

BRANT LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT UPDATE
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For the past six months the BLSD Board has been working to find more grant money to help defray costs. We learned last winter that Senator Tim Johnson procured \$400,000 for our project. We learned last week that there will be no administrative fee charged by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for their oversight so we will receive the full amount of the grant for the project.

Last month we learned that SD DENR awarded us an \$800,000 grant from the Water Consolidated Fund which also does not have an administrative fee. We now have \$1.2 million in grants which means the money does not have to be repaid. First District helped us complete the application and we appreciate all of the support they gave us.

Now we are working on the application for a SRF loan through the SD DENR. This loan will be for 30 years at 3.25% interest. In addition, we are working with EPA in the Denver office to complete the application for the dollars from Senator Johnson. We are working with First District to complete all of the necessary paperwork. We do not know how much time this will take.

Until all of the paperwork is done we cannot move forward. Once all of this is complete we will schedule a public informational meeting to give an update.

We want to remind everyone that before the project can be bid, our engineering firm will need to meet with each landowner to determine where the present systems are and where they come from the structure. Each landowner will also need to sign an easement to allow the project work to be done and any future work. We hope to facilitate this at the public meeting.

We do not have a timeline determined because we need to complete all the paperwork. We would like to be ready to bid this winter.

If you have questions, please contact a board member.

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