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State Water Commission Approves More Than \$103.7M For Water Projects Across North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) approved more than \$103.7 million in funding for projects including flood control, water supply, and other water infrastructure projects across the state during its February 12 meeting in Bismarck. The approved projects include \$81.1 million for the Mouse River Flood Protection project as well as over \$5 million each for the Memorial Highway Watermain project and R&TWD Battleview-McGregor Rural project.

"The actions taken at today's Water Commission meeting demonstrate our ongoing commitment to strengthening North Dakota's water infrastructure," Director Haase said. "The approval of 20 projects and more than \$103.7 million in funding represents a significant step toward delivering much-needed flood protection for the citizens of Minot and the Mouse River Basin, while also ensuring long-term, reliable water resources for communities across the state."

Approved projects include:

- Missouri River Intake Study: \$860,255
- SWPP – Water Treatment Plant Service WO No. 4: \$1,262,000
- Horsehead Irrigation District – Preliminary Study Phase 1: \$150,000
- Steel County WRD – Drain 1 Outlet Repair: \$110,861
- City of Manday – 2026 Reconstruct Project Area 2B: \$228,357
- South Central – Burleigh Co. Main Transmission Line: \$140,400
- City of Bismarck – 2025 WU149 Watermain Extension: \$457,400
- City of Dickinson – 5th Street SE: \$198,780
- Stutsman Rural Water District – Booster Station No. 14: \$557,925
- City of Elgin – East Side Watermain Improvements: \$78,137
- Souris River Joint Board – Mouse River Flood Protection 2025-27: \$81,100,000
- Rush River WRD – Drain 12 Reconstruction: \$150,000
- Maple River WRD – Cass County Drain 37: \$561,112
- Maple River WRD – Cass County Drain 39: \$513,621

- City of Lisbon – Infrastructure Improvements: \$1,532,343
- City of New Town – Sand Hill Water Tower Replacement: \$3,682,171
- City of Oaks – WTP Rehabilitation: \$558,531
- City of Stanley – Capital Improvements Plan Phase 3: \$339,804
- City of Mandan – Memorial Highway Watermain: \$5,728,681
- WAWSA – R&TWD Battleview-McGregor Rural Phase 1: \$5,454,817

Projects receiving significant funding include the Souris River Joint Board’s Mouse River Flood Protection 2025-27 and City of Mandan’s Memorial Highway Watermain.

- The Mouse River Flood Protection 2025-27 project will continue to implement flood control measures across the Mouse River Basin designed to increase the basin’s resilience to flooding. This \$81.1 million is in addition to the \$389.5 million that was previously approved for the Mouse River Flood Protection project. The project includes a combination of levees, floodwalls, pump stations, diversion channels, bridge improvements, road raises, infrastructure modifications, property acquisitions, and relocations.
- The City of Mandan Memorial Highway Watermain project will replace aging asbestos cement watermains along Memorial Highway between Main Street and 32nd Ave SE (West half) and 32nd Ave SE and 46th Ave SE (East Half) in Mandan. The Project is being constructed in conjunction with the North Dakota Department of Transportation’s (NDDOT) Memorial Highway reconstruction project and is part of combined sanitary sewer, storm sewer, lift station, paving, and lighting infrastructure improvements.

The State Water Commission consists of eight members appointed by the Governor, the Agriculture Commissioner, and the Governor as chairperson. Cost-share funding approved by the SWC is primarily supported by North Dakota’s Resources Trust Fund, which receives 20.5 percent of the state’s oil extraction tax revenue.

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