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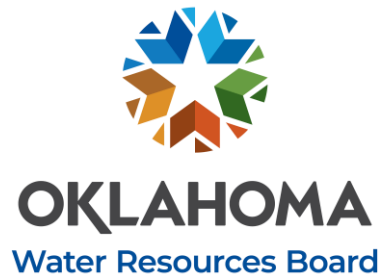
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Salina Public Works Authority receives \$2,242,000 wastewater system loan from OWRB

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Salina Public Works Authority (Authority) received approval for a \$2,100,000 loan Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s wastewater infrastructure. Construction of upgrades and improvements to the wastewater system will be financed by the Oklahoma Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) where \$1,000,000 of the loan will be in the form of loan forgiveness.

The Authority will utilize the proceeds to expand the Colvard pump station, rehabilitate the Ball Field pump station, replace approximately 5,300 linear feet of existing 6-inch force main with 10-inch force main from the Colvard pump station to the wastewater treatment plant, and replace existing aerial creek crossing with three new concrete piers, 8-inch pipe, and one new manhole. These improvements will increase the efficiency of the collection system and help reduce unintended flows to the wastewater treatment plant.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the Authority’s customers will save an estimated \$2,707,200 over the life of the 30-year loan compared to traditional financing. The CWSRF loan will be secured with a lien on the revenues of the Authority’s water, sewer, and sanitation systems, a one-cent sales tax, and a mortgage. The Salina Public Works Authority Superintendent, Dustin Monk, stated “The Authority appreciates the Board looking over our loan application.”



The CWSRF program is administered by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board with partial funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The CWSRF program has provided approximately \$2.2 billion in water quality loans to provide communities the resources necessary to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources statewide.

Since 1983, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board has approved over \$5.9 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

“We are grateful to State Senator Michael Bergstrom and Representative Josh West for their support of our financial assistance programs,” said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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