Gov. Daugaard Announces $5.485 Million for Clark Wastewater Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a $5.485 million funding package to Clark for a new wastewater treatment facility.

The funding package includes a $3 million Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant and a $2.485 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan. Loan terms are 3.25 percent for 30 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Clark will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “This funding will help Clark build a wastewater treatment facility to comply with new state discharge permit requirements.”

The project involves replacing Clark’s existing mechanical wastewater treatment plant with a total retention facility. The change is necessary to assure Clark maintains compliance with the city’s surface water discharge permit. Reclassification of lakes downstream from the existing treatment facility necessitates the construction of a total retention facility.

In addition to the construction of the new wastewater treatment facility, the project will include purchasing land, constructing a lift station, and installing force main and other necessary piping.

The total estimated cost of the project is $7 million. Clark received a $1 million Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant last year for the project.

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 Water and Environment 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, storm water and nonpoint source projects.

The board met Thursday and Friday in Pierre.