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DENR Announces \$10,586,000 in Loans for City of Tea Water and Wastewater System Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced the Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$10.586 million funding package for Tea to make water and wastewater system improvements.

The funding package includes a \$790,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for water system expansion, a \$1,402,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan for sanitary sewer system expansion and a \$8,394,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan for the city to construct a lift station and force main to convey wastewater to Sioux Falls for treatment.

The loans will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Loan terms are 2.125 percent for 30 years for all loans.

Drinking water system improvements include extending the water main along 272nd Street providing reliable water service to existing homes and commercial properties. Approximately 4,440 feet of 12-inch watermain, hydrants, fittings, and isolation valves will be installed.

Wastewater system expansion includes extension of the sanitary sewer along 272nd Street with approximately 4,700 feet of 12-inch sewer line. The expansion provides sanitary sewer service to existing homes and commercial properties and allows for future development in the area.

Finally, the city intends to complete its Phase 2 sewer regionalization project connecting its wastewater treatment system to the City of Sioux Falls. Installation of a new lift station and force main allows Tea to connect its wastewater system to the City of Sioux Falls as a regional customer. Tea will be able to eliminate its wastewater ponds and ensuring long-term system reliability. In April 2020, the board awarded Tea a \$5.539 million loan for Phase 1 of the project.

The loans will cover the estimated cost for both 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 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, water conservation, and nonpoint source projects.

The board met today via remote video connection.