lotions, gardening and restoration of an old schoolhouse located on her property.

The NDRWSA was formed to coordinate rural water system programs on a statewide basis. The association also provides technical, managerial and financial assistance to aid municipalities and rural water systems in complying with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act.

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