



NORTH DAKOTA WATER WHEEL AWARDS

The Water Wheel Award is a joint award given by the North Dakota Water Users Association and the North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association in recognition of distinctive leadership and perseverance for the protection, development, and management of North Dakota's water resources, thereby fostering a better quality of life for our people.

<u>1973</u> Bennett Rindy Wilton Grady Walter Hjellev Gov. William Guy Gordon Berg Charles Evans LaVerna Knuth Marion Kasson Charles Zahradka Arthur Thoraldson Andy Mork Ralph Christensen Walsh Cty WRD Pembina Cty WRD Grand Forks Cty WRD Hettinger Cty WRD Richland Cty WRD Southeast Cass Cty WRD Sweetwater Dry Lake Renville Cty WRD Ward Cty WRD C.J. Sutter Holger Bertelson James Coleman Duane Hanson George Brown Morton Cty WRD Traill Cty WRD	<u>1978</u> Royal Berstler William Bosse James Collinson Homer Engelhorn Roy Holand Richard Fenske Vernon Cooper Vern Fahy Robert Garske Bert Neideffer Paul Schadowald Ransom Cty WRD Wells Cty WRD <u>1979</u> Milton Lindvig Aaron Heglie Gilman Wastvedt Arland Grunseth Robert Thompson Robert Calton Burke Cty WRD Williams Cty WRD <u>1980</u> Michael Dwyer David Sprynczynatyk George Hardmeyer Gary Helgeson Howard Olson Allen Olson <u>1981</u> Ernie Hagen Sen. Mark Andrews Richard Gallagher Gordon Gray James Peterson Brynhild Haugland Rolland Redlin Chester Reiten Norman Cross Norman Rudel Laurence McMerty Emmons Cty WRD Bottineau Cty WRD Nelson Cty WRD <u>1982</u> Sen. Quentin Burdick Charles Richter Charles Mumma Bob Boone Duane Breitling Rod Cooper Herb Urlacher Clarence Rupp Frank Wenstrom Norman Peterson Dale Frink Hon. William Jenklow McHenry Cty WRD	<u>1983</u> Hettinger Park Board Les Anderson Carl Flagstad Ray Dobson Kathy Hahn <u>1984</u> Gene Krenz Byron Dorgan Shirley Lee Steve Hoetzer Ransom Cty WRD <u>1985</u> Joan Svalesson Cary Backstrand Dave Ripley John Dean W.G. "Bob" Matson <u>1986</u> David Holter Gene Pope Fay Waxler George Letvin Wells Cty WRD <u>1987</u> John Axtman Elmer Bechtold Bill Sallee <u>1988</u> Howard Walterson Rupert Kleingartner Lyle Knoepfle Matt Emerson Beverly Stone Charon Johnson Towner Cty WRD <u>1989</u> Darnell Lundstrom Ron Sando Vince Reed John Galegher Clif Issendorf <u>1990</u> Elroy Stein Walter Sailer Eugene Sackman Russell Nelson <u>1991</u> Nick Kessel Duane Hanson Leonard Jacobs Gene Davison Joe Steier Loren Myran Orville Moe Alfred Underdahl <u>1992</u> Roy Putz Albert L. Rivinius George A. Sinner Tom Hanson Souris River Jt Bd & Ward Cty WRD Glenn Wunderlich	<u>1993</u> Lemore Greenshields Joe Braun Tim Fay Dick Regan Bob Strand <u>1994</u> Bruce McCollom Hank Trangsrud Phyllis Hagen Robert Titus Cary McDowall <u>1995</u> Joan Svalesson Tilmer Reiswig Argil Froemke Jim McLaughlin Devils Lake Preservation Coalition <u>1996</u> Arden Haner Gordon Weixel Tom Raster <u>1997</u> Ray Horne Frank Johnson Harry Nelson Bill Spychalla Jack Olin <u>1998</u> Merle Huhner Frank Orthmeyer Rudy Radke Jerry Schaack Ken Vein <u>1999</u> Bill Artz Fred Bott Bottineau Cty WRD Herbert Grenz Dave Koland Chris Tarpo <u>2000</u> Vernon Anderson LeRoy Klapprodt Southeast Cass WRD Ken Leininger Maynard Helgaas <u>2001</u> Howard Carlson Willis Froemke Todd Sando Roger Johnson Ramsey Cty WRD <u>2002</u> Bruce Adams Glenn McCrory Robert Shaver Sharon Locken Cavalier/Pembina Cty WRD	<u>2003</u> LeRoy Johnson Randy Gjestvang Joeseeph Steier Gerald Oberg Ben Varnson <u>2004</u> Jim Lennington Ray Christensen Don Lentz Harvey Melstad Morton County WRD <u>2005</u> Ed Grunett Tim Keller Rick Anderson Dave Glatt Harley Swenson <u>2006</u> Greg Gere Lester Johnson Allen Balliet Curtis Hofstad Thomas Scherer <u>2007</u> Bruce Engelhardt Norm Haak William Thompson Raymond Thorson Charlene Varnson <u>2008</u> Mike Connor Jeff Mattern Harlan Opdahl Ken Roysse Jeff Volk Wes Weidenmeyer Loren Zimmer <u>2009</u> Jerry Backes Richard Fugleberg Jim Lyons John Nestoss Bill Schuh <u>2010</u> Rodney Beck Carol Harbeke Lewis John Klein John Leininger Bill Sharff <u>2011</u> Miranda Hoffert Keith Skaare Hazel Sletten John Paczkowski John Peyerl <u>2012</u> Mark Bittner Jim Burbidge Wanda Emerson Michelle Klose Darrel Oech Kent Vesterso
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2013

Charles Vein
Gary Thompson
Alan Wanek
Jeffrey Nelson

2014

Dave Laschkewitsch
Arden Freitag
Michael Gunsch
Dennis Reep
Kenny Rogers
Reno Strand

2015

Dan Marquart
Jean Schafer
Patrick Fridgen
Lee Messer
Blaine Schatz

2016

David Ashley
Angela Magstadt
Duane Bueligen
Linda Weispenning
Roger Bischoff

2017

Larry Bares
Sen. Gary A. Lee
Darin Langerud
Steve Metzger
Thomas Scherer

2018

Roger Fenstad
Mary Massad
Jon Nelson
Andrea Travnicek
Denton Zubke

2019

Jay Anderson
Duane DeKrey
Brian Roth
David Schmitz
Jennifer Verleger
Eric Volk

2020

Christopher Bader
Jeffrey Breker
Sean Fredricks
Roger Gunlikson
Kip Kovar
Merri Mooridian

2021

Bill Robinson
Tom Klein
James Odermann
Kimberly Cook
Terry Fleck
Sindhuja S. Pillai-Grinolds

2022

Rich Axvig
Dr. Bill Krivarchka
Loren DeWitz
Paul Moen
Jack Dwyer

2023

Tami Norgard
Kelly Klosterman
Dave Lang
Dan Jonasson
Jay Leitch

2024

Laura Ackerman
Ryan Ackerman
Jeff Frith
Geneva Kaiser
Tami Madsen



NORTH DAKOTA COMMODORE AWARDS



The Commodore Award is given by the Governor of North Dakota to an individual who has provided outstanding leadership, dedication and commitment to the development and management of North Dakota's water resources. This individual is commissioned as a Commodore in the North Dakota Mythical Navy.

<u>1967</u> Hubert Humphrey O.A. Parks Ben Meier Rev. Arnold Spain John Peterson Milton Rue, Jr. Charles Tighe Charles Conrad Russell Szxvik Harold LeVander Henry Steinberger Hal S. Davies Al Weinhandl Einar Dahl Oscar Lunseth Daphna Nygaard Bruce Johnson Mrs. Howard Moore	<u>1972</u> Maj. Gen. J.W. Morris G.A. Freeman Betty Daniels E.M. Gregory Mrs. Fred Fredrickson Charles Placek Robert Sanders Dale Henegar Walter Hoff Robert Scheer H.R. (Bud) Morgan E. Vernon Hendrickson Alvin Kramer Harold Hanson James Jungroth William Long	<u>1979</u> Jim Petrik William Bosse J.F. Calton Ralph Christensen Allen Fisk William Guy C.E. Mitchell Robert Thompson Robert Whitney	<u>1991</u> Lois Myran Jock Eaton Herb Urlacher Bill Lardy	<u>2009</u> Clif Issendorf Glenn McCrory
<u>1968</u> Harrell Mosbaugh Dr. Garland Hershey Joseph Grimes Dan Jones James Smith Oscar Berg Steward Udall Roy Holand	<u>1973</u> Harold E. Aldrich Gilbert Stamm James F. Coleman Guy Larson Donald Noteboom	<u>1980</u> Murray Sagsveen C. Emerson Murray Ron Affeldt Nancy Rockwell Charles Metzger Earl Palmer Laurence McMerty Rollie Meidinger	<u>1992</u> Beverly Stone Robert Schempp Lloyd Jones	<u>2010</u> Lance Gaebe Pat Zavoral
<u>1969</u> Grant Trenbeath Russell Dushinske L.C. Mueller Col. Richard Hesse Eugene Lee Gordon Berg Russell Stuart Gordon Gray	<u>1974</u> Daniel Twichell C. Philip Nelson W. Van Heuvelen	<u>1982</u> Norman Peterson Frank Wenstrom Clarence Rupp Norman Cross Charles Richter Gary Puppe Gene Christiansen	<u>1993</u> Jorgen Haugen Les Anderson Jack Olin	<u>2011</u> Alan Walter Sen. John Hoeven
<u>1970</u> Milo Hoisveen Vernon Cooper Walter Hjelle John Greenslit Roland Froeschle Vern Fahy James Moore Richard Gallagher	<u>1975</u> Gov. Richard Kneip Col. Russell Glenn Lt. Col. Lee Tucker Warren Jamison Harry Zacher Arthur Thoraldson Myron Just Arthur Lanz Arlene Wilhelm	<u>1983</u> Ernie Hagen Ralph Harmon George Letvin	<u>1994</u> Rolland Redlin John T. (Jack) Traynor Florenz Bjornson	<u>2012</u> Donald Lentz Harley Swenson
<u>1971</u> W.P. "Bill" Sebens Col. Charles McGinnis Jack C. Bone Dr. H.A. Wheeler Roy O. Young Esther Vendsel H.A. Hendrickson Robert Stranik Myron Tiemens	<u>1976</u> Jim Ruyak Richard A. Ellison R. A. Sailer Garry Bye Delton Schultz	<u>1984</u> Gary Helgeson Andy Mork Pat O'Meara	<u>1995</u> Charon Johnson Arland Grunseth Lou Kowalski Ward "Tom" Stine	<u>2013</u> Maurice Foley Douglas Neibauer
	<u>1977</u> C. Arthur McKinney Homer Engelhorn Howard Olson Duane Lemm Leon Dubourt	<u>1985</u> Garvin Jacobsen Michael Dwyer Dick Fenske	<u>1996</u> Sen. Bryce Streibel Sen. Byron Langley	<u>2014</u> Dave Koland William "Bill" Hardy
	<u>1978</u> R. Keith Higginson Royald Berstler Fletcher Poling James Eastgate Robert Dorothy	<u>1986</u> Bud Lannoye Steve Hoetzer David Sprynczynatyk	<u>1997</u> Robert Strand	<u>2015</u> Tracee Sutton Curt Hofstad
		<u>1987</u> Darrell Krull Glenn Schlenvogt Wayne Burbank Milton Lindvig	<u>1998</u> Glenn Wunderlich Alice Olson	<u>2016</u> John Leininger Kent Vesterso
		<u>1988</u> Dick Moum Gene Krenz Chuck Mumma	<u>1999</u> Cary Backstrand Alfred Underdahl	<u>2017</u> Jim Lyons Lawrence Woodbury
		<u>1989</u> John Dean Bennett Rindy Sen. Quentin Burdick	<u>2000</u> Mayor Pat Owens Norm Haak Bob Harms Kirk Johnson	<u>2018</u> Gov. Jack Dalrymple Todd Sando
		<u>1990</u> Bill & Zora Sallee Lloyd Omdahl Charles Zahradka Matt Emerson	<u>2001</u> Sen. Dave Nething Sen. Tom Fischer	<u>2019</u> Ben & Charlene Varnson Jack Hancock
			<u>2002</u> Mayor Bruce Furness Richard Fugleberg	<u>2020</u> Larry Bares Sen. Gary Lee Ken Roysse
			<u>2003</u> Joe Belford Francis Schwindt Jerry Schaack	<u>2021</u> William "Bill" Artz Mayor Timothy Mahoney
			<u>2004</u> William Goetz Bruce McCollum	<u>2022</u> Rep. Denton Zubke Rep. Jim Schmidt
			<u>2005</u> Dave Ripley Ron Sando	<u>2023</u> Dick Johnson Gary Thompson
			<u>2006</u> Dean Hildebrand John Galegher	<u>2024</u> Bruce Engelhardt Ward Koeser
			<u>2007</u> Dennis Breitzman Ray Christensen	
			<u>2008</u> Joel Heitkamp Bob Valeu Joe Braun	



NORTH DAKOTA HALL OF FAME

Individuals are inducted into the North Dakota Water Users Association Hall of Fame for devoting their lives to protecting, developing and managing North Dakota's water resources.

These individuals are truly among North Dakota's water giants.

12/12/24	Lance Yohe
12/7/23	Ken Royse
12/8/22	Sen. John Hoeven
12/9/21	Mike Dwyer
12/3/20	Cary Backstrand
12/3/20	Milton Lindvig
12/3/20	Charlie Richter
12/5/19	Harley Swenson
12/5/19	Robert Thompson
12/6/18	Jerry Schaak
12/7/17	Norman Haak
12/8/16	Dave Koland
12/4/14	Sen. Kent Conrad
12/6/12	Ronald Sando
12/8/11	Dale Frink
12/9/10	Sen. Byron Dorgan
12/4/08	Herbert Urlacher
12/6/07	Jack Olin
12/7/06	David Sprynczynatyk
12/8/04	Robert Schempp
12/4/03	Warren L. Jamison
12/5/02	Murray Sagsveen
12/6/01	Ken McIntyre
	Alfred Underdahl
12/7/00	Andy Mork
12/9/99	Clark Cronquist
12/8/98	Dan Twichell
12/2/97	Lester Anderson
12/3/96	George Letvin
12/5/94	Grant Trenbeath
12/5/94	Gordan Gray
12/7/93	Guy Larson
12/7/93	Frank Wenstrom
12/8/92	C. Emerson Murray
12/8/92	Vern Fahy
12/6/88	William L. Guy
12/7/87	Herbert W. Lyons
12/7/87	Russell L. Dushinske
12/2/86	Robert A. Stranik
12/2/86	Howard M. Olson
12/2/86	Hal S. Davies
12/13/85	Henry J. Steinberger
12/13/85	Milo W. Hoisveen
12/13/85	Fred J. Fredrickson
12/13/85	Oscar N. Berg