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Members of Montana Rural Water Systems:

My name is Joni Sherman and I would like to be considered as a Board Member for Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS).

I am currently the General Manager for Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority in Culbertson, a position I have held for nearly 10 years. I was the very first employee hired by the Dry Prairie Board in 1996. In the last 28 years I have been the secretary, grant writer, accountant, easement technician, customer service representative, policy writer, payroll & billing clerk and the office manager. As the General Manager, I currently manage 11 operators and 4 office employees in four offices located throughout four counties in NE Montana. I report to an 8 member Board of Directors. Dry Prairie currently delivers water through 1,200 miles of pipeline to 2,000 rural customers and 10 Towns. I feel that my experience building and operating a water system of this size from the ground-up, while working closely with federal and state agencies, lobbying Congress and the MT Legislature, as well as working with town clerks, operators and council members of our consecutive systems, provides me a unique opportunity to positively contribute to the MRWS Board.

Dry Prairie has been a member of MRWS since the inception of our system. . MRWS has played an integral part of the success of our water system by providing many avenues of information, assistance and technical training for all of our employees over the years. As a Board Member, I would be excited to have the opportunity to help further the mission of MRWS by being able to support all the water and wastewater systems of Montana.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joni Sherman