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Ruth Hubbard is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA). She has worked for MRWA for the 30 years and served as their executive director for the past 20 years.

MRWA is a non-profit membership organization that serves all water and waste water communities throughout Minnesota with an emphasis on the smaller rural communities that lack the capacity and resources to obtain, manage and sustain affordable and safe water and waste water utilities.

During her tenure as the Executive Director, she has expanded the mission of MRWA to address unmet water needs for Minnesota communities. Mrs. Hubbard has increased the number of specific targeted programs and initiatives from four to eleven and increased her state staff from six to sixteen full time employees. The number of membership utilities has also increased under her leadership from 40 to 950, ranging from Brooklyn Park to Wolf Lake.

Mrs. Hubbard provides technical assistance and advice to the Minnesota State Legislature and State government officials on water related issues and policy matters. She currently administers Minnesota State sponsored initiatives for source water protection, water utility training and management and on-site technical assistance for compliance, leak detection, energy audits, repairs and disaster assistance.

Mrs. Hubbard has been very instrumental in establishing and organizing a state wide network of water, waste water and storm water utilities to respond to natural and manmade disasters. This entity, called MnWarn, is composed of leaders in the industry that work through mutual aid agreements to provide emergency assistance through immediate assessments and recovery activities.

Mrs. Hubbard and her husband Ken reside on Pomme de Terre and she is a graduate of Elbow Lake High School and attended Fergus Falls Community College.