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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES FUNDING WITH ST FRANCOIS COUNTY BOARD FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

Kevin Hinkebein, the Area Specialist of USDA Rural Development, presented the St Francois County Board for the Developmentally Disabled with a \$621,800 Mock Check on Thursday June 3, 2010. The funds consist of direct Community Facility funds and a partnership with New Era Bank to provide a guaranteed loan. The funds will be used to provide an addition to the existing administration building and upgrade the facility's sewer system. In addition, Mr. Hinkebein presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Board recognizing their efforts in using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds to provide the improvements for the SFCBDD project.



Pictured is Irvine Rudasill, Executive Director, being presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Kevin Hinkebein, Rural Development Specialist.

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said: "The St. Francois County Board for the Developmentally Disabled provide crucial services for individuals and organizations in the area and it's important that they have a properly updated facility," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "I hope this federal funding will help the St. Francois County Board continue to make necessary upgrades that will better serve the developmentally disabled throughout their community."

New Era Bank, Vice President Debra Bunch said: "New Era Bank is proud to partner with the USDA Rural Development on this project. The funds for this project will be used by the St. Francois County Board for the Developmentally Disabled to help provide much needed services to the mentally disabled of St. Francois County". New Era Bank is a community Bank and always strives to meet the needs of the communities it serves and is headquartered in Fredericktown, Missouri with offices in Farmington and Park Hills.

Hinkebein said, " It has been a pleasure working with the St Francois County Board for the Developmentally Disabled. Irvine Rudasill, Executive Director and the staff provide very important services for handicap individuals and organizations in the St Francois County area. The existing facility is inadequate for the growing services that they provide. Debbie Bunch, New Era Bank has partnered with USDA Rural Development to provide the funds necessary to complete this project. Taylor Engineering Services has designed the new addition and sewer upgrade and with the cooperation of the City of Farmington will be connecting to the City's

sewer system. **“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community.” “This project mirrors USDA, Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for funding these projects.”**

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contact Kevin P. Hinkebein, Area Specialist, at the Farmington Office of USDA Rural Development at 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640, 573-756-6413, Ext. 5 or by email at kevin.hinkebein@mo.usda.gov.

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