

LEWIS & CLARK PRAISES SHRIMP HARBOR ANNOUNCEMENT for LUVERNE

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Tea, SD – Lewis & Clark Regional Water System officials praised the announcement yesterday of Trū Shrimp to locate its first shrimp production facility in Luverne. Groundbreaking is scheduled for early 2018. The estimated \$50+ million facility – known as a “harbor” – will have an enormous economic development impact for Luverne and surrounding area. It will also provide a boost to farmers as the shrimp are fed soybeans, corn and wheat. The attached press release from Trū Shrimp provides more detail.

Communities in several states were vying for this first harbor. Luverne started receiving Lewis & Clark water in March 2016. The high quality and quantities of water from Lewis & Clark played a major role in the decision to locate the first harbor in Luverne. Lewis & Clark Board Chairman Red Arndt of Luverne remarked, “I have been told flat out that without the Lewis & Clark connection there is simply no way Luverne could have competed for a harbor. One of the main reasons we are constructing this tristate water project is to provide the member communities and rural water systems with expanded economic development opportunities, particularly when it comes to value-added agriculture, so we couldn’t be more pleased with this announcement. This exciting news will hopefully provide momentum to connect the remaining members as soon as possible.”

It will take 14 million gallons to fill the basins and after that the harbor is expected to use as much as 100,000 gallons a day of water.

BACKGROUND:

Lewis & Clark was incorporated in 1990, authorized by Congress in 2000 and began delivering water to its first members in July 2012. Construction is 67% complete in terms of the project’s overall cost. Currently 13 of the 20 members are connected. Lincoln Pipestone RWS is scheduled to be connected later this year and Worthington by the end of 2018. At that time the members who will still need to be connected include Hull, Sheldon, Sibley and Sioux Center in Iowa, as well as Madison, SD.

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