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**Gov. Daugaard Announces \$7.5 Million
for Dell Rapids Infrastructure Projects**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources approved a \$7.5 million funding package to Dell Rapids for infrastructure projects.

The funding package includes \$3.372 million in Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program and Clean Water State Revolving Fund grant funds and a \$2.386 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan for a wastewater treatment facility improvement project; \$1.037 million in Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program and Clean Water State Revolving Fund grant funds for 10th Street and Highway 115 sanitary and storm sewer improvements; and a \$705,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for 10th Street and Highway 115 drinking water improvements. Loan terms are 3.25 percent for 30 years for both loans.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Dell Rapids will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “This funding will help the city make much-needed improvements to the city’s infrastructure to better serve its residents.”

The wastewater treatment facility improvement project involves constructing a sequencing batch reactor system on the site of the city’s existing wastewater treatment facility. The sequencing batch reactor system will consist of a splitter box structure, pre-treatment unit, sequencing batch reactor, ultraviolet disinfection, an electronic control system, stand-by generator and equalization basin lift station. The project will also install 3,300 feet of 12-, 16- and 24-inch gravity sewer line.

The 10th Street and Highway 115 sanitary and storm sewer improvements involve replacing 1,400 feet of sanitary sewer at the intersection of South Dakota Highway 115 and 4th Street with 12-inch PVC lines. The city will also replace 1,000 feet of vitrified clay sewer pipe with 8-inch PVC on a portion of 10th Street near the hospital. Brick manholes will also be replaced along with providing storm sewer improvements as needed in this area.

The 10th Street and Highway 115 drinking water improvements involve replacing cast iron water mains at the intersection of SD Highway 115 and 4th Street with 1,900 feet of 6- and 8-inch PVC

lines. The city will also replace 800 feet of cast iron water main with 6- and 8-inch PVC waterline on a portion of 10th Street near the hospital.

The funding package will cover the estimated cost of the projects.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the Petroleum Release Compensation and Tank Inspection fee and 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 State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects. The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects.

The board met Wednesday and Thursday in Pierre.