

Press Release

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CASS RURAL WATER DISTRICT WINS WATER TASTE CONTEST

Attendees at the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association's (NDRWSA) 36th annual Rural Water EXPO and Conference have found the best tasting water in North Dakota. On February 2, 2022 the winner of a state-wide competition was announced in an effort to identify the tastiest water in the state, and participants hope, in the nation. Eleven large, small, and rural water utilities from around the state submitted samples of their water straight from the tap. Conference attendees narrowed it down to three systems - Cass Rural Water District, South Central Regional Water District, and Valley City Public Works. The winner of this year's competition was the Cass Rural Water District, whose water was chosen by a panel of judges as the most appealing. The panel of judges consisted of Geoff Slick of AE2S, Tyson Decker of Bartlett & West, John O'Connell, Sr. Vice President of National Rural Water Association, Jessica Lee, State Director for Senator John Hoeven, and Chris Marohl, Senior Policy Advisor for Senator Cramer. The Cass Rural Water District is a member of the NDRWSA.

The NDRWSA 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.

The competition is part of a "Quality on Tap!" campaign to emphasize the high-quality standards and consequently, taste of rural water. Winners of the state contest will compete in a national contest on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. This event is part of the National Rural Water Association (NRWA) Rural Water Rally, an annual legislative event for the 50 state affiliates of the NRWA.

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