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\$5.6 MILLION FOR MORRIS COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT  
GETS FINAL O.K. FROM FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION;  
USERS IN MORRIS, GEARY & WABAUNSEE COUNTIES  
ON LINE FOR NEEDED WATER SYSTEM

WASHINGTON -- SENATORS BOB DOLE AND NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM (R-KS) TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL FOR BREAKTHROUGH FUNDING OF \$5.6 MILLION FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT #1. DOLE AND KASSEBAUM WERE NOTIFIED OF THE FINAL FMHA ACTION TODAY, CULMINATING A DECADE OF EFFORT BY AREA FARMERS, RANCHERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SECURE A SAFE AND RELIABLE SOURCE OF WATER FOR HUNDREDS OF WATER USERS IN A THREE COUNTY AREA.

THE FUNDING SOUGHT BY DOLE AND KASSEBAUM WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE FMHA AND AREA USERS, AND WILL ALLOW THE WATER DISTRICT TO INSTALL A CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM, LAYING 240 OF MILES OF WATER LINE TO AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN IN CRITICAL NEED OF FRESH WATER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

"I'M PLEASED THAT FMHA HAS AGREED WITH US TO OFFICIALLY TURN ON THE FUNDING TAP THAT WILL FINALLY BRING A FRESH AND SAFE SOURCE OF WATER TO AREA FARMERS AND RANCHERS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES -- SOME OF WHOM HAVE BEEN HAULING WATER BY TRUCK DAILY," DOLE SAID. "NOW THESE INDIVIDUALS AND PARTICIPATING TOWNS WILL BE ABLE TO RELY ON A NEW PIPELINE SYSTEM TO BRING THE WATER THAT THEY NEED DIRECTLY TO THEM. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE PERSISTENCE OF FOLKS THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND OUR SENATE DELEGATION HAS PAID OFF TO MAKE THIS LONG-AWAITED PROJECT A REALITY."

THE WATER SYSTEM, WILL BE FINANCED BY A COMBINATION OF GRANT, LOAN AND LOCAL MATCHING MONEY -- \$2,332,300 (low-interest loan); \$3,076,300 (GRANT); AND \$192,500 LOCAL USER MATCH. AT LEAST 350 INDIVIDUAL USERS IN MORRIS, GEARY, WABAUNSEE COUNTIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION, THE CITIES OF ALTA VISTA AND DWIGHT WILL PARTICIPATE, AND WHITE CITY HAS ALSO INDICATED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING.

DOLE AND KASSEBAUM, WHO ANNOUNCED THE FMHA'S INITIAL APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT ON JULY 29TH, INTERVENED WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE THE FUNDING. THE KANSAS SENATORS ALSO WORKED CLOSELY WITH MEMBERS OF THE MORRIS COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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