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Gov. Noem Announces an Additional \$2.059 Million for Garretson Water and Wastewater Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$2,059,000 funding package for Garretson to make water and wastewater improvements.

The board previously awarded \$1,799,500 in loans and \$639,500 in grants for the project in June 2017. Additional funds were needed to complete the project and include a \$917,000 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, a \$225,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund BABS grant, a \$458,500 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and a \$458,500 grant from the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program. Loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that Garretson will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “This funding will help the city complete upgrades to its water and wastewater systems to better serve its customers and protect the environment.”

The project area includes Railroad Avenue from Dows Street to Essex Street; Essex Street from Railroad Avenue to Granite Avenue; Granite Avenue from Essex Street to First Street; Third Street from Depot Avenue to Rose Avenue; and Main Avenue from Second Street to Fifth Street. The wastewater improvements include replacement of all the sanitary sewer in this area. Drinking water system improvements includes replacement of cast iron, asbestos cement, and plastic pipe in the area that has outlived its useful life.

The estimated cost of the project is \$4.498 million.

The Consolidated Water Facilitates Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the Petroleum Release Compensation Tank Inspection fee and the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects.

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

The board met today via remote video connection.