

The Honorable Gregory V. Smith

Oregon House of Representatives

District 57

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**REPRESENTATIVE SMITH FACILITATES FUNDING**

**FOR MAUPIN WATER DISTRIBUTION**

***SALEM, OR.* – Representative Gregory Smith (R-Heppner)**, Co-Vice Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, voted to approve a $1.5 million match for the City of Maupin to upgrade their water distribution system.

The Upper Reservoir is the primary water source for the City of Maupin and a critical asset in Maupin’s wildfire response efforts. As the region faces increasing fire danger each year, this reservoir has repeatedly proven essential in protecting homes and lives, both within the city and across the surrounding area. With this $1.5 million in funding secured, Maupin can move forward with much-needed repairs to ensure this infrastructure remains reliable for decades to come.

Maupin Mayor **Carol Betty** praises the funding allocation, “Receiving this $1.5 million grant to repair our water tower feels like a special gift delivered on Christmas morning. It gives us peace of mind knowing that our community will continue to have a reliable water supply, both for daily use and for firefighting needs. We are truly grateful to Representative Greg Smith and the State of Oregon for their support.”

Maupin City Manager **Nick Smith** applauds Maupin’s success, stating, “This funding will make an enormous difference for our community. The reservoir is critical not only for everyday water service but also for firefighting efforts that protect our town during wildfire season. I’m incredibly grateful to Representative Gregory Smith for his support in helping Maupin secure the $1.5 million we need to get this vital project done.”

“This funding is critical to our ability to defend the City of Maupin against the growing threat of wildfires—a threat our community has faced repeatedly and will continue to face in the years ahead. In Oregon’s arid regions, a reliable water supply is essential for effective fire protection, and Representative Greg Smith has played a key role in helping ensure we have the resources we need. As Maupin’s Fire Chief, I’m incredibly grateful for his persistence and commitment to our community’s safety,” states Maupin’s Fire Chief **Tom Troutman**.

Representative Gregory Smith stated, “Ensuring that communities like Maupin have safe, reliable infrastructure is one of my top priorities, and I’m proud to have helped secure $1.5 million to support critical upgrades to the city’s water system. The Upper Reservoir is not just a source of daily water—it’s a lifeline during wildfire season. As our region faces increasing fire danger, this investment will help protect homes, families, and the future of Maupin for generations to come.”

Representative Gregory Smith was elected to serve his thirteenth term as a State Representative, making him the longest-serving member in the Oregon Legislature, as well as the 4th longest-serving State Representative in Oregon history. He holds a gavel as the Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government. Representative Smith also serves as the Co-Vice Chair of the full Joint Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, he is the ranking member of the House Revenue Committee. To reach out, please visit Rep Smith's Facebook Page or send him an email at rep.gregsmith@oregonlegislature.gov.

Representative Gregory Smith is the Republican budget leader who represents the entirety of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler, and Wasco counties, as well as portions of Clackamas, Jefferson, Marion, and Umatilla Counties.

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