

Resolution 2020-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLAY COUNTY, IOWA SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION FOR A SANITARY WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND TO APPROVE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON AND AUDITOR TO EXECUTE AND SIGN SAID APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the IDNR has found the City of Ruthven's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has deficiencies such as a torn primary cell synthetic liner and berm walls sloughing and is not in compliance with Iowa and IDNR standards, regulations, and laws and the IDNR is requiring the City to make necessary facility upgrades and improvements to the treatment system; and

WHEREAS, to address these deficiencies the City hired the engineer firm ISG to study and evaluate the WWTP plant and create a facility plan and to produce alternative to address the problems of the WWPT and from this evaluation it was found the secondary cells are located on top of 15 to 20 feet of peat which released methane gas and is causing the liners to fail sooner than anticipated; and,

WHEREAS, the most feasible long-term solution to address the deficiencies of the WWTP system and to allow City's wastewater treatment system to be in compliance with IDNR standards and regulations is the construction of a new WWTP consisting of an OPTATER Aerated Lagoon and submerged attached growth reactor (SAGR); and,

WHEREAS, the Ruthven City Council has decided in the best interest of the community to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for financial assistance for these proposed improvements and upgrades to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to make the project more affordable for the community; and

WHEREAS, Clay County believes that approval of this application will result in benefits to residents within the Lost Island Sanitary District (LISSD) which includes residents of Clay County Iowa, especially those low-to-moderate-income (LMI) residents; and

WHEREAS, Ruthven's WWTP provides treatment of Lost Island Sanitary District (LISSD) domestic wastewaters and LISSD will be a beneficiary of the proposed improvements and a CDBG income survey was completed with year around residents within the LISSD to determine number of persons benefitting and low- to moderate-income percentages; and,

WHEREAS, it was determined LISSD has 58 Clay County and 88 Palo Alto County full-time residents within the LISSD; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ruthven will be the lead applicant and will submit a joint CDBG application with Clay and Palo Alto Counties requesting \$446,000 in CDBG funds and the funds

requested are broken down by entity as follow: Ruthven \$300,000, Clay County \$58,000 and Palo County \$88,000; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG project related costs are estimated to be \$3,554,848 and CDBG funds will lessen the burden of WWTP improvements to users of the system and the City of Ruthven will utilize USDA-RD grant of \$1,322,000 and loan of \$1,786,848 to reduce project costs and to pay for improvement costs; and

WHEREAS, Clay County fully intends to utilize the services of the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission to prepare and submit the CDBG grant application as well as to perform the CDBG grant administration on behalf of this project, if awarded.

WHEREAS, a requirement of the CDBG application is to approve a Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment and the County approves such an assessment formulated at the March 24, 2020 Board of Supervisor's meeting and is included as part of the Board minutes; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Clay County Board of Supervisors that the submittal of a joint CDBG application is authorized; that the City of Ruthven will be the lead applicant, and Chairperson Dan Skelton and County Auditor Marjorie A. Pitts are hereby authorized to sign and execute said grant application documents and to correspondence on behalf of the County in matters pertaining to this application and the vote thereon being as follows:.

Ayes: Anderson, Matthews, Skelton, Hamrick and Swanson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

/s/ Dan Skelton, Clay County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: /s/Marjorie A. Pitts, Clay County Auditor