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PRESS RELEASE

Southern Iowa Rural Water Association Annual Meeting *Elections held and awards presented*

Creston, Iowa, March 15, 2010:

Southern Iowa Rural Water Association held their annual meeting at the Creston High School Auditorium on Monday, March 15, 2010. The nice weather contributed to the success of this year's meeting as nearly 475 of the Association's members enjoyed the catered meal provided in part by generous donations from SIRWA supporters.

Dan McIntosh presented the yearly progress report. In 2009, SIRWA saw an increase in their rural customers totaling 7,783, while seeing a decrease in city customers to 2,678. In addition, SIRWA provided water to 10 bulk customers as well as providing wastewater service to 1,289 customers. Total gallons of water distributed to SIRWA's customers in 2009 equaled 1,090,971,900 gallons. Randy Cook with Draper, Snodgrass, Mikkelsen & Co. presented SIRWA's financial report for 2009. The complete annual audit report will soon be available for review at the SIRWA office.

The terms of Board Members representing Union and Decatur Counties were up for election at the 2010 annual meeting. The incumbents for both counties were re-elected to fill those positions. Jack Kueter will remain on the Board representing Union County and Eldon Binning will remain on the Board representing Decatur County.

SIRWA presented two recipients with the 2009 Friend of Rural Water Award. This award honors those who have helped SIRWA over the years to become a strong Association. Deb Reed, USDA-RD Loan Specialist began working with SIRWA in 2004 and was a great help to SIRWA in developing USDA-RD funding for various projects. Although Deb is no longer assigned as SIRWA's loan specialist, the assistance she provided was important to the financial success of those projects which she was a part of. Mark Fincel with Garden and Associates LTD has had a long history with SIRWA beginning in 1994 and continues yet today. Mark has provided invaluable engineering services and advice over the years on many SIRWA projects.

At the conclusion of the meeting, names of over 50 attendees were drawn to receive various prizes contributed by 28 vendors.

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