

## Board Minutes August 26, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am August 26, 2024 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to give updates on road projects.

The Board discussed the recommendation letter on the Full Bohr Dairy matrix application. They will consider this again at next week's meeting.

John Beard met with the Board to comment on the appointment process for the County Conservation Board.

Members of the Veterans Affairs Commission met with the Board to present their recommendation for hiring an assistant in the VA office. They reviewed the procedures they used and recommended the hire of Britney Provost to the open position. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the hire. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to open the public hearing on the status of funded activities for the Festina Wastewater Treatment project. Diana Johnson, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, met with the Board to report the following:

**(a) a general description of accomplishments to date:**

The total project is approximately 75% complete. Accomplishments to date include: the ordering and receipt of all equipment, the installation of the large 10,000-gallon recirculation tank, the installation of the treatment units, the installation of the smaller 5,000-gallon discharge tank, and the installation of much of the piping and electrical

**(b) a summary of expenditures to date:**

The latest pay estimate is current through August 20, 2024, and indicates that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) reimbursable expenditures to date are at \$392,652.91 in terms of total project completed. This includes the expenditures of contractor work and related expenses of \$383,371.79 and administrative expenditures of \$9,281.12. The total CDBG expenditure requested-to-date is 52%. Of the total spent, grant funds received include \$57,662 and local match expenditures include \$334,990. There is still \$52,338 in grant funds available to draw down, which includes \$50,486 in construction needs and administration of \$1,852.

**(c) a general description of remaining work:**

The remaining work consists of the following: the installation of the UV system, piping and shelter, the placement of fill and road stone, the completion of wiring and piping, the startup of equipment and restoration

**(d) a general description of changes made to the project budget, performance targets, activity schedules, project scope, location, objectives or beneficiaries:**

Since the CDBG end date is set for October 31, 2024, and the project is currently at 75% completed, we will be requesting an extension until April of 2025 on the timeline of these funds. The county does not anticipate any

changes in project scope, location, objectives, or beneficiaries and does expect all funds to be depleted by or before the newly requested anticipated CDBG deadline of April 30, 2025.

No written or verbal comments were received from the public. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to approve the letter requesting an extension on the CDBG funding and to amend the contract with UERPC for additional administrative fees. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the status of the farmland lease. The lessor passed away, and the Board received a letter of termination from his estate. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to allow the estate/inheritors to continue the lease for the third and final year with no changes to the terms of the agreement, if they are willing, otherwise to open the lease up for bids by the public. Motion carried unanimously. The County Attorney will be consulted on the details of making this change if the estate/inheritors are interested.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to open the public hearing on the sale of the Smith Building. Motion carried unanimously with Vermace abstaining. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously with Vermace abstaining. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to adopt resolution 25-09, approving the sale of the property, and to approve the Offer to Buy stipulating the details of the transfer between the County and NEIA Community Action Corporation. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with Vermace abstaining.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to accept and file the monthly report of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to adjourn to 9:30am Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors