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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES FUNDING WITH PWSD NO. 2 OF PHELPS COUNTY

Janie Dunning, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented the Public Water Supply District No. 2 of Phelps County with a \$599,075 Mock Check on Friday October 9, 2009. The funds will be used to upgrade some main lines. The upgrades will provide residents with improved health standards.

“I commend the local and county leaders who worked to secure these funds,” said U.S.

Senator Kit Bond. “Adequate infrastructure is essential to the quality of life enjoyed by the people of Phelps County. These needed improvements to the area’s water system will ensure the continued health and safety of those living in Phelps County.”

“Water infrastructure is extremely important in rural areas, and water main replacement in Phelps County will really improve the availability of quality water in the area. USDA Rural Development is obviously attuned to projects where residents get an excellent return on their local investment, and this is a tremendous example of a priority need in the community which could only be met with the help of an outside entity. I’m very glad that this project can move forward, and I want to thank the folks at PWSD #2 in Rolla for working so hard to make this project a reality,” said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.

Dunning said, “Having an environmentally safe water system is important to the residents and I commend all the partners for their hard work in making this project a reality. This project



From left to right: Terry Luetkemeyer, Rural Development Manager; Donna Martin, Rural Development Area Specialist; Gary Johnson, Regional Manager-Alliance Water Resources; Anita J. Dunning, Rural Development State Director; Bill Parsons, Board Vice President; Lowell Davis, Board President; Jim Ianke, local Manager-Alliance Water Resources; and Katy Disinger representative of Senator McCaskill's office

mirrors USDA, Rural Development's mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I am pleased that so many rural households will benefit from an adequate and dependable water system. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for funding these projects. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians," added Dunning.

Lowell Davis, President stated, "Thanks to USDA Rural Development for supplying affordable low cost financing for the much needed improvements allowing the District to supply our customers with improved pressures and accommodate growth. Special thanks go out to the District Board members and our professional operation firm, Alliance Water Resources, for their time, energy and expertise in making this project a reality."

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contact Donna R. Martin, Area Specialist, at the Farmington Office of USDA Rural Development at 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640, 573-756-6413, Ext. 5 or by email at [donna.martin@mo.usda.gov](mailto:donna.martin@mo.usda.gov).

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