



**RLF/HOUSING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 21, 2008**

PRESENT: John H. Tramburg, Robert L. Hamele, and Debra L. H. Wopat

ALSO PRESENT: Lois Schepp, Jo Johnson (Cardinal County Daycare), and Matthew Gibbs (Farmers & Merchants Bank, Columbus)

Excused: Robert R. Westby and Mark A. Witt

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and was legally noticed and published.

FALL RIVER DAYCARE – COLLATERAL CHANGE REQUEST

Jo Johnson and Matthew Gibbs were in attendance to request the county subordinate on its \$230,000, 2005 loan to Cardinal Country Daycare (Fall River). The daycare is experiencing substantial water problems, which necessitate a need for outside work (prevention) and inside work (repair). Farmers & Merchants Bank would finance this project, with an amount not to exceed \$150,000. They are requesting Columbia County subordinate collateral in this amount.

This loan was previously reviewed at the May 15th RLF Committee meeting, with the committee tabling a decision until the bank's engineer reviewed the recommendations from General Engineering Company. Farmers & Merchants Bank was also attempting to obtain a guarantee from the engineering firm.

The bank's engineer, John Belken of Belken Engineering, was contacted via phone. He concurred with General Engineering's report, with the following additions:

- Dig the drainage ditch 1' deeper, to assure it's below the building footing.
- Put more of a pitch on drain tile, thus using gravity.
- Tear out the driveway, regrade, and pitch away from the building.

He said the groundwater in that area is high, and the original grading should have provided better drainage.

Tramburg was concerned with not knowing if clear stone was under the floor of the building, which he believes is a necessity. They are going to check the original plans.

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Gibbs informed the committee that the board of Farmers & Merchants Bank approved a loan, not to exceed \$150,000, to carryout engineering recommendations and repair the inside, but the loan is dependant on Columbia County subordinating on all three properties: Fall River Daycare, Columbus Daycare, and the Johnson's personal residence.

Gibbs also relayed to the committee that no engineering firm will guarantee their plan.

MOTION: On motion by Wopat, second by Hamele, the subordination on the properties was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: On motion by Wopat, second by Hamele, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert L. Hamele, Secretary

Lois Schepp, Recording Secretary

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