



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 23, 2003

Council Session

Item G14

#2003-389 - Approving Application for Natural Resources Development Funds for Northwest Grand Island Flood Project

Discussion

This item relates to the aforementioned Public Hearing.

Recommendation:

Approve a resolution supporting the application for NRDF Grant dollars for this project.

Alternatives:

As determined by the Council.

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, Public Works Director/City Engineer

RESOLUTION 2003-389

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island has been working with the Central Platte Natural Resources District on a feasibility study and preliminary design of flood control measures in the northwest area of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has 100-year flood maps that generally show the flood path north of Capital Avenue and west of Webb Road with an additional area between U.S. Highway 281 and Webb Road bounded by State Street on the south and Capital Avenue on the north; and

WHEREAS, the study has shown that the extent of a 100-year flood will be much larger than the area covered by the 100-year FEMA flood maps, it will cover a significant portion of the city that lies west of U.S. Highway 281 between U.S. Highway 30 and Nebraska Highway 2 as well as the flooding along Prairie Creek and Silver Creek extends upstream of the city in a westerly direction into Hall County; and

WHEREAS, project components have been identified for providing flood control for this area that will be beneficial to the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, the recommended plan to accomplish the flood control is through the creation of upland and lowland flood control structures such as using roadways to act as dams, building berms to keep the creeks within their banks, and through the construction of water detention cells that would be built on 700 acres at the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant; and

WHEREAS, funding is necessary to proceed with such flood control project; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that funding from the Natural Resource Development Fund administered by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources may be used to finance a substantial portion of the construction costs; and

WHEREAS, a joint application by the City and the Central Platte Natural Resources District for funding from the Natural Resource Development Fund is suggested; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Natural Resource Development Fund is not provided until the time of construction, therefore the City would not be obligated to reimburse the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for project expenditures if the project is not constructed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island supports the proposed Prairie/Silver Creek/Moores Creek flood control project, and authorizes a grant application to be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for the amount of \$9.3 million to finance a portion of this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such grant application and other documentation on behalf of the City of Grand Island to complete such grant funding phase of the project.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 23, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk