

Board Minutes Monday March 15, 2021

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am March 15, 2021 with Vick, Ashbacher, Vermace, and Langreck in person; and Beard present electronically.

Brenda Kreitzer, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the property tax suspension for Tom Schissel. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Langreck to approve the property tax suspension as outlined by Kreitzer. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and the Class C Beer/Wine permit for De Novo Barn. Motion carried unanimously.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to adopt resolution 21-64, scheduling a public hearing on the vacation of the platted street Barrett's OM Outlot near Fort Atkinson for April 5, 2021 at 9:30am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public Notice will be published and adjoining landowners notified.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Langreck to open the public hearing on the CDBG funding application for the Festina Sewer project, and the associated Community Needs Assessment. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Diana Johnson, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, discussed the project and funding process. The Board reviewed the following:

(a) how the need for the proposed activity or projects were identified;

The need for the CDBG water/sewer grant with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) came from various planning sessions with the Festina sewer commission and the Winneshiek County supervisors. Due to the lack of recirculation, and no disinfection processes, the facility will not be able to meet the new effluent limits. Also, due to age and operational issues, the community has, at times, been unable to meet discharge limits. The need for this project is to follow the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) permitting process to meet design capacity and the ammonia and E. coli compliance schedule.

(b) how the proposed activity or projects will be funded and the sources of funds;

The request from the IEDA will be \$111,000. If successfully funded, the remainder of the proposed activity will be funded through an Iowa Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) loan, for a total project cost of \$684,400.

(c) the date the CDBG application will be submitted;

The CDBG water/sewer application will be submitted on or before April 1, 2021 to the IEDA.

(d) requested amount of federal funds;

The requested amount is \$111,000.

(e) estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit persons of low and moderate income;

Given that a community income survey conducted in August 2018, found that 54.95% of Festina's residents could be considered low- and moderate-income persons, it can be expected that the same proportion of the funds will benefit that group of residents or a total of 61 persons.

(f) where the proposed activity or project will be conducted;

The project will be conducted near the unincorporated community of Festina on property owned by the county. The project address is at 1223 A Street, Hwy 150, Ft. Atkinson.

(g) plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities or projects;

No businesses or persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed facility upgrades.

(h) plans to assist persons actually displaced, and;

No plans to displace any persons.

(i) the nature of the proposed activity or project.

The most appropriate and recommended wastewater treatment facility improvement consists of the installation of a new packaged wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and ultraviolet disinfection. These improvements which include primary tanks, treatment tanks, pumps and ultraviolet disinfection will allow the community's WWTF to meet the proposed design influent wastewater characteristics and proposed effluent water quality limits, now and in the future.

No written or verbal public comments were received. Moved by Langreck and seconded by Vick to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to adopt resolution 21-65, authorizing the submission of a CDBG application for the Festina Sewer project. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The Board and Johnson reviewed the Community Needs Assessment. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the compiled Community Needs Assessment. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Beard to adopt resolution 21-66, recertification of the Bird Friendly Iowa County Designation. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to adopt resolution 21-67, setting a public hearing on the rezoning request for Lennon for March 29, 2021 at 10:00am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public Notice will be published as required.

The Board discussed the Continuity of Operation in the event of an Emergency. Vick will meet with Sean Snyder to review the associated documentation.

Sean Snyder, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Krista Vanden Brink, Public Health Director, met with the Board to give COVID19 updates.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Langreck to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, March 22, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Floyd Ashbacher, Chair
Board of Supervisors