



Revolving Loan Fund/Housing Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 14, 2012

PRESENT: John H. Tramburg, Andy Ross, JoAnn Wingers, and Vern E. Gove

EXCUSED: Mark A. Witt

ALSO PRESENT: Lois Schepp, Mark Zimmerman, Kari Justmann (MSA), and Pat Beghin (Emergency Management)

The meeting was called to order at 10:48 a.m. and was properly noticed and published.

MOTION: On motion by Gove, second by Wingers, the agenda was approved as printed.

MINUTES

MOTION: On motion by Ross, second by Tramburg, the minutes of the April 12th RLF/Housing Committee meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

MOTION: Motion by Gove to appoint John Tramburg as the RLF/Housing Committee Chairperson. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Ross to appoint Vern Gove as the RLF/Housing Committee Vice Chair. Second by Wingers. Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Gove to appoint JoAnn Wingers as the RLF/Housing Committee Secretary. Second by Ross. Motion carried.

Schepp provided a quick overview of the various programs the Committee oversees, including RLF, CDBG-EAP (Emergency Assistance Program), FRSB (Flood Relief for Small Business), CDBG-ED (Economic Development), etc.

Schepp reported that Columbia County had received \$6.5 million in flood relief funding for businesses and individuals that were affected by flooding during 2008 and 2010 flooding events.

2008 CDBG – EAP BUSINESS MITIGATION PROJECT UPDATE

Kari Justmann (MSA) joined the meeting. A summary of the 2008 CDBG-EAP flooding program budget was reviewed. Justmann reported that the majority of the contract is in process or just about done, but funds still remain in some areas of the programs. In some cases, the low- to moderate- income (LMI) requirement has made it difficult to achieve eligibility for program dollars.

2008 CDBG – EAP BUSINESS MITIGATION PROJECT UPDATE, CONTINUED

Business Mitigation funds were split into three categories:

- Business/Farm Assistance, balance of \$870,101 remaining
- Business Mitigation Assistance (LMI), balance remaining of \$12,643
- Business Mitigation Assistance, balance of \$696,845.48 remaining

Projects in all categories were reviewed. MSA has requested a contract extension to have more time to finish outstanding projects. Justmann will correspond with business owners regarding their projects and other options they may have. It was recommended that business owners be given an opportunity to come before the Committee to discuss their applications, proposed projects, and current situations.

Kestrel Ridge: The Kestrel Ridge project was discussed. Most of the project comprises “repairs” and will fall under the Business/Farm Assistance portion of the CDBG-EAP Program. The remaining costs fall under the Business Mitigation Assistance portion of the program.

MOTION: On motion by Gove, second by Ross, the Committee approved \$28,400 for mitigation costs at Kestrel Ridge.

Silver Springs Campground: The campground is requesting additional funds to cover the cost of tree removal expenses.

MOTION: On motion by Ross, second by Wingers, the Committee approved \$8,805 for tree removal expenses at Silver Springs Campground.

The possibility of additional program outreach was discussed.

UPDATES ON FRSB/OTHER LOANS

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) & Flood Recovery for Small Business (FRSB) Programs: Current loans were reviewed. Schepp explained the programs to new Committee members.

APPROVE SOUTHERN HOUSING CONSORTIUM RESOLUTION

Schepp explained the new housing program. The state is being divided into regional housing consortiums. Columbia County has been selected to be the lead county for the Southern Housing Consortium, consisting of Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Jefferson, Rock, Walworth, Racine and Kenosha Counties.

The Committee reviewed a resolution to authorize the cooperative agreement between Columbia County and the other counties in the consortium. The resolution includes appointing a representative from the county to be on the regional housing consortium board.

MOTION: On motion by Ross, second by Wingers, the Committee approved John Tramburg to be the County's representative on the regional housing consortium board.

MOTION: On motion by Ross, second by Wingers, the resolution to authorize the cooperative agreement for the CDBG program was approved to be presented to the full County Board at their June 20th meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: On motion by Wingers, second by Ross, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Next meeting date (if needed): July 12, 2012

Respectfully Submitted:

JoAnn Wingers, Secretary

Cindy Devine, Recording Secretary

cc: RLF/Housing Committee
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