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## LOWER BIG BLUE NRD SECURES USDA FUNDS FOR WATER SYSTEM

**Beatrice, Neb., August 26, 2008**— The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$3,054,000 to the Lower Big Blue NRD to develop a rural water system in Gage County. The system will provide a dependable supply of potable water for 128 rural users and 21 users in Holmesville. The NRD will contribute \$149,000 towards the project.

“This project will serve an area that is certainly in need of a dependable supply of quality water,” stated Manager David Clabaugh, Lower Big Blue NRD. “The current water supplies are from low yielding wells that produce poor quality water. This factor forces some residents to haul water for home and livestock use.”

“USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist the Lower Big Blue NRD with a new rural water system as it will alleviate the water quantity and quality issues that plague the residents in the area,” stated Area Specialist Janice Stopak, USDA Rural Development.

The City of Wymore will be the water source for the system.

USDA Rural Development provided a Water loan of \$1,426,000 and grants of \$1,628,000. The loan will be repaid over 40 years at 2.75 percent interest. For additional information contact Janice Stopak at (402) 423-9683, Extension 121, (402) 437-5093 (TDY); [janice.stopak@ne.usda.gov](mailto:janice.stopak@ne.usda.gov); or 8000 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street Suite E, Lincoln, Nebraska. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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