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**CITY OF SAINT PETER WINS BEST TASTING WATER IN MINNESOTA TASTE TEST AT MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION’S 35<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 6, 2019 at the 35th 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 Saint Peter, whose water sample was chosen by judges as the most appealing. “It tasted clean, pure and refreshing”, stated the judges. Jim Gruhot represented the city of Saint Peter at the conference.

*Shown in the photo above from left to right: judges for the competition Anita Smith, Minnesota Department of Health; Carmelita Nelson, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Kirk Peterson, Core & Main; St. Peter representative Jim Gruhot; Taste Test sponsor Zach Lamppa, RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.; and MRWA Source Water Protection Specialists Robyn Hoerr and Mike Strodman.*

“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 Capital Hill in Washington, D.C. in February 2020. This event is part of the Rural Water Rally, an annual legislative event for the 49 state affiliates of National Rural Water Association.