



DENR
SOUTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT
and NATURAL RESOURCES

JOE FOSS BUILDING
523 EAST CAPITOL
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-3182
denr.sd.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, June 25, 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Perkovich, 773-4216

FOR PROJECT DETAILS: Visit <http://denr.sd.gov/bwnrapps.aspx>

Gov. Noem Announces an Additional \$625,000 for Claremont Wastewater System Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved an additional \$625,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan for the City of Claremont to make wastewater system improvements.

The additional \$625,000 loan includes \$556,000 in principal forgiveness. Loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Claremont will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “The additional funding will allow city to complete needed upgrades to its wastewater system to better serve its customers and protect the environment.”

The project includes replacement of existing vitrified clay wastewater lines with 8,500 feet of new 8-inch PVC pipe, repairs to existing lift stations, and installation a synthetic liner in the wastewater lagoons. Project design changes and increased estimated project costs resulted in the need for additional funds.

In March 2019 the Board approved a \$1,832,000 loan, which included \$1,387,000 in principal forgiveness, for the project. The additional funds will cover the increased 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. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan payment amount for the borrower.

The board met today via remote video connection.