Gov. Daugaard Announces $240,000 for Dupree Wastewater Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a $240,000 financial package to Dupree for wastewater system improvements.

The funding package includes a $48,000 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction grant and a $192,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan. These funds are in addition to a $450,000 loan awarded for the project in June 2013. Additional funds were needed when bids came in higher than anticipated. Loan terms are 3.25 percent for 30 years.

The funding will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased to announce that Dupree will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “This funding will help Dupree make necessary improvements to its aging wastewater system and ensure its reliability for the future.”

The project involves rehabilitating Dupree’s main lift station and installing riprap at the wastewater treatment facility ponds to correct erosion problems. The city plans to televise the city’s wastewater collection system to determine the most appropriate lines to replace in the future. The city’s collection system is more than 90 years old.

The estimated cost of the project is nearly $1.2 million.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects. The Legislature appropriates dedicated funds annually to the Consolidated program through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for wastewater and storm water projects.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.

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