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**USDA DOLLARS ASSIST PROSSER WITH WATER NEEDS**

**Kearney, Neb., August 2, 2002**-The Village of Prosser was approved the end of July for \$408,000 in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development loan and grant funds. The dollars will be used in conjunction with \$250,000 from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and a Village contribution of \$2,000. The funding will bring safe and dependable water services to the 94 residents of rural Prosser.

"It is great to see the residents of the Village working together to help improve their water system," stated Glen Gatz, rural development specialist for USDA Rural Development. "The community of Prosser knows that water is a vital commodity and is taking the measures to address their village's water needs."

Prosser's existing water system dates back to 1972 and lacks meters and hydrants along with adequate sized tanks. Additionally, the system only serves 35 residents of the community with the remaining residents being served by individual wells.

The proposed \$660,000 water improvement project entails the installation of a new water well, new water tower, rehabilitation and installation of distribution lines/mains and installation of water meters and hydrants. Through these improvements, the village's water system will provide the entire community with safe drinking water and an adequate supply of water for fire fighting capabilities. The community will be able to obtain a Class 8-fire rating as a result of this project. This will mean less cost for homeowners and renters for their insurance premiums.

"On behalf of the Village of Prosser, I wish to thank the USDA Rural Development and State of Nebraska for their help and cooperation in securing the funds to make the needed updates to our water system. Our small community could not have done this otherwise." "When the project is completed, we will have a better water system for drinking and for safety, which will help our community to grow," stated Cindy Langenberg, village clerk of Prosser.

The USDA \$180,000 loan will be repaid over 40 years at 4.75 percent interest. Both the USDA loan and the \$228,000 grant are funded through the USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program.

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