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CITY OF BIGFORK WINS WATER TASTE TEST!



Officials at the Minnesota Rural Water Association have found the best-tasting water in Minnesota. On March 8, 2017, at the 33rd Annual MRWA Water and Wastewater Technical Conference, the winner of a statewide competition was announced in an effort to identify the best tasting water in Minnesota and participants hope, in the nation.

Small and rural water utilities from around the state submitted samples of their water, straight from the tap. The winner of the event was the city of Bigfork, whose water sample was chosen by judges as the most appealing. “It tasted clean, pure and refreshing”, stated the judges. Joseph Zimmer represented the city of Bigfork and is shown in the photo above (*far right*) along with MRWA’s Groundwater Specialist Robyn Hoerr (*far left*) and MRWA’s Source Water Protection Specialist Mike Strodtman (*second from the right*).

Judges for the competition were (*shown in the photo above in lab coats, from left to right*) Steve Wear, National Rural Water Association; Randy Ellingboe, Minnesota Department of Health; and Dave Woelfel, City of Bird Island.

“Because of the quality of this water, Minnesota has a good chance at the national taste test in Washington, D.C.” added Ruth Hubbard, Executive Director of Minnesota Rural Water Association. The competition is part of the *Quality on Tap!* campaign to emphasize the high quality, standards and taste of water. Winners of the state taste test will compete in a national contest at Capital Hill in Washington, D.C. in February 2018. This event is part of the Rural Water Rally, an annual legislative event for the 49 state affiliates of National Rural Water Association.