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## **\$150,000 IN FUNDS AWARDED TO PWSD #3 OF CALDWELL COUNTY BY USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Caldwell County, PWSD #3 received \$150,000 from USDA Rural Development in an event held on Thursday September 8, 2005 at the Caldwell #3 Water District office. Neal Miller, Rural Development St. Joseph Area Manager, on behalf of Gregory C. Branum, Missouri Rural Development State Director presented the Caldwell County, PWSD #3 a \$150,000 mock check. The funds are part of Rural Development's Emergency Community Water Grant (ECWAG) funds to assist with mitigating the severe 2004 drought impacts on rural water users and communities. The emergency grants will be used to construct waterlines to 16 additional users in Caldwell County.

Greg Branum, Missouri USDA Rural Development State Director, said, "I want to personally thank this water district and local project officials that have worked together to make this emergency water project happen. I am pleased that 16 new households will now benefit by connecting to the Caldwell County, PWSD #3 rural water service." Branum added, "I extend my appreciation for the support provided by U. S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent along with U. S. Representative Sam Graves for their support to USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Van Horseman, President Caldwell County PWSD # 3 Braymer, Missouri, said, "I want to personally thank everyone for their hard work to make this federal grant happen. The federal and state officials worked together to have these ECWAG grant available so we can better serve our customers."

"The local leaders, working with the engineer, did an outstanding job in demonstrating a significant need for these ECWAG funds," said Neal Miller, Area Manager at St. Joseph USDA Rural Development.

Construction for the projects should start in September 2005 and finish in approximately 6 months. Allgeier, Martin and Associates Inc, from Joplin, Missouri did the project design and will monitor construction as project engineer. Attorney Jason Kanoy of Kingston, Mo .represents the Caldwell County, PWSD #3 as project legal counsel. Mrs. Sammy Watson, Caldwell #3 district clerk, will help them administer the ECWAG funds with the assistance of the Richmond RD local office.

Anyone seeking more information about the project can contact the Caldwell #3 Water District Office (660) 645-2068. Additional information on these projects or other USDA Rural Development programs is available on the agency website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo> or by contacting Allen Gentry, RDM, at 500 Woolard Avenue, Richmond, Missouri 64085 or call. (816) 776-2266.



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