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PRESS RELEASE

Groundbreaking Event Marks Significant Energy Efficiencies

On August 24th, the Oakdale City Council, Representative Betty McCollum, and members of the public celebrated a ground breaking event for energy improvements to the Oakdale Public Works facility at 1900 Hadley Avenue. In Spring of 2009, the City of Oakdale applied for \$400,000 from the federal government and United States Congress to complete needed energy efficiency improvements at the community's Public Works and City Hall facilities. Through the work of Representative McCollum, the request was included in the FY2010 Energy and Water Appropriation bill, which President Obama signed into law in October of 2009.

The projects will reduce the City's energy consumption, creating a cost savings to taxpayers while also reducing the City's overall carbon footprint. Upgrades to the Public Works facility include the installation of a geothermal pump system to heat and cool the facility by taking advantage of an existing "free" energy source already available at the site via the adjacent water filtration station. Other energy efficiency upgrades include indoor/outdoor lighting upgrades with LED technology, improved insulation, and replacing overhead doors with a higher R-value rated bay doors to reduce heat loss.

The funding will also be used to replace 20-plus year old HVAC equipment at City Hall with high energy-efficient units. The annual energy cost savings is estimated at least \$10,000 per year between the two facilities, and will also eliminate hundreds of tons of greenhouse gasses. Mayor Carmen Sarrack speaking on behalf of the Oakdale City Council, stated, "We are very pleased to receive this funding and thank Representative Betty McCollum for her hard work on this project. These improvements will provide for quality improvements to our Public Works facility and City Hall, and help our community save significantly in energy costs."



Pictured left to right: Councilmember Kent Dotas, EDC Chair Mark Landis, Councilmember Paul Reinke, Representative Betty McCollum, Mayor Carmen Sarrack, Councilmember Lori Pulkrabek, Councilmember Stan Karwoski, EMC Chair Keith Miller.



Representative Betty McCollum and Mayor Carmen Sarrack discuss the planned energy improvements.