

## Board Minutes Monday May 17, 2021

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am May 10, 2021 with all members present (Vermace virtually.)

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to adopt resolution 21-82, setting a public hearing on the vacation of a portion of Ice Cave Road for June 1, 2021 at 9:30am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public Notice will be published as required.

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

Moved by Vick and seconded by Langreck to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to open the public hearing for the Status of Funded Activities for the Upper Iowa River Flood Reduction Program. Motion carried unanimously. Paul Berland, NEIA RC&D, reviewed the status. (See Addendum A.) No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Langreck and seconded by Vick to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Beard and seconded by Vick to accept the Status of Funded Activities report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Langreck and seconded by Vick to open the public hearing for the Status of Funded Activities for the Emergency COVID-19 Response Program. Motion carried unanimously. Ben Steines, County Auditor, reviewed the status. (See Addendum B.) No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to accept the Status of Funded Activities report. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Winneshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission met with the Board to present a proclamation. Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to proclaim May as Cemetery Appreciation Month in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Cost Allocation Plan as provided by Cost Advisory Services. Moved by Beard and seconded by Langreck to Certify the Cost Allocation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Langreck and seconded by Beard to enter into contract with Martin Gardner Architecture for Professional services related to Courthouse repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beard and seconded by Vick to adopt resolution 21-83, setting the public hearing on the rezoning request by Jerry Krambeer for June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public Notice will be published as required.

Glenn Larson and several local veterans met with the Board to discuss several concerns they have with policies of the current VA Commission. They requested the Board consider appointments of new Commissioners rather than re-appointing the current Commissioners the next time their terms expire.

Moved by Langreck and seconded by Beard to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, May 24, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Floyd Ashbacher, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

## Addendum A:

Status of Funded Activities

Contract # 13-NDRI-009

Winneshiek County, IA

Upper Iowa River Flood Reduction Project

1. General description of accomplishments to date

The project to date has completed a comprehensive watershed resiliency plan for the Upper Iowa River and deployed sensors for watershed model development and data collection and analysis. The project has also resulted in outreach and education, public meetings, and direct landowner contacts detailing project goals and flood reduction potential through practice implementation. To date, the project has resulted in project engineering for more than 42 projects in Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties and the completed construction of 18 flood reduction practices in the targeted subwatersheds.

2. Monies spent thus far

Project expenditures spent to date total \$2,480,336. Expenses by category are as follows; \$200,000 for watershed plan completion, \$283,755 for watershed coordination activities, \$618,880 for watershed modeling, sensor deployment and data collection, \$1,298,356 for design and construction of watershed practices and \$79,345 for project administration. The source of funding spent to date is from CDBG-NDR Grant Contract #13-NDRI-009.

3. General description of the planned remaining work to be done.

The remaining project work consists primarily of construction of 18-20 remaining flood reduction practices in the targeted watersheds in Winneshiek and Allamakee Counties and engineering, coordination and administration activities associated with the completion of those practices. In addition, completion of watershed modeling using data from constructed practices to quantify and model flood reductions achieved through project implementation activities remains to be completed.

4. Summary of any changes made to the project since the time of application:

- a. Budget numbers: The project budget was amended on March 31, 2020 to de-obligate \$179,117 changing the project budget from \$5,345,722 to \$5,166,605.
- b. Performance targets/units: There have been no changes to program targets/units to date.
- c. Timelines/schedules: The project schedule has been adjusted to extend the project completion date from September 30, 2021 until June 30, 2022 to allow for completion of project activities.
- d. Project scope or project objectives: There has been no change in the project scope or objectives to date.
- e. Location : There has been no change in project location for this project to date.
- f. Beneficiaries : There have been no changes to beneficiaries for this project to date.

## **Addendum B:**

Status of Funded Activities

Contract # 20-OT-020

Winneshiek County, IA

Emergency COVID-19 Response

1. General description of accomplishments to date:

The projects to date have accomplished the goals set forth in the application. Emergency support for the Decorah and Winneshiek County Mutual Aid Network through Winneshiek County Development, to help facilitate needs assessment and coordination of emergency services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Support to NEIA Community Action Corp with development and implementation of a food delivery program for citizens who were quarantined during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Monies spent thus far:

Project expenditures to date total \$11,040. \$5,519.20 being spent on support for the Mutual Aid Network. \$5,520.80 being spent on support for the Food Delivery Program.

3. General description of the planned remaining work to be done:

The Food Delivery Program has ended, with a higher percentage of citizens able to get out in the community to provide for their own food needs; as well as many food providers implementing delivery services. The Mutual Aid Network continues to operate to help coordination of services related to COVID-19 response. Although, the CDBG funding is all expended, the network has access to funding through other local government and charity sources.

4. Summary of any changes made to the project since the time of application:

- a. Budget numbers: No changes to the total budget numbers were made. Although the split between the needs of the two programs was different than originally estimated.
- b. Performance targets/units: There have been no changes to program target/units.
- c. Timelines/schedules: The original estimates of the timeline were only guesses since no one knew the length of the pandemic crisis. The original contract stipulated a completion date of April 9, 2021. All of the budgeted funds were expended prior to that date.
- d. Project scope or objective: There have been no changes to the scope or objective.
- e. Location: There have been no changes to the location.
- f. Beneficiaries: There have been no changes to the beneficiaries.