



OKLAHOMA

Water Resources Board

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Gore Public Works Authority receives \$150,000 grant for water system improvements

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Gore Public Works Authority (Authority) in Sequoyah County received approval for a \$150,000 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grant Tuesday through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority’s water infrastructure.

The Authority will use the proceeds to construct a new 12” water line to provide treated water from the water treatment plant to the storage tanks. The estimated cost of the project is \$170,000 which will be funded by this grant and \$20,000 of local funds.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the grant will save the Authority’s customers \$244,800 in principal and interest charges by not having to borrow the project funds. 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 Senator Tom Woods and Representative Jim Olsen for their continued support of water and wastewater infrastructure funding in Oklahoma,” said Julie Cunningham, OWRB Executive Director.

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