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Water System Improvements Funded for Village of Dix --USDA Dollars Assist

North Platte, Nebraska, April 5--The Village of Dix received in mid-March, \$430,000 in loan and \$219,500 in grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. These funds will enable the village to correct deficiencies in its water system. Community Development Block Grant funds of \$250,000 and a Village contribution of \$20,000 will also be utilized.

The USDA Rural Development loan will be repaid over 40 years at 5.00 percent interest.

"The existing water system contains undersized mains, dead end mains, inadequate number of valves, outdated control system and an aging storage facility that is reaching the end of its useful life," stated Roberta Mues, rural development specialist for Nebraska USDA Rural Development. "Through the proposed water system improvements, the system's deficiencies will be corrected and safe and dependable water will be provided to the residents of Dix."

USDA Rural Development is a credit arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture whose mission is to provide financial assistance to rural communities who are unable to secure acceptable credit elsewhere for housing, community facilities, and business development. Assistance provided can be in the form of grants, direct loans, and guarantees on loans made by commercial lenders.

The USDA funding was received through the Water & Wastewater Loan and Grant Program of USDA Rural Development. For additional information regarding USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Programs, contact Roberta Mues in the USDA Rural Development Office, 1202 S. Cottonwood North Platte, Neb. 69101 or phone (308) 534-2360. Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/.

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