COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 29, 2020 Columbia County 112 E. Edgewater Street Portage, WI 53901 608-742-9645

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The above-named UGLG has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the following project. The EA is on file at the address above and is available for public examination and copying.

Southern Housing Region CDBG Housing Program

(Project Title—insert-multi-year, if applicable)

Housing rehabilitation, acquisition, demolition and relocation (Purpose or Nature of Project)

Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sauk, Walworth and Washington Counties (Location-City, County, State of Project)

\$ 2,000,000.00

(Estimated Cost of Project)

The UGLG has determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the UGLG has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact State (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reason for such decision is *(provide a brief but adequate explanation)*: <u>Consultation with the applicable Laws and Authorities has determined that there will be no adverse impact, or only beneficial impact.</u>

All agencies, groups or individuals disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments to the above address. Such written comments should be received on or before June 13, 2020. All such comments will be considered, and the UGLG will not request the release of federal funds or begin the project prior to such date.

On or about June 14, 2020, the UGLG will request the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended for this project.

The UGLG is certifying to the DEHCR that it and its chief executive officer, in his/her official capacity as County Board Chairperson, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce environmental review responsibilities, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Upon certification, the UGLG may use the CDBG funds, and DEHCR will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DEHCR will accept an objection to the release of funds and certification only if (a) the certification was not executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of the UGLG approved by DEHCR; or (b) the UGLG's EA indicates omissions of a required decision, finding, or step. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with 24 CFR 58, and may be addressed to the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, Attention: Environmental Desk, P.O. Box 7970, Madison, WI 53708-7970.

Objections for reasons other than those stated above will not be considered by DEHCR. No objections received after June 30, 2020, will be considered by DEHCR.

Vern E. Gove, County Board Chairperson

(Chief Elected Official: Name, Title)

112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage, WI 53901

(Street, City, State and Zip Code of UGLG's Chief Elected Official)