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Meeker Public Works Authority receives \$99,999 grant for water system improvements

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Meeker Public Works Authority (Authority) in Lincoln County received approval for a \$99,999 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grant Tuesday through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s water infrastructure.

The Authority owns and operates a purchase water system with drinking water being supplied by the city of Shawnee. It is comprised of one standpipe and a distribution system of various sized water mains. These grant proceeds will be used to update the distribution system by replacing water lines. The estimated cost of the project is \$99,999 which is the amount of the OWRB REAP grant requested.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the grant will save the Authority’s customers \$167,100 in principal and interest charges by not having to borrow the project funds. Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$5.8 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.



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“We are grateful to Senator Zack Taylor and Representative Kevin Wallace for their continued support of water and wastewater infrastructure funding in Oklahoma,” said Julie Cunningham, OWRB Executive Director.

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