

VILLAGE OF ANSLEY
Special Meeting
August 1, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ansley, Nebraska, was held in the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairperson Smith, Trustees Mills and Hogg. Absent was Trustee Henry. Also present were Lanette, Todd, Tom Gorman, Jeff Mihulka and Jamie Prochno from the Army Corps of Engineers, representatives from Miller & Associates, representatives from the Lower Loup Natural Resources District, Custer County Road Superintendent, and several members of the public.

Notice of this meeting was by posting in three (3) public places, the Clerk's Office, Flatwater Bank and the Ansley Post Office as required by law. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance thereof to the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairperson Smith opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and verified compliance with the open meeting act.

Following introductions of the members from the Army Corps of Engineers, Chairperson Smith turned the meeting over to them for their presentation. Tom Gorman reviewed that results from Phase I of the Section 22 Study was presented in July of 2018, and included the development of a floodplain map showing the 1% (100 year) floodplain and Comer Canyon drainage into Ansley. Phase II of the project focused on mitigation options for flood reduction. The Corp studied four (4) mitigation possibilities: dams, levees, channels and diversions. Tom summarized their findings and conclusion based on benefits and costs. (1) Dams – This would not be practical due to required location, how it would affect developed property and cost. (2) Levees would block flood waters; however this would require a lot of real estate and 20' to 30' of ROW which is not available. The required height of the levees eliminates this option plus the need for a large culvert is very costly and the levees wouldn't cover water flow from the east side. (3) Channels – This could be improved in town by regrading with a downhill slope of 1'-2' and 20' wide at the bottom and resetting culverts to match the grade, but again, this involves a lot of real estate and private land owners. (4) Diversion seems to be the best alternative and most affordable. They propose raising the road grade 3-3.5' on Road 792 and doing dirt work in the ditch on the north side of the road which represents the channel of water from Comer Canyon Creek. This is the natural way the water wants to flow. This option would involve dirt work and easements. Controlling the flow of water into Mud Creek would be necessary to avoid adverse effects. Tom emphasized these are conceptual ideas but based on their studies they feel diversion is a viable option to alleviate the threat of flooding in Ansley and reduce the size of the floodplain.

Jamie explained that Phase III would be implementing an alternative based on the benefit/cost analysis. There is the option of a Corp of Engineers Section 205 in which the Corp covers feasibility and oversees construction. There are funding opportunities through FEMA; (1) flood mitigation construction where you have to show that properties with current flood insurance would be protected, and (2) the annual pre-disaster mitigation grants. Funding may also be a possibility through the State's water sustainability program. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) also has programs for flood mitigation. The Village would need to look at all of these options to determine which could provide the best solution at an affordable cost. The Corp will develop cost comparisons to help in this determination. In all the programs there is a required match from the Village.

Questions, answers, discussion and recommendations followed the presentations. Chairperson Smith thanked everyone for attending and encouraged those present to give this some thought and share their ideas and opinions with the Board. There being no further business Trustee Hogg moved to adjourn and Trustee Mills seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following Trustees voted AYE: Hogg, Mills and Smith. ABSENT: Henry. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jamee M. Smith, Chairperson

Lanette C. Doane, CMC

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I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board of Trustees; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at said meeting was available at the meeting for copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Lanette C. Doane, CMC