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Gov. Daugaard Announces \$2.036 Million for Sioux Falls Flood Control

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$2.036 million State Water Resources Management System grant to the city of Sioux Falls for the Sioux Falls Flood Control Project.

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

“The Sioux Falls Flood Control Project was authorized by both Congress and our state Legislature to provide Sioux Falls with 100-year flood protection along the Big Sioux River and Skunk Creek,” Gov. Daugaard said. “This grant completes the state’s cost-share commitment for a project that is very important to Sioux Falls and will be instrumental to its continued growth.”

The funds will reimburse the city for funds provided to the Corps of Engineers to upgrade flood control structures along the Big Sioux River.

In 1992, the state Legislature authorized the flood-control project to provide protection from a 100-year flood and established a state cost-share commitment to provide half of the nonfederal cost-share.

Congress authorized the Sioux Falls Flood Control Project in 1996.

The project was completed in three phases. The initial phase was completed in 2013. It included improvements to the spillway and realigning and strengthening the levee across from the spillway near the John Morrell’s plant.

In December 2009, Sioux Falls advanced to the Corps of Engineers \$18.26 million of revenue bond proceeds to accelerate the levee and dam construction. The second phase, completed in 2012, included improvements to the levees along the Big Sioux River and Skunk Creek in the southwest part of the city and construction of a dam and storm water lift station. The third and final phase included improvements to the levees and the diversion dam in the northwest part of the city and was completed in 2013.

The federal project cost totaled \$65.971 million.

The State Water Resources Management System, funded in part by revenues from the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for large water projects that have been authorized by the Legislature. Gov. Daugaard recommended the funding to the 2016 Legislature. Lawmakers approved it by appropriating funds from the state Water and Environment Fund to the State Water Resources Management System through the Governor's 2016 Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The board met Wednesday and Thursday in Pierre.