



THE SPIGOT

from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

2010 NDRWSA Leadership Retreat Held in July

Jumping in the Driver's Seat

Rural Water System board members and managers were entertained, energized, and educated by professional speaker Jay Gubrud during the NDRWSA's Summer Leadership Retreat held July 15 and 16 in Fargo.

Gubrud's program, "Jumping in the Driver's Seat," was designed to empower attendees to improve leadership skills and cultivate personal productivity. "Today's competitive and changing business environment demands that people must have an innate sense of personal responsibility for their work, their actions, and their relationships," Gubrud said during his presentation. Gubrud also facilitated six "best practices roundtables," where experts lead discussions on various issues facing water systems, including:

- Public/customer relations,
- Planning for the future,
- Attracting board members to state events,
- Employee retention and hiring good employees,
- Addressing the aging workforce, and
- Recruiting new board members.



Above, motivational speaker Jay Gubrud empowered participants of the NDRWSA Summer Leadership Retreat with his presentation, "Jumping in the Driver's Seat."



Below, several important topics were discussed at the retreat's roundtable sessions.

Pomeroy Receives the “Friend of Rural Water Award”



NDRWSA's national director John Bearman presents Rep. Earl Pomeroy with the Friend of Rural Water Award.

Congressman Recognized for Efforts to Improve Infrastructure in Rural Communities

Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) was presented with the National Rural Water Association's prestigious "Friend of Rural Water Award" at the North Dakota Rural Water System Association's 2010 Leadership Retreat in Fargo. Pomeroy was recognized with this national award for his leadership on the promotion and development of rural water issues.

"I proudly accept the National Rural Water Association's 'Friend of Rural Water Award,'" Pomeroy said after accepting the award. "Ensuring that small rural water systems have access to the technical resources they need to supply safe and affordable water is a top priority to me. I will continue to protect important rural water systems which are critical to the economic viability of any small community."

Pomeroy has long advocated for rural water associations

throughout his tenure in the United States House of Representatives. For many years, he has led the effort in securing significant federal funding for many critical rural water initiatives including circuit riders and the Rural Water Training and Technical Assistance and Groundwater Protection Program. These important programs provide small communities that possess limited technical and financial resources the tools they need to protect their drinking water quality and to comply with federal mandates.

"Congressman Pomeroy has always been a champion and a true friend of rural water," says John Bearman, the national director of the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association. "His passion and dedication have greatly improved the quality of life in rural North Dakota. We cannot thank him enough for his past and future efforts."