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There's still time to make your reservation for the First District picnic:

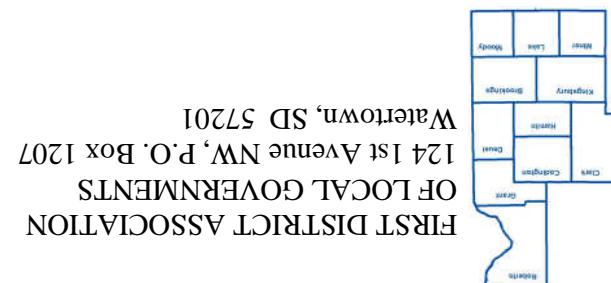
- ⇒ **Thursday, July 31st**
- ⇒ **Memorial Park, Lake Kampeska**
- ⇒ **Eat at approximately 5:45 p.m.**

CALL: 1-800-981-9092



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FIRST DISTRICT NEWS

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First District wins “2008 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award”

First District received notification that it was awarded a 2008 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award, a program of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) RPO America and the NADO Research Foundation's Center for Transportation Advancement and Regional Development.

This year, 34 projects from across the nation were selected to receive the award. The award was for the SD Highway 34 economic impact study.

The study focused on the following economic benefits:

- * Increase in Income and Wealth
- * Construction Spending
- * Impact on Retail
- * Employment
- * Personal Income / Wages
- * Property Values
- * Business Sales Volume
- * Value-Added Benefits
- * Tourism
- * Pull Factors—Retail
- * Pull Factors—Total Taxable
- * Benefit-Cost Ratio



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Grant Funds Awarded

Grantee	Project Applications Approved	Award
City of Clark	Small Community Planning Grant—Water System Study	\$6,000
City of Clark	Small Community Planning Grant—Wastewater System Study	\$8,000
Roberts County	Solid Waste Grant—Landfill Improvements	\$215,000
Town of Summit	Small Community Planning Grant—Wastewater System Study	\$8,000
City of Madison	Solid Waste Grant—Purchase of Recycling Equipment	\$92,500
Big Sioux Community Water System	Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program Grant—Water Treatment System Improvements	\$200,000
Iroquois Fire Dept.	Assistance for Firefighters Grant—Fire Equipment	\$69,784

Application Deadlines...

SD DENR Water & Wastewater Programs

The State Water Facilities Plan (SWFP) is an annual listing of potential water and wastewater projects. The SD Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR) compiles the list of projects that will be applying for grant and loan funds in the near future. The SWFP includes projects such as rural, municipal, and industrial water supply, wastewater facilities, storm sewers, and watershed restoration. The application deadlines for placement on the SWFP are February 1, May 1, August 1, and October 1. Placement on the SWFP provides no guarantee of funding.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program (CWFCP) was established to provide grants and loans for water and wastewater projects. A project must be listed on the SWFP at least three months prior to applying for CWFCP funding. Applications must be postmarked or received on or before January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

The Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Fund Programs were established to provide low interest loans to governmental entities for drinking water, clean water, and non-point source pollution control projects. The project must be on the SWFP prior to submitting the loan funding application. Applications must be postmarked or received on or before January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

If your community is considering a water or wastewater project, please contact Greg Maag or Ted Haeder for assistance.

First District wins Award

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- * Construction, Maintenance and Operations Spending
- * User Benefits
 - * Time, Cost, Safety
- * Growth of Economic Activity
 - * Sales, Jobs, Wages, Value-Added
- * Overall Growth of Economic Activity
 - * Includes “Multiplier Effects”
- * Land Development
 - * Land Use, Property Values
- * Fiscal Impacts
 - * Government Revenues and Costs
- * Environmental and Quality of Life Impacts

In addition, we considered non-economic impacts:

- * Safety
- * Quality of Life
- * Convenience
- * Community Pride
- * Comfort
- * Reliability



SDHDA Rate Change

Effective immediately, the initial interest rate for South Dakota Housing Development’s Step-Rate Option will be 4.50% with an ending rate of 6.50%. The interest rate for the Fixed Rate Option will be 5.50%, and the Fixed Rate Plus Option will be 6.00%. Please call SDHDA at 605-773-5157 with any questions.

Moody County to get FEMA Aid

◆ Cost-sharing funds could total \$100K

The presidential disaster declaration for 27 South Dakota counties and three American Indian reservations could soon be bringing dollars to Moody County—about \$100,000—with \$75,000 coming from the federal government, \$15,000 from state funds, and \$10,000 from local government.

Dennis Lowery, a public information officer with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the dollars were earmarked for “infrastructure—roads, bridges, culverts.” He stressed that the funds would not be disbursed to individuals.

The disaster declaration was issued July 9 and came in the aftermath of some areas of South Dakota being hit hard by severe storms and flooding during the period of June 2 through June 12.

SOURCE: *The Brookings Register*, Saturday, July 19, 2008)

DISTRICT VI DIRECTOR RETIRES

The Director of the Black Hills Council of Local Governments retired after 32 years in the post. Van has been a professional mentor to all of the districts. While the Black Hills is often thought of as a homogeneous region, the area actually has a diverse economy and the same set of development challenges as East River.

Van’s career made a difference in the area he served, and we wish him the best.