April 29th, 2021

Dear Chairwoman Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce:

I am requesting $480,000 for the Nokomis Drinking Water Treatment Plant System Improvements in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Nokomis, located at 22 South Cedar Street, Nokomis, IL 62075. The project itself is located at 1 Gipson Street, Nokomis, IL 62075.

The funding would be used for performing rehabilitation and maintenance on various items throughout the system. These items include filter rehabilitation, softener rehabilitation, and detention tank rehabilitation at the existing water treatment plant. Filter and softener rehabilitation will include media replacement with diffuser nozzle replacement as needed, sand blasting/painting exterior shells, and sand blasting/painting piping system within the water treatment plant. The detention tank rehabilitation will involve installation of a bypass to service the detention tank in the future, concrete rehabilitation on interior and exterior walls, and lining on interior and exterior walls to prevent any further deterioration.

The filter and softener media has not been replaced in the past 20 years and need maintenance to ensure the best water quality and efficiency of the system. Currently, one of the filters at the treatment plant is out of service due to the amount of media that is leaking during the backwash cycle. The other three filters are also showing media leaking during backwash. The two softeners in the plant are also showing signs of leaking media. This project provides the City of Nokomis with a viable, cost-effective option for performing improvements to their water distribution and treatment system. Ultimately it will improve overall water quality for the community.

I thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress