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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS GRANT TO THE VILLAGE OF EOLIA

Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, USDA Rural Development, Farmington, MO, presented the Village of Eolia with a \$4,140 Mock Check on Thursday, December 7, 2006. The grant funds will be used for the preparation of a preliminary engineering report which is needed prior to developing an application for funding for an upgrade to the current wastewater system.



“Rural Development funds from USDA ensure that rural communities have access to money for necessary projects. Many projects in the Ninth District have benefited from USDA funds. I’m pleased that we have been able to make this money available to the families of the Village of Eolia.

Left to right: Vicki Myers, Rural Development Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Troy, MO, Ed Reed, Rural Development Manager, USDA, Rural Development, Troy, MO, Jerry Burbridge, Board of Trustee’s, Village of Eolia, Sara Grimes McBeth, Chairwoman, Board of Trustee’s, Village of Eolia, Yvonne McCue, Board of Trustee’s Village of Eolia, Terry A. Luetkemeyer, Area Director, USDA, Rural Development, Farmington, MO

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development said, “Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors Presidents Bush’s initiatives for rural America and Rural Development’s commitment to the future of rural communities. He added, “Appreciation is also extended to U.S. Senators “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Ken Hulshof for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents of providing essential services to rural Missourians.”

“A village like Eolia couldn’t afford to upgrade their sewer to meet the DNR standards without help. We will still need to approve a bond, but the USDA grant makes the amount of the bond less,” stated Chairwoman Sara Grimes McBeth.

Anyone interested in obtaining assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Ed Reed, Rural Development Manager, at the Troy Local Office of USDA Rural Development at 114 Frenchman Bluff Road, Troy, MO 63379-2019 or by calling 636-528-7046.

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