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**Gov. Dugaard Announces \$300,000 for Chamberlain Water Meter  
Replacement Project**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Dugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$300,000 loan for Chamberlain to make improvements to the city’s water meters.

The \$300,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan will be used to upgrade resident’s water meters to allow for automatic reading and remote reporting.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Chamberlain will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Dugaard. “The loan will help the city make needed upgrades to the water meters and continue the city’s long-term partnership with Northwest Energy to efficiently read the city’s electric and water meters.”

For more than 15 years the city has partnered with Northwest Energy to collect water meter readings. In 2019, Northwest Energy is planning to upgrade their electric meters to allow for automatic readings and remote reporting and the city’s upgrades will allow their effective partnership with Northwest Energy to continue.

The estimated cost of the project is \$325,000. The city will pay for the \$25,000 cost of the project not covered by the loan. Loan terms are 2.0 percent for 10 years for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan.

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, nonpoint source and water conservation projects.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.