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## WORTH COUNTY PWSD #1 RECEIVES USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

A \$150,000 Mock Check was presented to the Worth County Public Water Supply District #1 on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Worth County Courthouse located in Grant City, Missouri. The USDA Rural Development grant funds will be used to extend district water lines to serve 19 additional users within the water district boundaries. The Worth County PWSD #1 provides public water services to 495 households in Worth and Gentry Counties.

"I'm proud to have supported this project," said Congressman Graves. "I am thankful for the excellent working relationship my office has with USDA Rural Development team, and I look forward to our continued work in the future."

"Having an environmentally safe water system is important to the residents and I commend all the partners for their hard work in making these projects a reality, said Branum. "These projects mirror President Bush's initiative and exemplify the Rural Development mission – committed to the future of rural communities."

Branum added that special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Sam Graves for making available federal monies for funding these types of projects that provide essential services for communities.

Kenneth Zelk with Crowley, Wade, Milstead, Inc., located in Independence, Missouri, is the project engineer for the water district.

USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Programs are available to eligible entity's to provide financing for public water and sanitary sewer facilities for rural residents. The \$150,000 grant being received by the Worth County PWSD #1 is through the agency's Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant program which provided financial assistance to eligible entity's as a result of drought conditions in 2004.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides funding and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contacting Stan L. Wolfe, at the St. Joseph Rural Development Area Office, 3915 Oakland Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506 or by calling (816) 364 - 3767 (extension #5).

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Left to right: Kenny Kent (Worth County PWSD #1 Board of Directors), Berkley Carr (Worth County PWSD #1 Board of Directors), Donald Hughes (President, Worth County PWSD #1 Board of Directors), U.S. Representative Sam Graves, Stan Wolfe (Area Specialist with USDA Rural Development at St. Joseph, MO), Brad Lager (Missouri State Representative for District #4), Emily Seifers (Field Representative for U.S. Senator Jim Talent) and Neal Miller (Area Director for USDA Rural Development at St. Joseph, MO)

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