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Over \$140 Million Provided for Arkansas Water and Wastewater Projects

LITTLE ROCK, AR – On September 28, 2022, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Commission approved \$140,928,167 for six water and wastewater projects serving more than 391,000 Arkansans. The projects are as follows:

- **Bayou Meto Water District**, Lonoke County, received a \$5,000,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act to install ten pumping stations. These stations will move water through underground pipes to non-riparian farms significantly reducing the use of groundwater.
- **White River Regional Irrigation District**, Prairie County, received a \$5,000,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act to build five county road crossings over a ten-mile canal segment currently under construction.
- **Beaver Water District**, Benton County, received a \$125,686,157 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to construct a 60-inch diameter pipeline providing water to a large pump station. The water customer base for this project is 380,000.
- **Horsehead Water Users Association**, Johnson County, received a \$2,507,150 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund to upgrade the water system. The customer base is 2,275.
- **The City of Monticello**, Drew County, received a \$2,300,880 loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to relocate the sewer collection system. The current customer base for this project is 9,174.

More information about the Natural Resource Division’s water and wastewater programs can be found at anrc.arkansas.gov/divisions/water-resources-development/ or by contacting Debby Dickson at debra.dickson@agriculture.arkansas.gov or 501-682-0548. Learn more about the Arkansas Department of Agriculture at agriculture.arkansas.gov/.

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