



Village of Denmark to join the Central Brown County Water Authority

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(Allouez, WI) The [Denmark Village Board](#) has voted to become a member of the [Central Brown County Water Authority](#) in order to meet the long-term water quality and quantity needs of the Village.

The vote was taken Monday, Sept. 27, 2021 following a public informational meeting that outlined options for the Village's future drinking water supply. Options considered included becoming a member of the Authority or building a new well and water treatment facilities to supply water to area residents and businesses.

"We're grateful for the input and direction we received from the community which led to the unanimous vote," said Denmark Village Board President Susan Selner. "In recent years, we've investigated and studied our current well situation and the anticipated needs for our growing community. Our goal was to find a way to provide safe and reliable water service to our citizens and businesses. Becoming a member of the Authority is the best long-term solution for our community."

Among the key water challenges facing the community:

- One of their two existing wells is over 80 years old and can no longer produce enough water to meet the required demand on its own.
- The Village is growing, and there's a need for a more reliable water resource, both in terms of water quantity and quality.
- The Village's firefighting response to larger incidents has been limited by the water supply.

Constructing a new well did not guarantee a long-term solution.

"We're pleased with the decision and look forward to having Denmark join the Authority," said Central Brown County Water Authority General Manager Nic Sparacio. "This option addresses the Village's concerns at a comparable financial cost to constructing a new well. Plus, the Authority's water distribution system is a proven and reliable source of quality Lake Michigan drinking water."

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The Central Brown County Water Authority was formed in the late 1990s when six communities, including the City of De Pere, Villages of Allouez, Bellevue, and Howard and the Towns of Lawrence and Ledgeview, banded together to collectively identify a long-term solution to their individual community's water quality and quantity issues. After evaluating several options, in 2004 the Authority signed a water purchase agreement with the City of Manitowoc and Manitowoc Public Utilities.

Construction began on the \$140 million, 65-mile water distribution system and treatment facility the following year and the system went in to service in fall 2007. In 2015, the Authority added water storage capacity in Ledgeview with the construction of two storage tanks; one holding 8 million gallons and the other 3.75 million gallons.

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