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**Gov. Dugaard Announces \$4.3 Million for Mitchell East Central Utility
Improvements**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Dugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$4,321,000 funding package for Mitchell to make storm water, sanitary sewer and drinking water system improvements in the east central drainage basin and for nonpoint source projects in the Firesteel Creek watershed.

The funding package includes a \$690,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$3,931,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Mitchell will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Dugaard. “The loans will help the city make needed upgrades to the sanitary sewer, storm water and drinking water utilities in the east central drainage basin as well as improve water quality in the Firesteel Creek watershed.”

The project involves infrastructure upgrades and road resurfacing in the east central drainage basin bounded west to east by Sanbourn Boulevard and Burr Street, and north to south by Dry Run Creek and Havens Street. This project will replace approximately 1,000 feet of 10-inch and 8-inch deteriorating vitrified clay sanitary sewer with new PVC pipe. The project includes installation of 6,000 feet of reinforced concrete storm sewer pipe of varying sizes to convey storm water flows the existing, undersized pipe cannot handle. Manholes, storm inlets, and other necessary appurtenances will also be installed. Additional storm water upgrades will help facilitate movement of storm water north from the intersection of Main Street and Hackberry Avenue towards Dry Run Creek.

The nonpoint source funding component provides \$356,000 for the installation of nonpoint source best management practices in the Firesteel Creek watershed basin, such as stream stabilization, grazing management, agricultural waste management and vegetative buffers. Mitchell will partner with the James River Water Development District to implement the best management practices to reduce sediment and nutrient loads in the watershed.

The loans will cover the estimated cost of the project. Loan terms are 1.25 percent for 20 years for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan, and 2.25 percent for 20 years for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects and low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.