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Cutline: From left: House Speaker Charles McCall, Senator Roger Tompson, Representative Josh Cantrel, Secretary of Energy and Environment Ken McQueen, OWRB chairman Matt Muller, Representative Gerrid Kendrix and Representative Marilyn Stark were in attendance Tuesday as the Oklahoma Water Resources Board approved several ARPA grants. Additional ARPA grants are expected to be approved in the months that follow.

Immediate Release:



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Lone Grove Water & Sewer Trust Authority receives \$350,764 grant for system improvements

OKLAHOMA CITY –The Lone Grove Water & Sewer Trust Authority (Authority) received approval for \$350,764 in funding Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s water infrastructure. Construction of upgrades and improvements to the water system will be financed by the Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant program along with \$336,733 in Chickasaw Tribal matching funds, \$2,400,000 from Department of Commerce Economic Adjustment Assistance, \$635,000 from Indian Health Services (IHS), and 397,542.56 in local funds.

The Authority will utilize the proceeds to construct a new water well, purchase a backup generator for their largest well, construct a 400,000-gallon water storage tank, and for line replacement. The improvements will increase the storage capacity of the system and line pressure for existing users, while allowing for future growth.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB’s Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the Authority’s customers will save an estimated \$530,500.00 compared to traditional financing.

The ARPA grant program is administered by the OWRB with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriated through Senate Bill 4 for the Water and Wastewater American Rescue Plan Act grants program. This OWRB program has been structured to provide communities and other eligible entities financial resources necessary to address water and wastewater infrastructure needs within their systems. Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$6.2 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

“We are grateful to State Senator Jerry Alvord and State Representative Josh Cantrell for their continued support of our financial assistance programs,” said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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