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## Water Resources Board

### **Immediate Release:**

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### **Hominy receives \$1,000,000 grant for dam improvements**

OKLAHOMA CITY –The City of Hominy (City) received approval for \$1,000,000 in funding Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the City’s infrastructure. Improvements to the dam will be financed by the Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant program along with \$137,000 in local funds.

The City’s municipal water supply is served by Hominy Lake. The existing concrete spillway is broken into hundreds of sections and no longer provides erosion protection. As a result, eroded large holes at the bottom of the channel continue to develop and allow sediment to be transported downstream. These proceeds will be used to remove and replace the Hominy Lake dam’s concrete spillway and downstream channel. The project will be phased with the municipal water supply not to be interrupted.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the City’s customers will save an estimated \$1,547,100 compared to traditional financing.

The ARPA grant program is administered by the OWRB with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriated through the Water and Wastewater American Rescue Plan Act grants program. This OWRB program has been structured to provide communities and other eligible entities financial resources necessary to address water and wastewater infrastructure needs within their systems. Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$6.4 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.



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“We are grateful to Senator Bill Coleman and Representative Ty Burns for their continued support of our financial assistance programs,” said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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