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CARRINGTON TO BREAK GROUND ON NEW WATER PROJECT

USDA Rural Development provides \$5 million in financing

CARRINGTON, June 29, 2010 – USDA Rural Development State Director Jasper Schneider joins Mayor Don Frye today at the Carrington Water Treatment Plant for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new water system project.

Through USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Program, Carrington will receive funding in the amount of a \$4,124,000 loan and a \$928,600 grant to expand and rehabilitate Carrington's existing water treatment plant. The project will include updating and replacing existing equipment and deteriorated building components, expanding the water treatment plant building and adding a second water treatment train to provide increased capacity.

"Having access to clean and safe drinking water is the foundation of a growing community," said Schneider. "The investments today show that Carrington is moving forward and will improve the quality of life for generations to come."



Pictured (left to right) Jasper Schneider, State Director of USDA Rural Development, Don Frye, mayor of Carrington, Randy Pope, Interstate Engineering and Brian Herrington, Carrington water plant supervisor, move a ceremonial first shovel of dirt on the new water treatment project at Carrington.

The total estimated cost of the water system project is \$6,871,000 with the additional funding coming from a loan with the Bank of North Dakota Revolving Loan Fund.

"With the development of the water plant, the partnership between USDA and the City of Carrington has had a positive outcome for our community and surrounding water districts," said Mayor of Carrington Don Frye. "Without Rural Development's help, this project may not have been possible."

The project funding is being administered by Rural Development's Water and Environmental Program which provides loans and grants to ensure that the necessary investments are made in water and

wastewater infrastructure. Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the loan or grant agreement.

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