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Gov. Noem Announces \$1.76 Million for Bridgewater Storm Water Project

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$1,760,000 funding package for Bridgewater to make storm water system improvements.

The funding package includes a \$1.76 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan with \$260,000 in principal forgiveness. The loan will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Bridgewater will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “The loan will help the city upgrade their storm water system to better serve their customers and protect property from storm water flows.”

The project involves replacement of approximately 5,860 feet of storm sewer pipe to convey the two-year design storm flows. A new storm water detention pond will be constructed to reduce downstream peak flows and sediment transport. The improvements will begin on Main Street near the school, intersect with Sixth Street, then proceed south from the east and west end of Sixth Street.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2.783 million. This loan, along with a Department of Transportation Community Access grant and Community Development Block grant, will cover the estimated cost of the project. Loan terms are 2.75 percent for 30 years.

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. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan repayment amount for the borrower.

The board met today in Pierre.