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Gov. Daugaard Announces \$600,000 for Tri-County Landfill Association to Purchase a Landfill Compactor

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$600,000 funding package for Tri-County Landfill Association to finance the purchase of new landfill compactor.

The funding package includes a \$300,000 grant and a \$300,000 loan from the Solid Waste Management Program. The funding will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased to announce that Tri-County Landfill Association will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Daugaard. “Efficient and effective solid waste management is necessary to properly manage our waste stream and protect the environment. Having modern, reliable equipment helps our landfills meet this goal.”

The compactor is the most critical machine at a landfill and is used to force the air out of solid waste and garbage to minimize windblown debris. It is also used in the spreading, compacting and shredding of all types of waste. Tri-County Landfill currently operates a compactor manufactured in 1996 that is reaching the end of its service life. The funding package will help Tri-County Landfill Association purchase a new landfill compactor to meet the long-term needs of the facility.

The grant and loan will cover the estimated cost of the project. Loan terms are 2.0 percent for 10 years.

The Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects. The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for the Consolidated and Solid Waste programs through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.