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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$78,080 FOR INSTALLATION FOR A LARGER WATERLINE

Morris Westfall, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, hosted a mock check presentation on November 10, 2008, at the Waynesville city hall. The City of Waynesville requested \$70,080 to fund a project through the Rural Business Enterprise Grant and emerging businesses located on Historic Route 66 on the west side of Waynesville. The waterline has been replaced with a larger line which now is capable of providing fire flow to that part of town.

U.S. Senator Christopher Bond said "It is critical that we invest in infrastructure to meet the needs of our rural communities. I commend the USDA and local leadership for investing in new water distribution lines to help the small businesses in Waynesville create jobs and foster economic growth."

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "Successful small businesses are vital to Missouri's long-term economic success," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "I am happy that this grant will provide a safe water supply to growing businesses in Waynesville."

U.S. Representative Ike Skelton said, "I congratulate the City of Waynesville on being selected to receive USDA, Rural Development funding for the installation of a water line to four small businesses. With this grant, these businesses will have the appropriate protection in place should a fire strike. I am pleased that the City of Waynesville will have the equipment to ensure high standards of safety for the public and their firefighters."

Westfall, said "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. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."



Front row from left to right: Morris Westfall, Rural Development State Director, Cliff Hammock, Mayor, David Rauch, Senator Claire McCaskill's Aid, Melissa Richardson, Representative Ike Skelton's Aid, Bruce Harrill, City Administrator, Back row from left to right: Bill Lolis, Kevin Prichard and Keith Prichard with Triple K Construction, Terry Luetkemeyer, Rural Development Area Director, Mike Beaty, Project Engineer with Mettemeyer Engineering, Jack Kearbey Rural Development Area Specialist.

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Jack O. Kearbey, Area Specialist, at the Rolla Sub-Area Office of USDA Rural Development at 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401 or by calling (573) 364-2088 Ext. 4.

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