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Seven Arkansas Communities Receive Water and Wastewater Project Funding

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Commission approved \$2,422,683.37 for water and wastewater projects serving more than 2,786 people in seven Arkansas communities on November 18, 2020. The projects are as follows:

- The **Beaver Dam Drainage District** in Greene and Randolph Counties received a \$1,030,000 loan from the Water Development Fund for restoration of the existing drainage system which benefits 15,120 acres of agricultural land in the two counties.
- The **City of Dover** in Pope County received a \$375,000 loan with principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. These project funds will be used to conduct a sanitary sewer evaluation survey of the existing collection system and to develop a prioritized plan for rehabilitation, repairs, and replacement of the system. This project will benefit 588 sewer customers.
- The **Wilburn Water Association** in Cleburne County received a \$403,532.37 grant from the Water Sewer & Solid Waste Fund to connect the Association’s water system to the Heber Springs Water System and decommission the Association’s existing water treatment plant. This project will benefit the Association’s 326 water customers.
- The **Wright-Pastoria Water Association** in Jefferson County received a \$356,460 loan from the Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to replace the existing water meters with an upgraded drive-by meter system. The new meters will log customer data in a more efficient manner and will reduce the operational costs of the Association. The Wright-Pastoria Water Association also received an increase in funding of \$64,650 on an existing loan. The customer base for the Association is 444.
- The **City of Turrell** in Crittenden County received a \$114,040 grant from the Water Sewer & Solid Waste Fund to replace outdated water meters, a master meter, and an ultrasonic meter on the force main for the City for Jericho. Turrell has approximately 186 sewer customers.
- The **City of Hampton** in Calhoun County received \$56,650 in additional funding on an existing loan. The customer base for the project is 568.
- The **City of Fifty-Six** in Stone County received \$22,351 in additional emergency funding. The City of Fifty-Six has a customer base of 230.

More information about the Natural Resource Division’s water and wastewater programs can be found at agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/ or by contacting Debby Dickson at debra.dickson@arkansas.gov or 501-682-0548 or Debra Banks at debra.banks@arkansas.gov or 501 682-0547.

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