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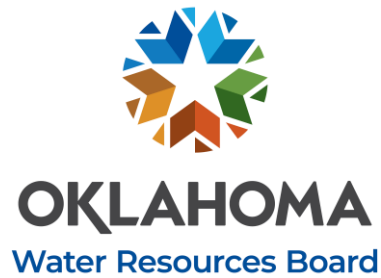
Pawhuska Public Works Authority receives \$962,500 wastewater system loan from OWRB

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Pawhuska Public Works Authority (Authority) received approval for a \$962,500 loan Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s wastewater infrastructure. Construction of upgrades and improvements to the wastewater system will be financed by the Oklahoma Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) where \$470,889 will be in the form of loan forgiveness.

The Authority will utilize the proceeds to rehabilitate both the Main and 8th Street lift stations by replacing pumps, pipe, controls, and adding a backup power supply. These improvements will address inflow and infiltration into the sewer collection system thereby reducing unintended flows to the wastewater treatment facility and preventing unpermitted discharges from wet weather.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the Authority’s customers will save an estimated \$696,900 compared to traditional financing.

The CWSRF program is administered by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board with partial funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The CWSRF program has provided approximately \$2.2 billion in water quality loans to provide communities the resources necessary to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources statewide.



Since 1983, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board has approved over \$5.9 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

“We are grateful to State Senator Bill Coleman, Representative Sean Roberts, and Representative Ken Luttrell for their support of our financial assistance programs,” said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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