

Horton recognized by state association

(KNZA)--When Horton City Administrator John Calhoon registered to attend the 54th Annual Conference of the Kansas Rural Water Association held this last week in Wichita, he had no idea he would be on stage and on camera in front of hundreds of people accepting an award.

But he was - as the City of Horton received the award for “Most Improved Wastewater System of the Year” in ceremonies March 29 in the Century II Convention Center.

According to a release from the Water Association, the City of Horton- original wastewater treatment plant was constructed in 1956 and, although there had been many improvements since, the 65-year-old plant was having trouble meeting the modern, much stricter permit limits.

In October of 2021, construction began on a 6.3-million-dollar facility upgrade. The project was completed in September of 2022.

Since start up, the release says the new facility has met and exceeded its wastewater permit effluent limits.

Financing for the project was secured from USDA Rural Development, with roughly 40% of the money coming as a grant. The project was engineered by BG Consultants and the general contractor was Bern-based AHR Construction.

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