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USDA Dollars Assist Winnebago with Water Needs

Norfolk, Neb., July 10-Winnebago residents will benefit from the July 5th funding of an USDA Rural Development \$796,100 grant that will provide for a water improvement project for the Village of Winnebago.

"USDA will assist in the proposed water improvements which are two fold," stated Robert Prochaska, rural development specialist for USDA Rural Development. "Individual water meters will be purchased and installed for the 447 municipal water system users not currently metered and a water storage tank will be constructed in the Kelly Property."

The water meters will provide the Village with an equitable means to charge Winnebago and Kelly Property residents for water use and will render a water conservation tool. The proposed 100,000 gallon water storage tank will provide adequate water supply volume to the Kelly Property users which will properly serve this area's future water needs and alleviate the potential risk of drawing in contamination as a result of low to negative pressures.

The Kelly Property, located approximately 1 mile South outside of the corporate limits of Winnebago, is being developed for the housing needs of the Winnebago Tribe. Once developed, the property will be able to support 250 single and/or multifamily housing units. Today there are 31 units developed with infrastructure being installed to accommodate another 86 units. Historically, the Village has been the water supplier for the property with the Winnebago Tribe managing the storage and distribution system improvements.

The USDA funds are provided through USDA Rural Development's Section 306C Water and Waste Grant Set Aside for Native Americans program.

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