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GUILFORD RECEIVES \$10,100 USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR PLANNING SEWER SYSTEM

USDA Rural Development presented a \$10,100 Mock Check to the Village of Guilford on Wednesday, October 24th at Guilford's Community Center. The USDA Rural Development grant funds will be used to assist with the completion of a Preliminary Engineering Report for a public sewer system. Upon completion of this report, Guilford will be in position to make application for the necessary funding for a central sewer system to serve its 87 residents.

The funds are being provided through USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental program. This program provides loans, grants and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. As of October 1, 2007 Rural Development loans through this program carry a fixed interest rate of 4.625% for a 35 year repayment term.

"Today's announcement highlights the local leadership and the commitment of the USDA Rural Development staff," said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. "They are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. The entire community will benefit from these efforts."

"This type of federal investment in rural communities is key to economic growth in our state," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "I'm pleased to see these funds going to Guilford for important infrastructure updates to their sewer system."

"I appreciate the USDA Rural Development program for listening and understanding the needs of Northwest Missouri," said U.S. Congressman Sam Graves. "It is important that we continue to improve the infrastructure in our rural communities like Guilford."



Those in the photograph are from left to right: Nancy Pulley (City Clerk), Gary Pulley (Chairman of the Board), Ron Pedersen (President of Community Center Board), Danyell Wiederholt (Council Member), Dean Brookshier (Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Sam Graves), Stan Wolfe (Area Specialist with the USDA Rural Development Area Office at St. Joseph), Rick Pedersen (Council Member), Neal Miller (Area Director with the USDA Rural Development Area Office at St. Joseph)

“This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” said Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development. “Appreciation is 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.”

“The Village of Guilford greatly appreciates the grant given to us from USDA Rural Development to assist in the funding of our Preliminary Engineering Report for our future wastewater system,” said Gary Pulley, Chairman of the Board for Guilford.

Guilford will be contributing \$4,900 towards the completion of the Preliminary Engineering Report. Doug Schulte with Snyder & Associates Engineers and Planners is the engineer.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides funding and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contacting Stan L. Wolfe at the St. Joseph Rural Development Area Office, 3915 Oakland Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506 or by calling (816) 364 - 3767 (extension #5).

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