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**Gov. Noem Announces \$9.457 Million for Sioux Falls Drainage Basin  
Improvements**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$9,457,400 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program for Sioux Falls to make stormwater drainage basin improvements and for nonpoint source projects in the Big Sioux River watershed upstream of the city.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Sioux Falls will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “The funding will help the city replace aging infrastructure and improve stormwater drainage. In addition, the City is to be commended for helping finance nonpoint source projects that will help improve water quality in the Big Sioux River, which is the lifeblood of the community.”

The city plans to make improvements to three drainage basins located in southwest Sioux Falls including Basin 95 near 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and West Mesa Pass, Basin 104 near 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Oxbow Avenue, and Basin 371 near Sertoma Avenue and Theodore Avenue. These basins have inadequate infrastructure causing drainage issues for the nearby neighborhoods. The proposed project includes replacing storm drainage infrastructure to meet current design standards, reducing overland flow, and improving stormwater movement through the basins.

The nonpoint source funding component provides \$457,400 for water quality improvement projects to reduce sediment and bacteria levels in the river. These projects can include stream bank stabilization, grazing management, agricultural waste management, and creating vegetative buffers along the Big Sioux River and its tributaries.

The loan will cover the total cost of the project. Loan terms are 1.0 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 and nonpoint source projects.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.

