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Gov. Daugaard Announces $53,000 for Lesterville Water Meter Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a $53,000 funding package to Lesterville for a water meter replacement project.

The funding package includes a $26,500 grant and a $26,500 loan from the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program. Loan terms are 2.25 percent for 10 years.

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

“‘I am pleased to announce that Lesterville will receive this assistance,’ said Gov. Daugaard. ‘This funding will help Lesterville replace old water meters and allow the town to better monitor its drinking water system.’”

The project involves replacing the town’s water meters with remote-read water meters. Lesterville has been experiencing water loss in its drinking water distribution system. The new meters will help the town more accurately monitor water use and evaluate water losses.

The funding package will cover the estimated cost of 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 board met Thursday and Friday in Pierre.

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