

## **Flood Control Committee**

### **March 2, 2017**

The **Flood Control Committee** met Thursday, March 2 2017, at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Members; Ken Gardner, Rick Huber and Brant Kassner. Committee Member Jeff Erlenbusch was absent. Also present were Floodplain Administrator Sam Malenovsky, Public Works Director Scott Gray, County Commissioner Jason Strouf, City Attorney Dan Rice, Karl Jackson for KLJ and Recorder Payroll/Claims Clerk Ally Capps.

#### **Election of Chairperson**

*\*\* Committee Member Brant Kassner nominated Jeff Erlenbusch for Chairperson of the Flood Control Committee. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Gardner.*

After hearing no further nominations:

*\*\* Motion then passed unanimously 3-0*

#### **1. Recommendation on USACE Section 205 Documents.**

Floodplain Administrator Malenovsky said the first document is the feasibility cost share agreement (FCSA) between the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Miles City. It discusses the contract, how in-kind is taken care of, how much time you have to finish the project and the total cost of the project. City Attorney Rice reviewed the agreement and approved the agreement.

The second document is the (PMP) Project Management Plan. This discusses the overall scope of the project, funding, scheduling, Risk Analysis, Safety Plan, Communication Strategy, etc.

The last two documents are the Scope of work (SOW) and cost estimates. This is a detailed breakdown of the project and what each discipline is doing; it will cover the cost associated with it. It will cover: Program Management, Hydrology, Hydraulics, Economics, Real Estate, and Internal Drainage, to name a few.

Commissioner Strouf questioned the reasoning as to why the steering committee members are not considered key members on this project. Floodplain Administrator Malenovsky stated that this is an agreement between the City and USACE; the City is the sponsor on this project, so they would refer to the City as points on contact instead of an entire committee.

Chairperson Gardner asked if the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) is completed and will the Yellowstone River be shown at that time?

Floodplain Administrator Malenovsky responded that our current floodplain map is off of the Tongue River. We will not know what the Yellowstone will look like until we get the new map. Both rivers are being looked at in this study. This study is a stepping stone to the Yellowstone being taken care of. A CLOMR will depict the proposed area that is to be removed from the floodplain. No area will be removed completely until construction is done and the letter of Map Amendment (LOMR) is received by FEMA. Section 205 study is a stepping stone for other projects. After the 205 study is complete, we will know if another 205 could be done on the Yellowstone, what potential properties could be removed from the floodplain, what properties need to be purchased for the levee construction, the levee footprint and how far the levee would go. This will then allow us to start working on purchasing property and construction of the levee. Once the levee is complete USACE will submit documentation to FEMA and FEMA will issue a Letter of Map Revision which will remove properties from the floodplain. This same process would take place on the Yellowstone.

Committee Member Huber asked how this is being funded? Floodplain Administrator Malenovsky responded that Grant Writer Muggli and Planner Colton have been looking into grants and you cannot find grants for this kind of project.

Chairperson Gardner wanted to know if they are looking at forming a flood control district. Floodplain Administrator Malenovsky responded that they are in the beginning stages of that now.

Commissioner Strouf asked if this was going to be presented at legislation, including an infrastructure. I know our representatives were going to try to take this and go with it and try to get some sort of funding or recognition. The County sponsored a Grant request to the DNRC called and RRDL. The Grant request was for \$120,000.00. When the DNRC put out their ranking for these, this project was listed at number 64. The Governor drew a line on the funding for these projects at number 24. Floodplain Administrator Malenovsky responded that the committee has applied for an Intercap loan.

Commissioner Strouf said the Flood District has met twice. One meeting was on how to generate revenue to complete this project. The second meeting was to see if we could use that funding for ongoing maintenance on the project. What area is going to be encompassed in that district? The broader support you get the less impact it will be on each property owner. Making it more palatable for support and making it more affordable for the property owners. Making the area large enough to support to get the funding needed and that will get more voter support.

*\*\* Committee Member Kassner recommend to approve to Council the Recommendations on USACE 205. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Huber and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. 3-0*

**2. Request of Citizens/Public Comment:**

-None.

**3. Committee Members Comments:**

-None.

**4. Adjournment**

**\*\*** *Committee Member Huber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Kassner and passed unanimously, 3-0.*

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ally Capps Recorder

Flood Control Committee Chairperson



Jeff Erlenbusch acting Chairperson