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HISTORIC NAME: Pipestone Water Tower	COUNTY: Pipestone
CURRENT NAME: Same	CITY/TWP.:Pipestone *80002/23*

LEGAL DESC.: A tract bounded on the south by Second Street ADDRESS: 2nd St. NE at 6th Ave. SE
N.E. and extending 100 feet north; bounded on the east by extending a
line north along the west side of Sixth Avenue S.E.; and extending
west 140 feet.

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building_____	Excellent_____	Local X____	Primary Engineering____
Structure X___	Good____X____	State_____	Secondary_____
Object_____	Fair_____	National_____	Others_____
District_____	Deteriorated___		_____

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes___ No X Restricted__   PRESENT USE: Unused
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X · No___
OCCUPIED: Yes___ No X

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1920	ORIGINAL USE: Water Tower
ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Pipestone	ARCHITECT/BUILDER: L.P. Wolff, designer

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Pipestone	ACREAGE: Less than one acre X___
	UTM REFERENCE:
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:	14 / 715630 / 4875375
FORM PREPARED BY: Thomas Harvey	Pipestone North, Minn.
DATE: March 1979	

DESCRIPTION:
   The Pipestone Water Tower is a near twin of the Brainerd Water Tower previously
listed on the Register. It was constructed at about the same time and designed by the
same person, L.P. Wolff, consulting engineer of St. Paul. The reinforced concrete structure
had a 150,000 gallon capacity. A 500,000 gallon underground reservoir was constructed at
the same time at the base of the tower. The tower has been described as having an inverted
milk bottle shape, the tank being supported by a narrower shaft. The tank is 40 feet in
diameter; the supporting column is 28 feet in diameter. The column interior is open and
is punctuated by a spiraled series of windows. The poured concrete has a broad ribbed
pattern. There is a narrow walkway around the base of the tank.

SIGNIFICANCE:
   The Pipestone Water Tower is significant for its innovative use of poured concrete for
water tower construction. It shares this engineering significance with the similar Brainerd
Tower. The 140 foot high tower is an important skyline feature of the town of Pipestone.
Rather than church spires of the courthouse clock, in Pipestone the water tower towers
above the city.
   The tower has developed a few cracks. Extensive repairs in 1965 allowed the tower to
be used until 1973. It is now empty. The City of Pipestone is active in efforts to
preserve the tower.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY   Pipestone Water Tower
NAME:

MULTIPLE   Pipestone County MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Pipestone

DATE RECEIVED: 8/18/04   DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/01/04
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002123

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N   DATA PROBLEM: N   LANDSCAPE: N   LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N   PDIL: N   PERIOD: N   PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N   SAMPLE: N   SLR DRAFT: N   NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT   ___RETURN   ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

                    Additional Documentation Accepted

RECOM./CRITERIA _Accept_

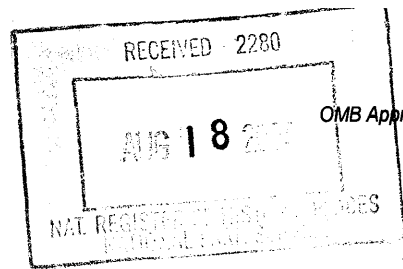REVIEWER _Edson Beall_____DISCIPLINE _History_

TELEPHONE_____ DATE____10/1/04_____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the
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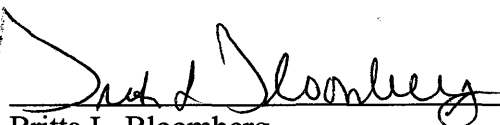CITY/TOWNSHIP: Pipestone

STATE: Minnesota

SIGNIFICANT DATE: 1920

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Wolff, L.P.

COMMENTS: The water tower was designed by L.P. Wolff of St. Paul, MN. It supplied the city with water from 1921 to 1973. The tower was restored in 1990.

Dimensions of the water tower:
The water tower stands 132' above the ground. The supporting column is 25' in diameter, and the tank is 32' in diameter. _Pipestone County Star, 26 October 1921_

Britta L. Bloomberg
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

8/13/04
Date