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## Jet Utilities Authority receives \$148,828.12 grant for water system improvements

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Jet Utilities Authority (Authority) in Alfalfa County received approval for a \$148,828.12 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grant Tuesday through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority's water infrastructure.

The Authority sells water to the town of Goltry and will use these proceeds to upgrade and upsize their system. The proposed project will replace approximately 5,600 linear feet of 6" water line, existing gate valves, and water meters. The total estimated cost of the project is \$148,828.12 which will be funded by this OWRB REAP grant.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the grant will save the Authority's customers \$238,700 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 Roland Pederson and Representative Carl Newton for their continued support of water and wastewater infrastructure funding in Oklahoma," said Julie Cunningham, OWRB Executive Director.

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