

The Project

The Connor Stadium at the Denton Sports Complex is in need of extensive repairs and renovations. Rotting wood, water damage to the roof, and disintegrating concrete has rendered the roof canopy of the grandstand structure unsafe. In January, Scott Gray, Public Works Director and Connie Muggli, Historic Preservation Officer put a team of trade professionals together to evaluate the condition of the field with the goal to develop the full scope of the project based on an assessment of the existing facility, and then prioritize the project into logical phases that match funding capacity. Each Phase will be addressed through a combination of grants and fund-raising.

The team has determined the first priority must be to address conditions that have the potential to threaten public health, welfare and safety in Phase One of renovating the field. The City hired a structural engineering firm to determine the condition of the field. The engineer's recommendation was to demolish and replace the roof canopy structure, stating it would be safer and more economical than attempting repairs that would never meet current day codes.

Phases:

- Phase 1 – demo the existing press box and roof structure and replace
- Phase 2 – addressing bathrooms on the third base line
- Phase 3 – providing accessible seating for fans
- Phase 4 – new dugouts and locker rooms

The estimated cost for Phase I is between \$225,000 and \$285,000. To address the first priority, the City has identified two significant grants that will become available in the upcoming year. The first is legislatively funded and opens July 1st and requires a one third match, with award anticipated in fall 2015. The second \$75,000 grant opens in November and requires a 1:1 match of \$75,000.

The City of Miles City is facing huge costs to make the flood levy compliant and other budgetary concerns which make grants, fundraisers and donations necessary to renovate the 1940 ball park.

INSERT PHOTOS: Roof Damage, Rotting Beams (Photo Courtesy of Miles Borges, P.E., Whitten & Borges, PC)

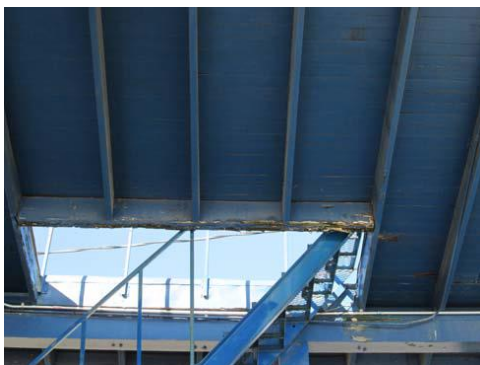


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