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## Osage County Rural Water District No. 21 receives \$120,000 grant for water system improvements

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Osage County Rural Water District No. 21 (District) received approval for a \$120,000 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grant Tuesday through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the District’s water infrastructure.

The District will use these proceeds to install new membrane modules, rehabilitate the system's greensand filtration units, upgrade the pneumatic air handling system, install additional ventilation, and rehabilitate the clean-in-place chemical feed system. The estimated cost of the project is \$120,000 which is the amount of the requested OWRB REAP grant.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the grant will save the District’s customers \$186,600 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.

“We are grateful to Senator Bill Coleman and Representative Ken Luttrell, Representative John



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Pfeiffer, and Representative Sean Roberts for their continued support of water and wastewater infrastructure funding in Oklahoma,” said Julie Cunningham, OWRB Executive Director.

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