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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES CITY OF PINEVILLE WITH \$1,495,000 FOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented a mock check to Mayor Dawayne Lasiter in the amount of \$1,495,000 on September 18, 2007. The \$1,030,000 loan and \$465,000 grant funds represent Rural Development financing to be used towards updating and renovating the existing wastewater system lift stations and expansion of the system to 81 additional users within the city limits of Pineville.

“It is important that we meet the infrastructure needs of our communities, like Pineville, not only to encourage economic growth but also to safeguard its citizens,” said U.S. Senator “Kit” Bond. “I thank USDA for their partnership and their commitment to the betterment of our communities. These are the type of federal-local partnerships I like to see.”

“This grant and loan will go a long way towards allowing Pineville to update their wastewater system,” said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. “Rural Development grants and loans like this one give communities the federal government resources they need to grow and prosper while doing so in a fiscally responsible manner.”

Congressman Roy Blunt said, “Partnering with the USDA to make grants and loans available to small towns and cities is a crucial step toward ensuring our communities have the infrastructure and support they need to sustain themselves into the future. I’m pleased to see these funds being used by residents of McDonald County to make vital improvements to their wastewater facilities, in the process positioning its communities for future growth and economic development in the Elk River Basin.”

Mayor Dawayne Lasiter said, “I would like to thank everyone for the financial assistance and particularly the funding from USDA Rural Development to help alleviate the failing septic systems and expand our facility. The upgrades will improve the quality of the environment for our



Picture Left to Right: Bruce Hively, Rural Development Area Specialist; Steve McIntosh, Field Representative for Congressman Blunt; Jack Gaughenbaugh, Councilman; Dawayne Lasiter, Mayor of Pineville; Charles Triplett, Councilman; Jack Williams, Councilman; Greg Branum, Rural Development Missouri State Director; Tim Rickabaugh, Rural Development Area Director

community and benefit the quality of life for our residents. It will help make Pineville a better place to live and raise a family. We appreciate all the support and efforts of everyone involved in our project.”

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of an environmentally safe waste disposal system,” said Branum. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that so many rural households will benefit from an adequate and dependable system.”

Branum added, “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.”

Anyone seeking more information about this or any other USDA Rural Development program may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Bruce Hively, Area Specialist, at 688 S. State Hwy B, Suite 400, Springfield, MO 65802 or by calling (417) 831-5246 extension 5 or by email to brucehively@mo.usda.gov.

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