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Gov. Noem Announces more than $1.0 Million for Montrose Wastewater System Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a $1,008,000 loan for Montrose to complete upgrades to its wastewater system.

The $1,008,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan includes $200,000 in principal forgiveness. Loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years.

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

"I am pleased to announce that the City of Montrose will receive this assistance," said Gov. Noem. "This funding will help the city complete needed upgrades to its wastewater system to better serve its customers."

Recent rain events and significant flooding have identified several problems with Montrose's sanitary sewer collection and treatment system that must be addressed to protect the long-term viability of the system. This project includes raising and waterproofing the lift station, replacing the lift station pumps, and adding a standby generator. In addition, approximately 500 feet of the Vermillion River riverbank will receive riprap to prevent further erosion and possible damage to the wastewater ponds. Finally, deteriorated sanitary sewer pipe will be replaced or lined and damaged manholes will be replaced.

The total estimated cost of the projects is approximately $1,008,000.

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 via remote video connection.

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