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ELMWOOD RECEIVES FUNDING FOR WASTEWATER PLANT

Elmwood, Neb., August 26, 2008— The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$1,490,000 to the Village of Elmwood for a new wastewater plant to serve nearly 670 rural residents.

“We have needed the new wastewater plant for quite some time,” stated Edward Blunt, Village of Elmwood. “We tried to keep in compliance with the Department of Environmental Quality regulations but the parameters kept getting tighter as time went on. The new plant will allow us to meet these parameters and thus much cleaner water will be discharged into the stream below the plant site. I would like to invite the people of the community to tour the new plant when it comes online in 2010.”

Funds will construct an Oxidation Ditch Treatment System, a lift station and force main to the treatment facility. The proper abandonment of the old lagoon treatment facility will also be completed. The new plant will be constructed at the site of the existing facilities.

“USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist with the construction of Elmwood’s new wastewater system. The village’s existing mechanical treatment plant is no longer adequate in treating the community’s wastewater due to age of the facility, its’ design capacity and because of the new discharge permit levels for ammonia,” stated Area Specialist Janice Stopak, USDA Rural Development.

USDA Rural Development provided a Waste Disposal loan of \$1,412,000 and grant of \$78,000. The loan will be repaid over 40 years at 3.625 percent interest. For additional information contact Janice Stopak in the Lincoln Rural Development office at (402) 423-9683, Extension 121, (402) 437-5093 (TDY); or at 8000 South 15th Street Suite E, Lincoln, Nebraska. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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