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Minnesota Rural Water Association presents the Extra Mile Award to Pete MacPherson, Minnesota Pump Works



The Extra Mile Award is presented to an individual for efforts put forth above and beyond his/her normal scope of responsibilities assisting water/wastewater systems and their personnel. This award goes to the outstanding achievers in the water and wastewater industry that are recognized by Operations Specialists, Industry Members, Peers, and Friends.

Pete helped the Wastewater Training Program get started with MRWA. Pete worked for MRWA between 1999 and 2005. Pete really had a way of connecting with the wastewater operations specialists in the field and in the classroom. Pete's expertise, knowledge, and communication skills increased

MRWA's wastewater program and the relationships between MRWA and municipalities.

Pete is an absolute awesome and knowledgeable man. MRWA Training Specialist Bob Klug had the pleasure of meeting Pete when he worked for the city of Blackduck and Pete is so full of knowledge and goes out of his way to make sure that operations specialists get the information they are looking for or the help they need. Pete has always been willing to pass his knowledge onto other operations specialists at MRWA training sessions. Pete adjusts his schedule so he can present at MRWA training sessions. Pete is just an all-around great guy and so deserving of this award. During COVID, wastewater trainings were extremely tough to fill for instructors. Travel and keeping a safe distance made our instructors list limited, but Pete understood the importance of in-person trainings with his past experience of working at MRWA. Pete never missed or turned down an opportunity to help MRWA out. He even picked up an extra hour when a vendor had car trouble. Pete bought lunch a few times too knowing how important lunch is to these operations specialists. Pete truly went above and beyond this past year! Pumps, motors, & controls are the backbone of each community's wastewater system and each has just a little different set up; when we call Pete to ask questions and pick his brain while troubleshooting, he's always so helpful and willing to answer the phone and answer important questions for MRWA & communities that he doesn't even service. Pete makes many operations specialist's jobs easier by providing that over the phone or in-person advice & support. Pete truly is a kind hearted person and willing to help and always so positive and smiley.

Pete is a great speaker and does a wonderful job answering all questions from the attendees at training sessions. He is very kind, patient, and always takes as much time as needed to talk to operations specialists. Every time we see Pete, he has a big smile on his face!

Congratulations to Pete MacPherson, Minnesota Pump Works!

Photo above (from left to right): Minnesota Rural Water Association Executive Director Lori Blair and General Manager Pete MacPherson, Minnesota Pump Works.