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KAP Welcomes Water Management Plan Initiative

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) appreciates the federal and provincial announcement regarding the investment in the Rural Municipality of Bifrost Excess Water Management Model initiative.

KAP believes the investment of over \$860,000 will provide value for building a water management plan for the Rural Municipality of Bifrost and local areas into the future.

"We welcome this announcement and we look forward to the report that this group will develop in order to use the information to assist the RM of Bifrost and other areas that are suffering from challenges due to drainage issues," said Rob Brunel, KAP President.

KAP is pleased both levels of government will work with the Rural Municipality of Bifrost to develop a water management plan to help improve the outlook for producers who have suffered due to excess moisture and flood conditions over multiple years.

"This initiative should provide some valuable actions and direction in dealing with excess moisture strategies," said Brunel. "We know there is a need for a workable drainage strategy here in the province, especially under high moisture conditions."

Developing this model is a positive step forward in addressing excess moisture and flood conditions on farm land in the hard-hit Interlake region and across the province. Although KAP believes this management plan is important, funding must also be committed to infrastructure related to drainage and maintenance.

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