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### **Sarpy County and Cities Wastewater Agency Selects Dan Hoins as Full-Time Administrator**

Following a national search, the Sarpy County and Cities Wastewater Agency has selected Dan Hoins as the agency's first full-time administrator. Hoins has accepted the position, pending a formal vote by the agency's 6-member board this month.

The agency is addressing a clear and pressing need to create modern sewer infrastructure in south Sarpy that will support economic development in the state's fastest-growing county.

"Dan's solution-driven leadership has been instrumental in the success of the agency to date. We're confident his institutional knowledge and ability to get things done will take this critical project to the next level," said Don Kelly, chairman of the wastewater agency and Sarpy County commissioner.

Hoins is stepping down from his position as Sarpy County Administrator to focus full-time on the sewer expansion project.

During his tenure at the county, Hoins fulfilled wastewater agency administrator duties as needed. The agency decided to hire a full-time administrator given the expanding scope and complexity of the project. Hoins is the agency's third full-time staff member.

Sarpy County and the Cities of Bellevue, Gretna, La Vista, Papillion and Springfield formed the agency in 2017 as a first-of-its-kind collaborative effort to create a unified wastewater system in the southern part of the county.

A combination of local, state and federal grants and loans has allowed the infrastructure to be completed without using any property tax dollars.

La Vista Mayor Doug Kindig serves as the vice chair of the SCCWWA and is one of the five Sarpy city mayors who sits on the governing board for the SCCWWA. Mayor Kindig commented, "Along with the positive impact to the environment a regional wastewater system provides the area, the partnership the SCCWWA has created with the City of Omaha saved over 100 million dollars for the utility ratepayers. We've made important strides and are grateful for Dan's continued leadership."

When realized, the multi-phase project is expected to support development that will generate \$15.7 billion in tax revenue for the State of Nebraska over 30 years and create more than 4,000 full-time jobs, according to a report commissioned by the agency.

“Working with the agency for the last six years has been an exciting and rewarding challenge. I'm looking forward to dedicating my full attention to this once-in-a-generation project that will set up the county and Sarpy cities for continued growth,” Hoins said.

Hoins has a long history of public service. He worked for the City of Papillion for more the 20 years, first as chief of police, then city administrator. He joined Sarpy County in July 2017.

As agency administrator, Hoins is to be paid \$170,000 annually and is eligible for merit raises, as outlined in a 4-year contract, which starts January 1, 2024.

In the role, Hoins will plan, direct and review the activities and operations of the wastewater agency, as well as coordinate with Sarpy County, all five Sarpy cities, the City of Omaha and outside agencies.

The agency will vote on the appointment at its next meeting on Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. in the Sarpy County Boardroom.

Sarpy County will open the county administrator position to internal applicants for a 7-day period.

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### **About the Sarpy County and Cities Wastewater Agency**

The Sarpy County and Cities Wastewater Agency is made up of six jurisdictions: Sarpy County and the Cities of Bellevue, Gretna, La Vista, Papillion and Springfield. The group formed in 2017 to address a serious, looming obstacle to local economic growth: the lack of a regional sewer system in southern Sarpy County. Together, these governments are collaborating as the SCCWWA to create a unified wastewater system. Learn more at [sccwwa.org](http://sccwwa.org).