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May 7, 2024

Mr. Jerry Soholt, Chair
Board of Water and Natural Resources
Joe Foss Building
523 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant #2022G-ARP-117

Dear Mr. Soholt:

On April 13, 2022 the City of Brookings was awarded a \$21,039,300 ARPA grant #2022G-ARP-117.

On March 14, 2024 Governor Noem signed into law Senate Bill 53, which appropriated \$89,384,221 of American Recovery Plan Act funds for water and sewer infrastructure. It is my understanding that these funds will be awarded by the Board of Water and Natural Resources to eligible projects. It is also my understanding that projects that received a previous ARPA grant, that provide service to a regional area, and have eligible costs remaining for reimbursement can request consideration for these funds.

We have been notified by the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resource the City of Brookings would be considered for up to \$9,000,000 in ARPA additional grant funds. The City of Brookings is formally requesting consideration by the Board of Water and Natural Resources for these additional funds to be awarded. The City of Brookings, through Brookings Municipal Utilities, continues to progress with the Water System Upgrade Project (ARPA grant #2022G-ARP-117), which will serve the City of Brookings as well as the regional area including the consecutive water systems of the City of Aurora, University Estates, and North Brookings Sanitary and Water District.

Enclosed to support this request is a revised resolution authorizing the request for the additional funding.

Sincerely,

Mayor Oepke "Ope" Niemeyer

cc: First District Association of Local Government, Watertown
HDR, Inc., Sioux Falls