

House Bill 1020
Representative David Monson, Chairman
67TH Legislative Assembly
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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

I am Tami Madsen and I have had the great privilege of serving WAWSA for almost two years. My first year as the Chief Operations Officer and my second began my time as the Executive Director.

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First and foremost, thank you all immensely for your support of this great project. 2021 will bring WAWSA into its tenth year serving the needs of NWND through the provision of clean water. We could not do this without the support of the legislature and the many others who work with our organization.

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As a brief recap, WAWSA was established in 2011 out of the need for clean water in NWND. WAWSA is composed of two utilities, the domestic utility – which serves the people of NWND through the provision of clean water for drinking and hygiene. The second utility is the industrial utility which utilizes the excess capacity from the domestic system to provide water to local industry for the exploration and production of oil and gas.

WAWSA is provided local leadership through a Board of Directors comprised of ten directors. There are two directors from each of the five member entities.

- **Services** Williston, Watford City, Ray, Tioga, Stanley, Wildrose, Crosby, Fortuna, Noonan, Columbus, and Ross
- **Service area** includes 5 counties: Burke, Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail, and Williams
- Currently providing water to over 70,000 people
- Estimated to provide water to 160,000 people by 2038

Slide Four:

MAP - WAWSA in relation to the other regional water supply projects

Slide Five:

[Domestic Utility]

As stated in the previous slide, WAWSA provides treated water to a vast majority of NWND. This is completed using SRF loan funding and grant dollars from the State Water Commission.

Slide Six:

MAP – Rural Water Districts | Member Entities

Slide Seven:

2019-2021 Funding Request

Slide Eight:

2019-2021 Funding Request, Actual Outcome

Unable to complete four projects due to unstable economic conditions.

Slide Nine:

Funding Request 2021-2023, New asks plus the remaining asks from 2019-2021

Between Slide Nine and Slide Ten:

WAWSA has had a strong year with domestic water sales and production from the two Water Treatment Plants within our system. The Williston WTP is in the process of closing out the most recent phase of upgrades. In the next biennium, WAWSA will be working internally to ensure that programs such as upstream monitoring are in place and that we continue to provide high quality drinking water to NWND.

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The second utility of WAWSA is the industrial utility. The industrial utility utilizes excess capacity from the water lines (whatever domestic is not using) to provide water for the exploration and production of the oil and gas industry.

Slide Eleven:

Loans secured with industrial income – spreadsheet, visual to follow.

Slide Twelve:

Visual representation of outstanding debts – excluding baseline sales.

Slide Thirteen:

Visual representation of outstanding debts – including baseline sales.

Between slide Thirteen and Fourteen:

Due to the current economic factors, driven both by an election and a pandemic, industrial had a less-than-desirable year in 2020 but we are currently involved in the bidding process of at least three different fracs for February: one for 1M bbls, one for 650,000 bbls, and one for 600,000 bbls. It is difficult to predict the industrial trends for 2021 due to the mixed signals being received from the White House. Producers and service companies are bidding work but with the caveat that the process can stop at any time the company feels pressure from the incoming administration or deteriorating economic conditions.

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Again, thank you for your support of this great project. Thousands of people have received clean water for drinking and hygiene through this project.

I will now stand for any questions.