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Water Resources Board

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Soper Public Works Authority receives \$99,999 grant for wastewater system improvements

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

Soper Public Works Authority has a sewer collection system in need of rehabilitation. The proposed project is to replace approximately 520 linear feet of existing sewer line and replace two (2) manholes.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the grant will save the Authority’s customers \$172,000 in principal and interest charges by not having to borrow the project funds. Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$6.14 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

“We are grateful to Senator George Burns and Representative Justin Humphrey for their continued support of water and wastewater infrastructure funding in Oklahoma,” said Julie Cunningham, OWRB Executive Director.

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