

ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
November 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) was held in person and via Zoom on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 9:04 a.m. at the Department of Agriculture, 1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Chairman Will Brewer, Vice Chairman Eddie Glover, Commissioner Neal Anderson, Commissioner Bruce Leggitt, Commissioner William Anderson, Commissioner JoAnne Bush, Commissioner Jamie Burr, Commissioner Roy Reaves, and Commissioner Bill Poynter.

Staff members in attendance included: Chris Colclasure, Director; Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director; Gaylon Stanfield, Network Support Analyst; Robert Claxton, Computer Support Analyst; Matthew Brooks, Megan Perkins, Conservation Program Coordinator; Mary Elizabeth Lea, Agriculture Program Specialist; Blake Forrest, Groundwater Geology Supervisor; Tate Wentz, Water Quality Section Manager; Whit Montague, Dam Safety Supervisor; Jay Whisker, State Water Engineer Supervisor; Inoussa Zaki, Chief Fiscal Officer and Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture and others attending virtually.

A list of guests is attached to the minutes.

Chairman Brewer called the ANRC meeting to order, and roll was called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 20, 2023

Upon motion by Mr. Neal Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bill Poynter, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2023.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2024: Commissioner Neal Anderson recommended the 2024 chairman and vice-chairman be chosen, as customarily done, which is the current vice-chairman moves into the chairman position, and for the senior commissioner under the current vice-chairman, to move the vice-chairman position. Chairman Brewer asked for a motion to be made for Commissioner Eddie Glover to become the chairman and Commissioner Jamie Burr to become vice-chairman during the calendar year of 2024.

Upon motion by Mr. William Anderson, seconded by Mr. Roy Reaves, the Commission unanimously approved the nominating committee.

ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2024: Meeting dates were presented for the upcoming year and no objections were made to the following dates: January 17, 2024, February 28, 2024, May 15, 2024, July 17, 2024, September 18, 2024, and November 20, 2024. March meeting was moved to February to coincide with the AACD meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Neal Anderson, seconded by Mr. Eddie Glover, the Commission unanimously approved the schedule of dates for 2024.

WATER PROVIDER RULE AMENDMENT: Jay Whisker, State Water Engineer Supervisor with the Water Management section at NRD presented amendments to the Water Provider rule.

Upon motion by Mr. Eddie Glover, seconded by Mr. Jamie Burr, the Commission unanimously approved the amendments to the Water Provider rule.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SECTION

Upon motion by Mr. Roy Reaves, seconded by Mr. Jamie Burr, the Commission unanimously approved the following staff recommendations for financial assistance and increased in financial assistance.

Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director of NRD presented staff recommendations for the referenced project below requesting financial assistance and change in funding from Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF), Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF); Water Development Fund (WDF) and Water Sewer and Solid Waste Fund (WSSW).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

City of Bryant		\$1,871,358.00	
Springhill Gravity Sewer Main Upsize & Reroute			
Total Project Cost	\$2,371,358.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$1,871,358.00	Median Household Income	\$76,965
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	26.22%
Initial RBF	0.60%	Population Served	20,399
Final RBF	0.60%	County	Saline

Project Description:

The proposed project involves rerouting the discharge of the eight-inch Springhill force main from its discharge point on the ten-inch sewer line to a manhole on the trunkline immediately before the sewer is conveyed south beneath I-30. The project is intended to reroute the wastewater flows with a new twelve-inch sewer line. This will remove a large amount of wastewater flows and create available capacity in the critical sections of the ten-inch gravity sewer line and the fifteen-inch trunkline. The City of Bryant is contributing \$500,000 towards this project.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$1,871,358.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Bryant from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$187,135.80 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Clarendon		\$9,942,800.00	
Sewer System Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$9,942,800.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$2,485,700.00	Median Household Income	\$25,685
Principal Forgiveness	\$7,457,100.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	61.09%
Initial RBF	0.73%	Population Served	666
Final RBF	2.03%	County	Monroe

Project Description:

The proposed project will replace the existing sewer system collection system with a new sewer system including 50,000 linear feet of eight-inch PVC pipe and 2,500 linear feet of four-inch sewer PVC force main. It will also include system testing, cleanup, restoration, gravel backfill, pavement repairs, and dewatering by well point.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$2,485,700.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$7,457,100.00 to the City of Clarendon from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$994,280.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Clinton		\$5,472,225.00	
Wastewater Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$7,472,225.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$5,472,225.00	Median Household Income	\$38,977
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.71%
Initial RBF	1.18%	Population Served	2,509
Final RBF	2.96%	County	Van Buren

Project Description:

The proposed project will include rerouting the Archey Fork Sewer Line, SSES, design and pipeline rehabilitation, clay pipe replacement by pipe bursting, pump station rehabilitation, and force main rehabilitation. The City of Clinton will investing \$2 million into this project via bond issuance.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$5,472,225.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Clinton from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$547,222.50 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of England		\$4,265,260.00	
Sewer Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$4,265,260.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$4,265,260.00	Median Household Income	\$39,853
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	57.22%
Initial RBF	0.61%	Population Served	2,477
Final RBF	1.80%	County	Lonoke

Project Description:

The proposed project will replace the old sewer mains with plastic pipe using the pipe bursting method. New sewer lines will be installed into the City's street right of ways.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$4,265,260.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of England from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$426,526.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Huntsville		\$32,600,000.00	
Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion			
Total Project Cost	\$32,600,000.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$32,600,000.00	Median Household Income	\$47,202

Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	66.81%
Initial RBF	0.60%	Population Served	3,300
Final RBF	1.63%	County	Madison

Project Description:

The proposed project is to upgrade the aging wastewater treatment plant, it is need of updates, repairs, and modification to every aspect of the treatment facility. The recent NPDES permit renewal requires the monitoring for sulfates, chlorides, and total dissolved solids. The project will allow for a new treatment process with a smaller structure footprint to replace the existing treatment plant.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$32,600,000.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Huntsville from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$3,260,000.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Judsonia		\$2,728,210.00	
Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation			
Total Project Cost	\$2,728,210.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$2,728,210.00	Median Household Income	\$37,966
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	54.65%
Initial RBF	1.50%	Population Served	1,854
Final RBF	1.50%	County	White

Project Description:

The proposed project will include levee construction, Cells 1-3 aeration, lagoon baffles, telescoping valve assembly, influent box adjustments, yard piping, electrical, and rip-rap levee protection. The will satisfy CAO LIS 16-035 and will allow compliance with their permit.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$2,728,210.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Judsonia Water & Sewer from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$272,821.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Lincoln		\$1,425,000.00	
Phase I Sewer Rehabilitation			
Total Project Cost	\$1,900,000.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$1,425,000.00	Median Household Income	\$33,618
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	62.56%
Initial RBF	1.27%	Population Served	2,306
Final RBF	2.2%	County	Washington

Project Description:

The proposed project will take place in the southwest portion of the City's collection system. It will include rehabilitation of 7,200 feet of existing six- and eight-inch gravity sewer mains. The City of Lincoln is contributing \$189,715 and they received \$285,285 in Community Development Building Grant (CDGB) from AEDC.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$1,425,000.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Lincoln from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$142,500.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Mayflower		\$12,440,375.00	
Sewer System Regionalization with Conway Corporation			
Total Project Cost	\$12,440,375.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$12,440,375.00	Median Household Income	\$64,375
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	41.77%
Initial RBF	0.54%	Population Served	8,197
Final RBF	1.67%	County	Faulkner

Project Description:

The proposed project will allow Mayflower to regionalize its wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) with Conway Corporation's Tupelo Bayou WWTP. The future pump station will tie into the proposed force main. The WWTP will be decommissioned, and lagoons repurposed as equalization storage.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$12,440,375.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Mayflower from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$1,244,037.50 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Smackover		\$1,697,933.00	
Lift Station Improvements and Aerators			
Total Project Cost	\$1,697,933.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$1,697,933.00	Median Household Income	\$41,756
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	53.34%
Initial RBF	0.68%	Population Served	1,155
Final RBF	1.19%	County	Union

Project Description:

The proposed project will rehabilitate one lift station, the addition of three new aerators in two lagoons, new electrical service, and disinfection rehabilitation.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$1,697,933.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Smackover from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$169,793.30 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Stephens		\$1,333,344.00	
Wastewater System Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$1,333,344.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$359,985.85	Median Household Income	\$31,111
Principal Forgiveness	\$973,358.15	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	51.98%
Initial RBF	1.37%	Population Served	770
Final RBF	3.16%	County	Ouachita

Project Description:

The proposed project will replace the existing wastewater collection system with approximately 7,000 feet of eight-inch sewer mains and associated appurtenances.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$359,985.85 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$973,358.15 to the City of Stephens from the Clean Water

State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$133,334.40 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

El Dorado Rural PWA		\$694,723.00	
Parnell Road Force Main Extension & Misc. Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$694,723.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$173,680.75	Median Household Income	\$35,682
Principal Forgiveness	\$521,042.25	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	49.02%
Initial RBF	2.46%	Population Served	1,070
Final RBF	3.31%	County	Union

Project Description:

The proposed project will extend the system along Parnell Road, adding bypass lines around the existing master meters, and replacing fifty grinder pumps. In addition they will add bypass lines to the City of El Dorado's master meter this will allow meter calibration and replacement.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$173,680.75 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$521,042.25 to the El Dorado Rural PWA from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$69,472.30 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District No.1		\$838,704.00	
Ultraviolet Disinfection Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$838,704.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$838,704.00	Median Household Income	\$53,366
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	36.80%
Initial RBF	0.54%	Population Served	2,533
Final RBF	0.84%	County	Carroll

Project Description:

The proposed project will consist of installing the ultraviolet disinfection equipment and all related yard piping, connections, and appurtenances. The current wastewater treatment plant cannot meet

ADEQ's Total Residual Chlorine limits that were revised in 2022. The upgrade to a UV system will allow them to remain in compliance with their NPDES permit.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$838,704.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District No.1 from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$83,870.40 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Lost Bridge Village Sewer & Improvement District #1 & #2		\$932,308.00	
Pump Station Replacement			
Total Project Cost	\$932,308.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$233,077.00	Median Household Income	\$63,025
Principal Forgiveness	\$699,231.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.95%
Initial RBF	1.28%	Population Served	576
Final RBF	1.89%	County	Benton

Project Description:

The proposed project will replace the three main pumps in the wastewater treatment plant. This will allow the plant to operate without continual maintenance and is the more economical long term solution.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$233,077.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$699,231.00 to the Lost Bridge Village Sewer & Improvement District #1 & #2 from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$93,230.80 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Bald Knob North WPFB		\$1,199,701.00	
Water Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$1,199,701.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$299,925.25	Median Household Income	\$41,023
Principal Forgiveness	\$899,775.75	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	54.48%

Initial RBF	1.52%	Population Served	1,728
Final RBF	1.92%	County	White

Project Description:

The proposed project will include replacing the main booster station equipment with a 60-horsepower vertical multi-stage centrifugal pump station. The current station is at capacity and expansion is required to meet demand. It will also add satellite leak detection capability to the system.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$299,925.25 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$899,775.75 to the Bald Knob North WPFB from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$119,970.10 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Bee Branch Public Water Authority		\$3,496,485.00	
System Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$3,496,485.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$874,121.25	Median Household Income	\$54,856
Principal Forgiveness	\$2,622,363.75	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.61%
Initial RBF	1.30%	Population Served	2,137
Final RBF	1.99%	County	Faulkner

Project Description:

The proposed project includes three waterline replacement projects: 8,000 linear feet of three-inch waterline along Clella Road, 13,200 linear feet of two-inch waterline along Harris Road, and 2,700 linear feet of waterline along Niagra Road. There will also be satellite leak detection capability added, SCADA updates, tank rehabilitation, and replacement of 1,425 meters.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$874,121.25 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$2,622,363.75 to the Bee Branch Public Water Association from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$349,648.50 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Caldwell	\$181,521.02
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Meter Replacement			
Total Project Cost	\$176,234.00	Program Funding	WDF
Loan	\$181,521.02	Median Household Income	\$40,972
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.20%
Initial RBF	0.86%	Population Served	455
Final RBF	1.37%	County	St. Francis

Project Description:

The proposed project is to replace the aged and dysfunctional water meters with Smart Water meters. The majority of water meters are over 30 years old and water loss in the system has been as high as 70%. This project will allow for more efficient operation and allow the municipality to maintain the lowest possible rates for its customers.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$181,521.02 (including a 3% issuance fee of \$5,287.02) and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Caldwell Waterworks from the Water Development Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$17,623.40 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Cedarville Waterworks PFB of Crawford County		\$723,194.00	
Oakridge Extension			
Total Project Cost	\$723,194.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$723,194.00	Median Household Income	\$46,491
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	39.71%
Initial RBF	1.68%	Population Served	8,795
Final RBF	1.85%	County	Crawford

Project Description:

The proposed project is to provide domestic water to citizens of Cedarville that currently receive their water via wells and or water trucks.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$723,194.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the Cedarville Waterworks PFB of Crawford County from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$72,319.40 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission

chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Alma		\$6,206,000.00	
Water Treatment Plant Manganese Removal Emerging Contaminant Project			
Total Project Cost	\$6,206,000.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$0.00	Median Household Income	\$38,292
Emerging Contaminant Principal Forgiveness	\$6,206,000.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.22%
Initial RBF	1.14%	Population Served	5,825
Final RBF	1.14%	County	Crawford

Project Description:

The proposed project will add new high-rate water filters to the existing water treatment plant. They will provide an additional treatment step to further remove high manganese levels.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$0.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$6,206,000.00 to the City of Alma from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$620,600.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Altheimer		\$415,399.00	
Lead Service Line Replacement Project			
Total Project Cost	\$415,399.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$207,699.50	Median Household Income	\$25,941
Lead Service Line Principal Forgiveness	\$207,699.50	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	39.79%
Initial RBF	1.16%	Population Served	696
Final RBF	2.36%	County	Jefferson

Project Description:

The proposed project is to replace two hundred lead service lines. This will help improve water quality and reduce water loss from leaking service connections.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$207,699.50 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$207,699.50 to the City of Altheimer from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$41,539.90 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Gillett		\$1,260,000.00	
New 100,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank			
Total Project Cost	\$1,260,000.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$630,000.00	Median Household Income	\$46,493
Principal Forgiveness	\$630,000.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	35.29%
Initial RBF	0.76%	Population Served	585
Final RBF	1.60%	County	Arkansas

Project Description:

The proposed project will be constructing a new 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank. The existing 50,000-gallon tank is need of maintenance and does not meet the storage capacity for average daily consumption and has reached the end of its useful life. The new tank will greatly improve the redundancy & reliability of the system.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$630,000.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$630,000.00 to the City of Gillett from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$126,000.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Holly Grove		\$510,012.00	
Water Tank and Plant Buildings Modifications			
Total Project Cost	\$510,012.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$127,503.00	Median Household Income	\$40,959
Principal Forgiveness	\$382,509.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	58.52%
Initial RBF	1.02%	Population Served	1,010
Final RBF	1.61%	County	Monroe

Project Description:

The proposed project will repair, repaint, and provide lead abatement for the 100,000 gallon elevated storage tank located at 2nd Street and Beech Street. They will replace the doors of the plant building located on Water Plant Road.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$127,503.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$382,509.00 to the City of Holly Grove from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$51,001.20 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Humphrey		\$1,113,083.00	
Water System Rehabilitation			
Total Project Cost	\$1,463,083.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$556,541.50	Median Household Income	\$43,928
Principal Forgiveness	\$556,541.50	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	31.63%
Initial RBF	0.76%	Population Served	479
Final RBF	1.50%	County	Jefferson

Project Description:

The proposed project will consist of installing 9,500 linear feet of two-inch waterline, 4,800 linear feet of six-inch waterline, and appurtenances. Lead service lines will be inventoried and replaced during construction. The City of Humphrey has allocated \$350,000 in funding for this project.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$556,541.50 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$556,541.50 to the City of Humphrey from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$111,308.30 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Monette		\$1,534,164.00	
Water System Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$1,534,164.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$1,150,623.00	Median Household Income	\$43,131
Principal Forgiveness	\$383,541.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	33.11%
Initial RBF	0.72%	Population Served	1,506
Final RBF	1.50%	County	Craighead

Project Description:

The proposed project will include the installation of a new water supply well and improvements at the water treatment plant. The major water treatment plant improvements include replacing the media in the pressure filters, replacing the high service pump, constructing a new chemical feed building, and installing telemetry for the water system. In addition, the project would include the installation of an emergency generator and automatic transfer switch at the water treatment plant.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$1,150,623.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$383,541.00 to the City of Monette from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$153,416.40 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Prescott		\$3,397,405.00	
Water Intake Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$3,397,405.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$3,047,705.75	Median Household Income	\$35,050
Principal Forgiveness	\$349,699.25	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	69.59%
Initial RBF	1.15%	Population Served	3,101
Final RBF	2.48%	County	Nevada

Project Description:

The proposed project is to replace the existing intake structure and intake pipes, replace approximately 650 feet of 24-inch intake piping, install 175 feet of discharge piping, and installing new piping in the river. It will include replacing the intake structure with a new elevated electrical platform and gravel foundation.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$3,047,705.75 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$349,699.25 to the City of Prescott from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$339,740.50 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Ratcliff		\$1,595,689.00	
Asbestos Cement Main Replacement			

Total Project Cost	\$1,595,689.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$1,595,689.00	Median Household Income	\$35,891
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	32.43%
Initial RBF	1.15%	Population Served	317
Final RBF	1.87%	County	Logan

Project Description:

The proposed project will replace approximately three miles of six-inch asbestos cement main pipe with lead joints and services along Logan County's State Highway 22.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$1,595,689.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Ratcliff from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$159,568.90 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Clinton		\$6,416,494.00	
Water Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$6,416,494.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$6,416,494.00	Median Household Income	\$38,977
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.71%
Initial RBF	1.46%	Population Served	2,509
Final RBF	1.53%	County	Van Buren

Project Description:

The proposed project will improve the filtering of water treatment residuals, treatment plant filter media replacement, the Ark Kraft/million-gallon tank needs to be taken out of commission to repair a crack in the floor, and rehabilitation of the Clinton Miller and Pole Yard tanks.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$6,416,494.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Clinton from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$641,649.40 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Conway County RWDD		\$8,450,045.00	
24" Raw Waterline & Water Filter #6			
Total Project Cost	\$8,450,045.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$8,450,045.00	Median Household Income	\$42,818
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	39.62%
Initial RBF	0.57%	Population Served	21,260
Final RBF	0.67%	County	Conway

Project Description:

The proposed project is the installation of a 24" raw waterline running from Johnny Walker Road five miles south to CCRWDD water plant. An additional filter will be installed to treat the water.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$8,450,045.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the Conway County RWDD from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$845,004.50 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Grand Prairie Regional Water Distribution District		\$2,832,868.00	
Water System Consolidation - Humnoke			
Total Project Cost	\$2,832,868.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$716,041.00	Median Household Income	\$33,500
Principal Forgiveness	\$2,116,827.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	62.22%
Initial RBF	1.75%	Population Served	181
Final RBF	2.84%	County	Arkansas

Project Description:

The proposed project is the regionalization of the Humnoke water system with Grand Prairie Regional Water Distribution District. It will replace all service connections to the existing system, gate valves, fire hydrants, air release valves, meters, etc.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$716,041.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$2,116,827.00 to the Grand Prairie Regional Water Distribution District from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$283,286.80 without returning to the commission for approval. Such

increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

North Garland County RWD		\$17,945,215.00	
Water Treatment Plant, Storage Tank, and Transmission Line			
Total Project Cost	\$17,945,215.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$13,458,911.25	Median Household Income	\$49,985
Principal Forgiveness	\$4,486,303.75	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.11%
Initial RBF	1.12%	Population Served	3,219
Final RBF	1.45%	County	Garland

Project Description:

The proposed project will expand the existing water treatment plant to 6.0 MGD by adding a clarifier, filters, raw water pump, line, and finished water pumping equipment. New transmission lines will be constructed between Tank 7 & 10 and Tank 7 and Highway 7. A new 500,000-gallon storage tank will be constructed to serve the Highway 7 and Fountain Lake area.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$13,458,911.25 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$4,486,303.75 to the North Garland County RWD from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$1,794,521.50 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Saline Regional Public Water Authority		\$125,000,000.00	
Ouachita River Water System Regionalization			
Total Project Cost	\$175,000,000.00	Program Funding	DWSRF
Loan	\$125,000,000.00	Median Household Income	\$68,605
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	*%
Initial RBF	*%	Population Served	99,918
Final RBF	*%	County	Saline

Project Description:

The proposed project is a wholesale water system regionalization with the water purveyors in Saline County. Saline County and the members are contribution \$50,000,000 towards this project.

Grange Calamine Water Association		\$1,144,334.12	
Water Solar Array Project			

Total Project Cost	\$1,111,004.00	Program Funding	WDF
Loan	\$1,144,334.12	Median Household Income	\$34,651
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	48.46%
Initial RBF	1.67%	Population Served	1,218
Final RBF	1.76%	County	Sharp

Project Description:

The proposed project is to install a solar array that will reduce the electrical cost to the association and will them to benefit from a net metering system.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$1,144,334.12 (including a 3% issuance fee of \$33,330.12) and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the Grange Calamine Water Association from the Water Development Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$111,100.40 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Parthenon Water Association		\$65,920.00	
Water Tank Rehabilitation			
Total Project Cost	\$64,000.00	Program Funding	WDF
Loan	\$65,920.00	Median Household Income	\$42,817
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	45.90%
Initial RBF	1.40%	Population Served	759
Final RBF	2.23%	County	Newton

Project Description:

The proposed project is to abrasive blast and recoat the 12'x30' ground storage water tank and installation of a water quality mixer.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$65,920.00 (including a 3% issuance fee of \$1,920.00) and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the Parthenon Water Association from the Water Development Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$6,400.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Wildwood Water Association			\$792,814.69
Water System Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$769,723.00	Program Funding	WDF
Loan	\$792,814.69	Median Household Income	\$44,652
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.24%
Initial RBF	0.82%	Population Served	580
Final RBF	1.44%	County	Union

Project Description:

The proposed project will include replacing approximately 10,500 feet of six-inch water mains, SCADA, and associated appurtenances.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$792,814.69 (including a 3% issuance fee of \$23,091.69) and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the Wildwood Water Association from the Water Development Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$76,972.30 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Arkansas City			\$2,686,186.00
Drainage Improvements			
Total Project Cost	\$2,686,186.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$2,686,186.00	Median Household Income	\$34,239
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.19%
Initial RBF	0.60%	Population Served	366
Final RBF	6.66%	County	Desha

Project Description:

The proposed project will mitigate chronic and reoccurring flooding in Arkansas City. This will include the installation two 36" backwater check valves, three storm water lift stations and force mains to pump the drainage over the Mississippi River Levee, install backwater flap valves to prevent Chicot Bayou from backing up into and flooding the city, and clearing vegetation from drainage ditches to allow for adequate drainage.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$2,686,186.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Arkansas City from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the

commission funding amount \$268,618.60 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Kensett		\$439,849.14	
Wastewater Treatment Plant Levee Repair			
Total Project Cost	\$427,038.00	Program Funding	WSSW
Loan	\$439,849.14	Median Household Income	\$24,607
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	69.13%
Initial RBF	1.55%	Population Served	1,600
Final RBF	1.55%	County	White

Project Description:

The proposed project is for levee repair and modification for the wastewater treatment facility, located of Northeast 4th Street. In June of 2021, the levee of the WWTP was breached from the underground burying of nutria.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$439,849.14 (including a 3% issuance fee of \$12,811.14) and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City of Kensett from the Water, Sewer, & Solid Waste Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$42,703.80 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

City of Russellville		\$46,350.00	
Mobile Hydration Station			
Total Project Cost	\$45,000.00	Program Funding	WSSW
Loan	\$46,350.00	Median Household Income	\$38,908
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	47.53%
Initial RBF	0.12%	Population Served	30,000
Final RBF	0.12%	County	Pope

Project Description:

The mobile hydration station we envision is a fully equipped, self-contained unit that will travel throughout the community, providing clean and purified drinking water to residents in need. This innovative solution aims to address the current challenges faced by our homeless community, including limited access to safe drinking water. With a capacity of up to 350 gallons (4400 10-ounce servings) and chilled to 40 degrees F, this trailer will feature multiple fill fountains accessible

on multiple sides. Our mobile unit will also be utilized especially during emergencies or public events.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$46,350.00 (including a 3% issuance fee of \$1,350.00) and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the City Corporation from the Water, Sewer, & Solid Waste Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$4,500.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Wildwood Water Association		\$1,048,766.60	
Elevated Storage Tank			
Total Project Cost	\$1,018,220.00	Program Funding	WSSW
Loan	\$1,048,766.60	Median Household Income	\$44,652
Principal Forgiveness	\$0.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	40.24%
Initial RBF	0.82%	Population Served	580
Final RBF	1.37%	County	Union

Project Description:

The proposed project will include furnishing and installing a new 50,000-gallon elevated storage tank, SCADA, and associated appurtenances.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$1,048,766.60 (including a 3% issuance fee of \$30,546.60) and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$0.00 to the Wildwood Water Association from the Water, Sewer, & Solid Waste Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Authorize the executive director of the commission division the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount \$101,822.00 without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Arkansas Environmental Training Academy (AETA)		\$122,922.00	
Act 605 Training Program			
Total Project Cost	\$272,922.00	Program Funding	WDF
Loan	\$0.00	Median Household Income	\$0
Grant	\$122,922.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	*%
Initial RBF	*%	Population Served	0

Final RBF	*%	County	Various
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Project Description:

This program educates water and wastewater operators on Act 605 and its requirements. AETA was previously funded with \$150,000 in grant funds. This request for an increase in funding will allow this training program to continue.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$0.00 and grant in an amount up to \$122,922.00 to the Arkansas Environmental Training Academy from the Water Development Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

Illinois River Watershed Partnership		\$100,000.00	
Septic Tank Remediation Program			
Total Project Cost	\$381,885.25	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$0.00	Median Household Income	\$0
Principal Forgiveness	\$100,000.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	*%
Initial RBF	*%	Population Served	0
Final RBF	*%	County	Various

Project Description:

The project allows landowners who own failing septic tanks to receive financial assistance with either repair or replacement of their septic tanks. This program was previously funded with a loan with principal forgiveness of \$281,885.25, this increase will allow this program to continue.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$0.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$100,000.00 to the Illinois River Watershed Partnership from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

H2Ozarks		\$500,000.00	
Septic Tank Remediation Program			
Total Project Cost	\$1,500,000.00	Program Funding	CWSRF
Loan	\$0.00	Median Household Income	\$0
Principal Forgiveness	\$500,000.00	Low to Moderate Income Percentage	*%
Initial RBF	*%	Population Served	0
Final RBF	*%	County	Various

Project Description:

The project allows landowners who own failing septic tanks to receive financial assistance with either repair or replacement of their septic tanks. This program was initially funded with a loan with principal forgiveness in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Commission approve a loan in an amount up to \$0.00 and a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$500,000.00 to the H2Ozarks from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. If approved, the executive director will establish any necessary terms and conditions.

DE-OBLIGATION OF FUNDS:

Recipient	Agreement #	Commission Date	Amount Approved (Up to)	Amount De-Obligated	Fund	Comments
City of Bearden	0250-APRA-G	11/15/23	\$826,652	\$110,431.85	APRA	Project complete
City of Magnolia	02174-APRA-G	11/15/23	\$543,138	\$1,499.25	APRA	Project complete
City of Prairie Grove	02040-WSSW-L	11/15/23	\$2,060,000	\$2,060,000	WSSW	City declined funding
City of Danville	23-084	6/22/23	\$681,492	\$681,492	DWSRF	City declined funding
New Hope Water Association	23-037	6/22/23	\$438,104	\$438,104	DWSRE	Association declined funding

WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE – William Anderson, Chairman of the Water Well Construction Committee reported on the quarterly meeting that was held November 1, 2023.

- Staff has received signed Consent Agreements and fine payments from all three active water well cases. These cases are now closed.
- A warning letter and explanation of the rules was sent to well installation that was occurring without a registered driller or apprentice on site during an inspection.
- Staff trained four water well contractors to use the online well construction database system.
- Staff visited water well contractors who have not been submitting well construction reports, they will continue to pursue compliance with these contractors and their reports.
- Two improperly sealed wells were identified, and staff is working to identify and contact the landowners of those wells.
- Staff continues to work with our web developers to improve the new construction report database.
- Staff completed 2 weeks of continues field work assisting with the Mississippi River Valley alluvial aquifer (MRVA) fall synoptic measurements.

Staff desires seeking a reciprocity agreement with Missouri. Both programs have similar requirements. This would allow applications that hold a license in one of the states to qualify for the corresponding license in the other state. The committee approved seeking the reciprocity agreement by unanimous vote and recommends that this be approved by the commission.

Upon motion by Mr. Roy Reaves, seconded by Mrs. JoAnn Bush, the Commission unanimously approved the reciprocity agreement with Missouri.

Drillers and Pump Installers Applicants

- Blake Cabit, Betts Environmental, Adel, Ga tested in monitoring wells, tested on 10/27/23 and passed.
- Michael Raines, Beaver Lake Pump, Garfield, AR completed 4 years apprenticeship, tested in pump installation 10/27/23 and passed.
- Lelan Brown, Ark-Mo Drilling, Kennett, MO completed 4 years apprenticeship and will test in drillers and pump installation 11/17/23.
- Eric Hicks, Ark-Mo Drilling, Kennett, MO completed 4 years apprenticeship and will test in drillers and pump installation 11/17/23.

Driller and Pump Installers Apprentices

Corey Harrison, Ark-Mo Drilling, Kennett, MO (both)
 Kevin Keiter, Ark-Mo Drilling, Kennett, MO (both)
 Paul Matthews, Pollution Management, Little Rock, AR, drill apprentice
 Matthew Marbury, Pollution Management, Little Rock, AR, drill apprentice
 Jimmy Sousley, R&R Pump Service, Bentonville, AR, pump installer apprentice

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Director Colclasure began by highlighting events occurring within the Arkansas Natural Resources Division (NRD):

General Agency

- Our General Obligation Bond Work Plan has been reviewed by the Department of Finance and Administration, the Governor’s Office, and has now been sent to the Legislature for review. Our goal is to have it before the Legislative PEER Committee in December.
- We executed an agreement with Virginia Tech for the Alliance Project, formerly known as the RIPE project. We are working on subgrant agreements with AACD and 7 Conservation Districts: Jefferson, Arkansas, Drew, Lincoln, St. Francis, Craighead, and Cleveland Counties. Under the program producers will be eligible to receive \$100/acre for implementing climate smart practices (\$15 million over three years). We will target 800-1,000 producers across the 6-7 counties.
 - Targets under the program include:

▪ Cropland Acres	74,384
▪ Pasture/Range Acres	30,310
▪ Animal Units	22,707
- Practices Include:
 - **Crop practices:** Cover crops (340); no-till (329); reduced till (345); nutrient management, including precision nutrient management (590); conservation crop rotation (328); silvopasture (381); riparian forest buffer (391); riparian herbaceous cover (390).
 - **Rice practices:** Residue management, no-till (329); residue management, reduced till (345); irrigation water management–alternate wetting and drying for water conservation in rice (449); conservation crop rotation (328); nutrient management, including precision application and/or advanced formulations (590).
 - **Livestock practices:** Comprehensive nutrient and manure management plan and implementation (102); roofs and covers (367); waste separation facility (632);

feed management to reduce enteric emissions (592); prescribed grazing (528); nutrient management (590); silvopasture (381).

- We continue to work with the US Army Corps of Engineers – Little Rock District to update the state water plan. The Corps is in the process of selecting a contractor now. The contractor should be in place before the end of the year. Once the contractor is in place there will be a kickoff meeting followed by stakeholder meetings. This will be the start of the scoping phase of the project. Jaysson Funkhouser with the Corps is here with us and will be giving an update.
- We have initiated a strategic planning process focused on conservation districts. The goal of this effort is to improve the effectiveness of districts across the state as they deliver conservation programs on the ground. We had our first ½ day meeting last week and will have a full two-day planning session in December. The goal is to generate action items from the sessions. Ray Ledgerwood, of Board Works by Ledgerwood, is facilitating the sessions. Partners in the effort include Conservation Districts, AACD, AACDE, NRCS, AGFC, Cooperative Extension, NRD (William Anderson) and our sister divisions in the Department of Agriculture (Forestry, Livestock and Poultry and Plant Industries).
- We are working with ARDOT on the sale of the Days Creek Mitigation Bank to them. There are stream and wetland credits available in the bank that could benefit ARDOT's mitigation needs. The property is currently being surveyed and appraised by ARDOT's right of way division.
- Arkansas will be the host of the 38th Hypoxia Task Force Public Meeting and Executive Session on Dec 6-7 in Fayetteville. We will be hosting representatives from 11 other states and various federal partners. This meeting will be an excellent opportunity to highlight all the great work Arkansas has completed to reduce nutrients in the region.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Inoussa Zaki, Chief Fiscal Officer, presented the financial assistance report dated October 31, 2023. There were no questions.


ACTIVITY REPORTS

Activity reports were presented by, Kristin Whittmore, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Stacie Wassell, Division of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), John McAlpine, Arkansas Association Conservation Districts (AACD), Dr. Mike Daniels, UA Cooperative Extension, Drew Westerman, US Geological Survey (USGS) and Jaysson Funkhouser, Corps of Engineers.

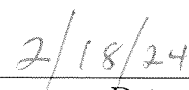
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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.



Chris Colclasure
Director



Date