

KURT PFEIFLE

Executive Director

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BIO

Kurt Pfeifle is Executive Director of the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System, where he leads early-stage project development, federal authorization strategy, and long-term regional water planning. Raised in western South Dakota, his career has been shaped by firsthand experience with unreliable drinking water supplies. He began his career as a power lineman before transitioning into rural water development, playing a key role in advancing the West River/Lyman-Jones project and contributing to Congressional authorization of the Mni Wiconi Water Supply Project (P.L. 100-516). Pfeifle later served 25 years as General Manager of Mid-Dakota Rural Water System, overseeing construction, system expansion, and operational stability. He then served as Executive Director of the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems, providing statewide leadership on water policy, system support, and federal engagement. He retired in 2024 and continues to support large-scale water development efforts through Dakota Mainstem.

EDUCATION

Philip High School, Philip, SD

National College of Business, Rapid City, SD (1 year)

Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, SD – Powerline Program

MILITARY SERVICE

South Dakota National Guard – 13 years, Honorable Discharge (DD-214)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System | 2024–Present

Executive Director, South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems | 2018–2024

General Manager, Mid-Dakota Rural Water System | 1993–2018

Member Services Director, Beadle Electric REC | 1991–1993

General Manager, West River / Lyman-Jones Rural Water System | 1986–1991

Power Lineman, West Central Electric REC | 1979–1986