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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS \$2,243,000 MOCK CHECK TO JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 13

Greg Branum, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented The Public Water Supply District No. 13 of Jefferson County with a \$2,243,000 Mock Check on October 9, 2007. The funds will be used to construct a new centralized wastewater system that will serve 262 residences in the Lake Tishomingo area and Lake Bo-No-Del Subdivision just north of Hillsboro in Jefferson County.

U.S. Senator McCaskill said,

“Infrastructure is essential to economic growth in rural Missouri, and I’m pleased the federal government is investing in this part of our state so they can upgrade their wastewater system.”

U.S. Representative Carnahan said, **“In Congress, I have strongly supported efforts to increase federal funding for clean water supplies, and I am proud to be part of the effort to bring more than \$2 million to improve water quality in Jefferson County. As housing continues to grow in Jefferson County, it is important that we provide the infrastructure to sustain such growth. Building a new wastewater treatment plant is essential to properly treat wastewater and prevent it from contaminating our water supply. In the St. Louis area, some of our wastewater infrastructure dates back to the Lincoln administration and updating it is critical to the protection of our Missouri treasures, such as Lake Tishomingo and Lake Bo-No-Del.”**

Larry Kimmel, President of Public Water Supply District No. 13, stated, **“We are very happy to be this close to installing a much needed central sewer system. Our community has needed this for nearly 40 years. Our success is due to the efforts of USDA Rural Development and Midwest Assistance Program. The new system will serve to protect Lake Tishomingo and the surrounding area.”**



From Left to Right: Richard Hirsch, Secretary, Jefferson County PWS#13; Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, USDA Rural Development, Farmington, MO; Bob Burns, Representative from Senator Claire McCaskill’s Office; Ed Kemp, County Commissioner; Greg Branum, State Director, USDA, Rural Development, Columbia, MO; Mary Leiweke, Committee person for Sewer Project; Cathy Coffman, Rural Development Manager, USDA Rural Development, Hillsboro, MO; Dennis Siders, Midwest Assistance Program; Donna Martin, Area Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Farmington, MO; Marilyn Meyer, Jefferson County PWS#13, Board Member; Ron Sansone, President, Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association; Larry Kimmel, President, Jefferson County PWS#13; Frank Taylor, Taylor Engineering; Kathy Waltz, Representative from Congressman Russ Carnahan’s Office; Tim Robbs, Taylor Engineering

“Having an environmentally safe wastewater system is important to the residents and I commend everyone involved for their hard work in making this project a reality. This project mirrors President Bush’s initiative and exemplifies the Rural Development mission – committed to the future of rural communities,” said Branum. “Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.

Anyone interested in obtaining regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Cathy Coffman, Rural Development Manager, at the Hillsboro Local Office of USDA Rural Development at 10820 Highway 21 Suite 201, Hillsboro, MO 63050 or by calling 636-789-3551.

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