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**CITY OF EVANSVILLE WINS BEST TASTING WATER IN MINNESOTA TASTE TEST AT MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION’S 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WATER AND WASTEWATER TECHNICAL CONFERENCE!**

Officials at the Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) have found the best-tasting water in Minnesota!



On March 4, 2020 at the 36th 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 Evansville, whose water sample was chosen by judges as the most appealing. “It tasted clean, pure and refreshing”, stated the judges. Jerry Buse represented the city of Evansville at the conference. The Cities of Battle Lake and Bloomington were runners up.

*Shown in the photo above from left to right: MRWA Source Water Protection Specialist Robyn Hoerr; Taste Test contest winner representing the City of Evansville Jerry Buse; judge for the contest Joe Rubbelke, Utility Logic; runner-up City of Battle Lake Chris Johnson; judge for the contest Minnesota Department of Health Tannie Eshenaur; runner-up City of Bloomington Aaron Tshida; MRWA Source Water Protection Specialist Mike Strodman; and judge for the contest National Rural Water Association President Kent Watson. Not pictured, RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. awarded the winner with a Yeti cooler.*

“Because of the quality of this water, Minnesota has a good chance at the national taste test in Washington, D.C.” added Lori Blair, 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 Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. in February 2021. This event is part of the Rural Water Rally, an annual legislative event for the 49 state affiliates of National Rural Water Association.