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DENR Announces a \$4,752,000 Funding Package for City of Elkton Drinking Water and Wastewater 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 \$4,752,000 funding package for Elkton to make wastewater and drinking water improvements.

The funding package includes a \$383,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan, a \$1,671,000 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant, and a \$111,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program Build America Bonds grant for wastewater improvements. A \$2,587,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program loan with \$1,820,000 in principal forgiveness was made for drinking water improvements.

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

Elkton plans to complete Phase 2 of its sewer system improvement project by replacing 6,030 feet of sewer mains, 18 manholes, 3,360 feet of service pipe, and reconnecting 83 sewer services. The improvements will improve drainage, replace ageing pipes, and ensure residents have reliable service.

Elkton's Phase 2 drinking water system improvements include replacing 8,400feet of water mains, 8 hydrants, 27 valves, and 2,800 feet of service lines. These improvements ensure residents continue to have access to safe and reliable water. In March of 2019, the Board approved \$6,000,000 in total for Phase 1 of both projects.

The Consolidated Water Facilities 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 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan payment amount for the borrower.

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.