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CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO: All Interested Citizens, Government Agencies and Public Groups

In accordance with the Nebraska Clean Water State Revolving Fund environmental review process, which is based on the National Environmental Policy Act, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed agency action below:

This information reviews the environmental impact likely from a project. This project is planned to be federally funded wholly or in part through your tax dollars; therefore, you are entitled to take part in its review. If you have concerns about the environmental impact of this project, please provide them at this time. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) encourages public input in this decision-making process.

PROJECT NAME: Juniata Wastewater Lagoon Rehabilitation and Sludge Removal

APPLICANT: Juniata, Nebraska
COUNTY: Adams County
POPULATION: 755 (2010 Census)
CWSRF PROJECT NUMBER: C318011

NDEQ ID No.: 57744

AWIN SUSTAINABILITY SCORE: 7 (low risk)

TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT: \$455,000

ESTIMATED CWSRF LOAN AMOUNT: \$455,000

The Village of Juniata is located in Adams County in east central Nebraska. The 2010 census population was 755. A NDEQ Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued on January 3, 2018 for lagoon dike damage from erosion. The Village hired a Consulting Engineer who submitted plans and specifications to the Department for repair of the eroded dikes on December 22, 2018. The Department issued a State Construction Permit No. 2018-0254 on January 2, 2019 approving the plans and specifications. The project will repair the interior dike slopes of lagoon cells 2 and 3 and add riprap to the interior slopes to protect from future erosion. Sludge will be removed from all three lagoon cells and land applied in accordance with NDEQ Title 119, Chapter 12. Improvements to the irrigation pump and landing in cell 3 will be done. Repairs will be made to the diversion and inlet structure and interconnecting structure. The project opened bids January 7, 2019 and awarded the project to Van Kirk Brothers Construction. A change order will be processed adding the SRF federal assurances to the contract documents.

The project is eligible for financing through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) and is listed on the planning list of the SFY2019 Intended Use Plan (IUP). Juniata qualifies for a 20-year loan at a current program interest rate of 1.5 percent. In addition to principal and interest payments, an administrative fee of 1.0 percent of the outstanding principal balance will be assessed each year.

Sewer use fees would be pledged to repay the loan. Current residential sewer use rates are a flat rate of \$34.08 per month. The Village of Juniata is estimated to have approximately 341 residential and commercial sewer connections. Sewer rates were raised in 2018 by \$10.00 per month to cover the proposed SRF debt service and 10 percent coverage requirement. The sewer rate will be evaluated at the completion of the project to ensure coverage of final debt service and O&M costs.

The project will result in continued wastewater collection and treatment of sewage flows from the Village. The project will increase storage capacity for their complete retention wastewater treatment lagoons by removal of an estimated 18 inches of sludge in the lagoons. Land application of sludge will comply with NDEQ Title 119 Chapter 12, Land Application of Domestic Effluent and Biosolids. The project will have a positive impact on the environment preventing any breach of the lagoon dikes. Treated lagoon effluent shall be land applied at an agronomic rate and monitored for the following parameters: pH, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Nitrate and Nitrogen, Ammonia as Nitrogen, Total Dissolved Solids, Chloride, Phosphorous, and Sodium Adsorption Ratio.

The review did not indicate a significant environmental impact would result from the proposed action. The project is located next to but outside the 100 year flood plain of Thirty-Two Mile Creek. The project will monitor for nesting and migratory birds, which could be disturbed by construction. The construction contract documents will require the contractor to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The project does not discriminate against any segment of the community's population nor suffers disproportionately from human health or environmental effects.

The project was reviewed for eligibility for a categorical exclusion from National Environmental Policy Act review specified in 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 6.204. The project meets all criteria described in the above reference and the Department has determined that this project is eligible for categorical exclusion. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that a Finding of No Significant Impact will not be prepared. The project as proposed is solely replacement of existing facilities.

Justification for categorical exclusion includes:

- The proposed action is not known or expected to have potentially significant environmental impacts on the quality of the human environment either individually or cumulatively over time;
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect federally listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat;
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect national natural landmarks or any property with nationally significant historic, architectural, prehistoric archeological or cultural value, including but not limited to, property listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
- The proposed action is not known or expected to significantly affect environmentally important natural resource areas as wetlands, prime farmland, floodplains, wild and scenic rivers, and significant fish or wildlife habitat. The existing wastewater lagoons are outside the 100 year floodplain.
- The proposed action is not known or expected to have a significant effect on the pattern and type of land use (industrial, commercial, agricultural, recreational, residential) or growth and distribution of population including altering the character of existing residential areas, or may not

be consistent with state or local government, or federally-recognized Indian tribe approved land use plans or federal land management plans.

• The proposed action is not known or expected to cause significant public controversy about a potential environmental impact of the proposed action.

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality shall revoke the categorical exclusion and shall require a full environmental review if, subsequent to the granting of exclusion, the state determines that the proposed project no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion due to changes in the proposed project; or new evidence reveals that serious local or environmental issues exist; or federal, state, local or tribal laws are being violated.

This action is taken on the basis of careful review of the application and other supporting data, which are on file in the office of the NDEQ. These are available for public review upon request. Persons having a comment on this categorical exclusion determination are encouraged to submit such comments directly to Tom Fuenning, Review Engineer, of the Technical Assistance Section of NDEQ, who can be reached at (402) 471-4989 or email: tom.fuenning@nebraska.gov.

Signed this 8th day of February

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	
- 1	MOBILIZATION	1	L8.	
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3	SLUDGE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	18,302	C.Y.	
4	GRADING	6,713	C.Y.	
5	BENTONITE SEAL	1	LB.	
6	CONSTRUCT ACCESS AREA, BLOCK	45	EA.	
7	RIPRAP WITH 10% S F.	2,330	TONS	
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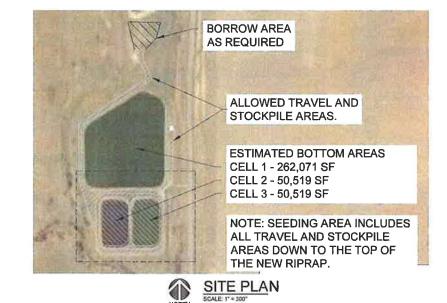
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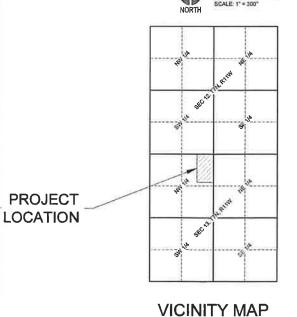
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