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Marla Morley
Mayor
City of Belle Plaine
401 N. Merchant
P.O. Box 157
Belle Plaine, Kansas 67013

Dear Mayor Morley,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to allow me the opportunity to meet with you and the city council and discuss the ARRA funding options available to the city. If the city would like to discuss funding for projects to include a new AMR meter reading system, upgrades to its storm water, streets and rehab of the wastewater system in the future, please call and I will obtain the necessary information and documents you will need.

As we discussed at the meeting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is providing approximately \$3.7 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure through the existing USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal (WWD) loan and grant program. The WWD provides loans, grants, loan guarantees and technical assistance for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to discuss the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding options.

The city may also be interested in attending the upcoming annual conference at Century II in Wichita, March 30 – April 1. Agencies will be present to discuss projects and funding at length. Also visit the KRWA website, www.krwa.net for news and information concerning water and wastewater utilities, upcoming training opportunities and other KRWA programs.

Sincerely,

Gary Armentrout
ARRA Circuit Rider

C: Katherine Terry, City Clerk
Gary Smith, USDA Rural Development
Tom Finger, USDA Rural Development