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Water Commission Approves \$14.8 Million in Cost-Share for Water Projects

BISMARCK, ND – At the North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) meeting chaired by Lieutenant Governor Tammy Miller today, the SWC approved \$14.8 million in cost-share requests. In total, there were fifteen projects approved for cost-share, including \$7,018,804 for the South Central Regional Water District’s service to Ashley project, and \$125,040 for pre-construction efforts related to Burleigh County Water Resource District’s Sibley Island Flood Protection Project.

“By dedicating significant state resources to supplement local investment, North Dakota continues to make major strides on regional water supply and flood protection projects that are critical to the long-term prosperity of our citizens, communities and economy,” Miller said. “We appreciate the hard work by local officials to develop these smart infrastructure projects and partner with the Legislature, State Water Commission and Department of Water Resources to see them to completion.”

The South Central Regional Water District project will connect the city of Ashley to regional service. In addition, the project includes new and upgraded booster stations, a 300,000-gallon ground storage reservoir, and 22 miles of water lines.

“Connection of North Dakota’s rural communities to regional systems continues to be a high priority of the Department and State Water Commission,” said Andrea Travnicek, ND Department of Water Resources Director. “South Central’s service to Ashley project is another great example, as it will not only reduce long-term costs through economies of scale, but also improves Ashley’s resiliency by providing a reliable, high quality water supply.”

Cost-share for Burleigh County’s Sibley Island Flood Protection Project will support final design and permitting costs. The Sibley Island project will ultimately include a grade raise on South Washington Street that will continue through Sibley Park, and tie into South 12th Street – among other project elements. This project will one day provide flood protection for approximately 80 rural residential properties that were affected by the 2011 flood event.

Since the beginning of the 2023-2025 biennium funding cycle, the State Water Commission has approved cost-share totaling over \$224 million for water supply, flood protection, and other general water management projects across the state.

The primary purpose of the Cost-Share Program is to assist local project sponsors with financial support for water development projects – making them more affordable to local constituents. The 10-member SWC consists of Gov. Doug Burgum as chairman, Ag. Commissioner Doug Goehring, and eight members appointed by the governor to serve six-year terms. For additional information, please visit www.dwr.nd.gov.

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