

**Programs, Projects & Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting  
December 9, 2008  
6:50 p.m.  
(Or immediately following FEL Subcommittee Meeting)**

**Agenda**

**Programs, Projects & Operations:**

Tim Fowler, Chairman  
Rich Tesar, Vice-Chairman  
David Klug  
Rick Kolowski  
John Schwope

**Alternate Members:** Dick Connealy  
John Conley

**Staff Liaison:** Gerry Bowen  
Martin Cleveland  
Amanda Grint  
Ralph Puls  
Dick Sklenar \*

1. Meeting Called to Order – Chairperson Fowler
2. Notification of Open Meetings Act Posting and Announcement of Meeting Procedure – Chairperson Fowler
3. Quorum Call
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice
6. Review and Recommendation on Urban Drainageway Program Request from South Sioux City – Gerry Bowen, and Lance Hedquist and Chad Kehrt, South Sioux City
7. Review and Recommendation on Dakota County Proposal for Lease of Natural Resources Center in Dakota City – Ralph Puls, Bill Rohde, Dakota County Commissioner and Carol Larvick, Dakota County Extension
8. Review and Recommendation on Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan Grant Application – Amanda Grint
9. Adjourn

## Memorandum:

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: City of South Sioux City Silver Lake Stormwater Management Project  
Request for Assistance

Date: December 1, 2008 Updated: December 9, 2008

From: Gerry Bowen

The City of South Sioux City has submitted an application under the District's Urban Drainageway Program for financial assistance on the Old Silver Lake Stormwater Management Project.

The City is asking for early approval on this project as they face a March 31, 2009 deadline to complete the stormwater management facilities. The current re-study of South Sioux City (part of FEMA's program of modernizing floodplain maps) demonstrated major changes to their floodplain maps in the Old Silver Lake basin in the community. The City has been aware of inadequacies in this area for some time, however, the new floodplain study will bring areas previously developed, areas under development, and areas considered for future development into the floodway and floodway fringe.

The City is able to install measures to correct the situation and significantly reduce the affected floodplain area. However, these measures must be installed prior to March 31, 2009. This date has been established to ensure that preliminary maps produced by FEMA show the revised floodplain boundaries. They plan to contract for the measures and complete the construction by this date. The City is expected to have construction bids on the project available to present to the subcommittee.

The total estimated cost of cure for the City is \$1,879,000. Of this, they are requesting 60% cost share, or \$1,127,400. To facilitate this, they are agreeable to the District paying its share over a four year period. A draft interlocal agreement is attached. The first payment would be in Fiscal Year 2010.

However, the current Urban Drainageway Program Guidelines limit projects to a total cost of \$1.5 million. This leaves several possible Board actions:

- a. Allow an exception and approve the project as presented.
- b. Approve only the first \$1.5 million of the project making the total cost share \$900,000 over a period of three or four years, or
- c. Deny the project as not meeting the program guidelines.

It is the staff recommendation that the Board allow an exception to the guidelines and approve the project as requested by the City.

- **Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed interlocal agreement with the City of South Sioux City for the Silver Lake Stormwater Management Project in the amount of \$1,127,400, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Office Space in USDA Service Center in Dakota County

Date: December 1, 2008

BY: Ralph Puls, Land and Water Programs Coordinator

In December 2007 the Farm Service Agency (FSA) moved out of the USDA Service Center in Dakota City, leaving vacant the 1390 square feet of office space they had leased from the P-MRNRD. When the Service Center was built, its purpose was to be a one-stop-location that would provide convenience to the public, and make the agencies housed there more effective and efficient due to their co-location. The remaining occupants of the Service Center are the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the P-MRNRD and Dakota County Rural Water.

An effort has been made to find another agency of government to lease the space, an agency that would help fulfill the goal of providing convenient and effective service to the public. The UNL Extension in Dakota County would be a good choice to relocate to the Service Center. They currently occupy space in the Dakota County Courthouse. In April, 2008 the P-MRNRD Board of Directors approved a recommendation to offer office space to UNL Extension in Dakota County. The recommendation was:

**Proposal to House UNL Extension in Dakota County – Recommendation that the District offer office space to UNL Extension in the District’s Dakota County Service Center at a rental rate of \$20,000 per year in Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010, and at a rental rate of \$10,000 per year in Fiscal Year 2011; and , that the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement between the District and Dakota County be amended to limit that County’s maximum payment for road design, land rights, demolition and construction at Pigeon Jones Site #15 to \$300,000.**

The offer was made to the Dakota County Board because it is the County’s responsibility to provide space for Extension. The offer was presented to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at their April 21, 2008 meeting. The Board took no official action at their meeting, but followed up with a letter from the Chairperson, Jackie Hartnett, that stated that funding limitations preclude the County from accepting the District’s offer. However, she goes on to say that the Dakota County Board would welcome the opportunity to discuss the District’s offer at a later date.

Recently the Dakota County Commissioners indicated that they wanted to respond to the District’s offer with a counter proposal. At their November 17, 2008, meeting the Commissioners voted on a counter proposal to the District’s offer. Their proposal, stated in a letter from Chairperson Jackie Hartnett is as follows:

**At the Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting on November 17, 2008, the Board voted to submit the following proposal to P-MRNRD for their consideration to effect this move:**

**Pay ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) rent a year for five (5) years beginning January, 2009, for a 5-year cost of \$50,000 and amend the Interlocal Cooperative Act Agreement between P-MRNRD and Dakota County to address the issue of rent for the Extension by reducing the County's maximum payment for road design, land rights, demolition and construction at the Pigeon/Jones Site #15 project from \$350,000 to \$300,000.**

UNL Extension would be a good fit for the vacant office space, space they require is nearly identical to the space available. No modifications to the space would be required. This may not be the case if another tenant would be housed in the Service Center; the NRCS has security concerns that might necessitate modifications to in the building. Therefore the staff recommendation is:

- **Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to lease space in the Dakota County Service Center to Dakota County for UNL Extension at a rate of \$10,000 per year for 5 years beginning January, 2009 and that the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Dakota County and the District for Pigeon/Jones Site #15 be amended to reduce Dakota County's maximum commitment toward road construction to \$300,000.**

# Memorandum

**To:** Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

**Re:** P-MRNRD Regional Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan - Grant Application to Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

**Date:** December 3, 2008

**From:** Amanda Grint, Water Resources Engineer

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In September 2006, the District worked with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and local emergency management agencies to provide a Regional Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan for the entire District. This plan benefits the District and local communities by providing a list of potential hazard mitigation alternatives, and also by increasing the potential of federal mitigation funding assistance for projects such as the District's Floodway Purchase Program. Federal funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is available to prepare and update Hazard Mitigation Plans

The Districts' current plan is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be updated every five years. The new update can be done at any time but needs to be completed by September 2011. It is anticipated that the plan update will be a year to a year and a half process. A revised plan would not only meet our requirement to update within five years but would also:

- Put the plan in FEMA's newly established required format
- Establish flood damage estimates using HAZUS (FEMA depth/damage curves)
- Allow 10-15 priority projects for the District or local communities to have cost benefit ratios studied and compiled to make grant submittals timely and less costly
- Include communities not currently in the Districts plan. These communities are Decatur, Bellevue, Gretna, Dakota City, Boys Town, Winnebago, Walthill and School Districts. Also, Valley's all hazard mitigation plan will be incorporated.
- Add information for communities already in the plan where data gaps occurred.

The proposed planning grant in the amount of \$225,000 would be provided by NEMA to update and expand our current Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. The estimated project cost is \$300,000 of which this grant would provide \$225,000 and District would be responsible for \$75,000. The proposed grant application is attached.

An engineering consultant will need to be retained to prepare the plan update. A timely approval of the grant application is anticipated, therefore, it is also recommended that the Chairman appoint an Ad-Hoc Hazard Mitigation Plan Consultant Selection Subcommittee at the December Board meeting. The District's FY09 Budget contains planning funds for this purpose.

**Management recommends that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the General Manager be authorized to execute the proposed Planning Grant Application in the amount of \$225,000 for preparation of an updated Regional Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan for the District, and that an Ad-Hoc Hazard Mitigation Plan Consultant Selection Subcommittee be appointed.**