

My name is Allen Kelm and I currently sit on the MRWS Board of Directors, Region 3 Miles City, and am running for re-election to the MRWS Board. I have served on the board for 6 years and have held the President position for two years.

I have been in the water/wastewater field for 35 years. I started as the night man at the water plant, received my Class 1-B Certification in 1986. I moved to the wastewater treatment plant as the City Council required all the operators to be cross-trained, Class 1. I received my Class 2-C and Class 1-C OT in 1988. (I took the Class 1 test but our facility is a Class 2 facility). I then moved up to the water/wastewater supervisor position and after a number of years became the Public Utilities Director for the City of Miles City. I have worked with councils and boards, prepared budgets, completed multiple construction projects, kept up with and commented on regulations, stayed within budget constraints and worked with the public. I have since retired and currently maintain my certifications and keep up with the rules and regulations.

During my tenure on the MRWS Board there have been a number of changes that has brought us up to current times. Some of these changes had been voiced by our membership and we have moved forward with them and some things have just needed to be updated. Some of our changes are creating a Membership Directory, use of credit cards for payment, updating our webpage, keeping our membership more informed such as this posting as to who is running for Board positions before the annual meeting. We have updated our By-Laws and are currently working on our Board Governance and Policy and Procedural manuals. We have also worked hard to be open minded towards training and helping our members during this pandemic.

I have had the honor of being selected as your National Rural Water Association Director (NRWA) for the past two years to sit on the National Board and represent the Great State of Montana. This allows Montana to have a voice at the table on the National level and bring back information to our State Organization so we can get the information out to our members such as yourself. We are a grass roots organization that helps Rural Water/Wastewater systems and that is what I am committed towards. Helping Rural Montana.

During these unprecedented times I will work hard to continue to keep you informed, your voice heard and keep our great organization moving forward into the future.

I would appreciate your vote for the MRWS Board of Director position.

Sincerely,
Allen Kelm
Region 3