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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS MOCK CHECK TO CITY OF BISMARCK

Greg Branum, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented Mayor Dennis Mayberry with a \$4,380 Mock Check on Friday, November 3, 2006. The funds will be used to pay the costs associated with the development of an engineering report for upgrades to the existing wastewater system.

U.S. Representative Emerson said, "We face many unique challenges in rural Missouri, and the USDA Rural Development program is expressly important to the safety of our residents and their property in Bismarck and across Southern Missouri. I'm grateful to the hard work on the part of USDA Rural Development and to our Missouri Senators, Kit Bond and Jim Talent, for their support of these critical programs that affect our daily lives."



(Left to Right) Kevin Hinkebein, USDA RD Manager, Farmington; Clarence King, Alderman; Tim Robbs, Taylor Engineering; Mayor Dennis Mayberry, City of Bismarck; Andy Russell, Alderman; Donna Martin, USDA RD Area Specialist, Farmington; Frank Taylor, Taylor Engineering; Sioux Young, Alderperson; Allen Williams, Water and Waste Operator; Greg Branum, USDA RD State Director; Terry Luetkemeyer, USDA RD Area Manager.

Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Bush's initiatives for rural America and Rural Development's commitment to the future of rural communities," said Branum. He added, "Appreciation is also extended to U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents of providing essential services to rural Missourians."

"The City of Bismarck is very appreciative of the financial assistance for the preliminary engineering report from Rural Development. With these funds and future funds, we are hopeful that the City will be able to achieve their goals," stated Mayor Dennis Mayberry, City of Bismarck.

Anyone interested in obtaining regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Kevin Hinkebein, Rural Development Manager, at the Farmington Local Office of USDA Rural Development at 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640 or by calling 573-756-6413 Ext. 4.

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