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DANR Announces \$22,087,000 in Loans for City of Mitchell Drinking Water and Wastewater Improvements

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) announced the Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved an \$11,087,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan and an \$11,000,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan for Mitchell to make drinking water and wastewater improvements.

The loans will be administered through the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Loan terms are 1.875 percent for 30 years for the DWSRF loan and 1.375 percent for 30 years for the CWSRF loan.

The Mitchell Wastewater Treatment Facility will undergo extensive improvements. The improvements include upgrades to the plants electrical system, improvements to the facility's septage receiving structure, and construction of a new headworks facility for screening and grit removal. Drinking water system improvements include construction of a 2.5-million-gallon capacity ground storage tank, associated pump station, and chemical feed facility. These improvements will ensure Mitchell's residents continue to have access to safe and reliable drinking water and wastewater services.

The loan and local funds will cover the projects costs for the drinking water improvements. The wastewater improvements will be covered solely by the loan and nonpoint source funding.

The CWSRF loan includes a \$1,087,000 nonpoint source component for the continued installation of best management practices in the Firesteel Creek watershed basin, such as: stream stabilization, grazing management, agricultural waste management, and vegetative buffers. Mitchell will partner with the James River Water Development District to implement the best management practices to reduce sediment and nutrient loads in the watershed.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects. The program is funded through a combination of federal appropriations, loan repayments, and bonds.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water, water conservation, and nonpoint source projects. The program is funded through a combination of federal appropriations, loan repayments, and bonds.

The board approved the funding at today's meeting in Pierre.