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**Gov. Noem Announces \$286,000 for Mellette Wastewater System
Improvements**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$286,000 Clean Waste State Revolving Fund loan for the City of Mellette to make wastewater system improvements.

The loan will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years.

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Mellette will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “The funding will help the city make needed upgrades to its wastewater treatment system.”

The city’s existing lift station is old and is experiencing excessive infiltration into the system. This project will allow the city to install an additional 6-inch force main so both lift station pumps can run concurrently with each pump having a dedicated line to the wastewater treatment facility. In addition, the city will upgrade the pump controls and add a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system.

The loan will cover the total cost of the project.

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 via remote video connection.