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### **Mondamin celebrates long awaited new water treatment plant**

*New facility has been in the works since 2017*

**MONDAMIN-** Officials with the City of Mondamin are celebrating the completion of a project that has been in the works since 2017. A ribbon cutting was held on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for Mondamin's new water treatment plant. City officials were joined by representatives from project contractors and fundings sources to celebrate the long-awaited project's completion.

The new facility replaces a nearly 70-year-old failing facility and two outdated wells. The new modern plant includes advanced treatment systems, high service pumps, chemical feed equipment, updated controls, a new block building, relocated backup generator, and two new wells. One well is located inside the new plant and the other is approximately 400 feet away to the north. The project also included the installation of a new water distribution system loop and new water meters across the city.

Preliminary talks by the City Council were held in late 2017 and after overcoming many hurdles the plant is now serving the community and West Harrison School District. Funding for the project totaled \$5,050,000. SWIPCO aided in that funding process by helping secure and administer a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant after conducting a water assessment in the early stages.

The consulting engineer selected for the project was JEO Consulting and construction was completed by RP Constructors LLC.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony Ethan Joy, project manager for JEO Consulting Group stated, "This treatment facility is here to bring safe and reliable drinking water to the city of Mondamin now, and for the foreseeable future. Hopefully for the next 30, 40, or 50 years, just like the old facility."

Ethan Joy, project manager for JEO Consulting Group which designed the facility added, "We are proud to have played a role in bringing this water treatment facility to life and ensuring Mondamin has the infrastructure needed to support its long-term growth."



Mondamin Mayor Pro Tem Karen Breyfogle read a statement from the City during the event and stated, “This project has been a true test of patience and I’m so glad we are all here today to recognize the hard work of so many.”

Joy talked about the importance of the funding partners, “This project cost around 5 million dollars, and of that a good third to a little bit more than one-third of that was grant money. So, the funding agencies make this sort of thing possible for a small Iowa community and we appreciate that.”

After opening remarks and the ribbon cutting a tour of the new facility was held. Representatives with JEO and RP Constructors explained some of the facilities features which include a lot of redundancy to ensure operation isn’t interrupted while parts of the facility are worked on.

City officials are very excited that the new facility is up and running. It’s a wonderful upgrade for residents and the West Harrison School District that it will serve.