

July 30, 2009

TO: Mayor
Council Members
City of Rapid City

RE: Storm Water Quality Manual Committee
Recommendation

Assign a task force for the development and implementation of a "Drainage Utility Fee"

The Storm Water Quality Manual Committee recommends the City of Rapid City assign a task force for the development and implementation of a "Drainage Utility Fee".

Currently, several other cities in the State of South Dakota utilize a drainage utility fee to fund storm water conveyance, detention, and quality issues. Some of those cities are: Sioux Falls, Brookings, Vermillion, and Aberdeen.

The revenue raised from a drainage fee could be used to offset some of the money taken from Public Works Funding for storm water improvements. Properly constructed, a drainage utility fee would be based on the amount of runoff from a site or lot and reward those landowners that take steps to improve water quality.

We recommend the task force be made up of homeowners, business owners, council members, industry professionals and city staff.

Recommended by unanimous vote of the Storm Water Quality Manual Committee Members.