RESOLUTION 2010-18

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF I-JOBS II GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the during the 2010 Legislative Session, the Iowa Legislature enacted Senate File 2389 (the "Act"), creating the I-Jobs II Program and providing for I-Jobs grant funding to assist in the development and completion of public construction projects relating to disaster prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Act also created new chapter 18B of the Iowa Code, which provides, inter alia, that local governments shall consider and may apply certain planning principles, denominated by the Act as "Smart Planning Principles" during the deliberation of all appropriate planning, zoning, development, and resource management decisions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 88 of the Act, only cities or counties that apply "smart planning principles and guidelines pursuant to sections 18B.1 and 18B.2, ..., may submit an application to the Iowa jobs board for financial assistance for a local infrastructure competitive grant for an eligible project under the program'; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ventura desires or may desire to apply for I-Jobs II grant funding for one or more eligible projects within the City, to wit:

2010 MAIN ST & W LAKE ST RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Ventura hereby resolves as follows:

1. The City shall promptly perform a review to determine the potential advantages and disadvantages to the City of adopting a comprehensive plan utilizing Smart Planning Principles in conformance with the Act.
2. In the event the City is awarded one or more grants under the Iowa Jobs II local infrastructure competitive grant program pursuant to the Act, the City shall complete the adoption of a comprehensive plan utilizing smart planning principles in conformance with new chapter 18B within three years of the award of such grant(s).

Passed and approved this 12th day of July, 2010.

George Simpson
Mayor

Approved by

Attest: _____
City Clerk

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City Attorney's Office

Fields of Opportunities

STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR
PATTY JUDGE, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
RICHARD A. LEOPOLD, DIRECTOR

July 23, 2010

City of Ventura
101 Sena St
Ventura, IA 50482

City of Ventura, George Simpson – Mayor

The street paving project the city of Ventura is initiating will benefit the work we have done and are continuing to do with the Clear Lake Enhancement and Restoration Project (CLEAR). CLEAR is a project partnership that includes the Iowa DNR, City of Ventura, City of Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo County, Hancock County, and the Clear Lake Protective Association.

CLEAR's restoration activities include lake dredging, Ventura Marsh restoration, storm water filter boxes, rain gardens, and shoreline stabilization projects to improve and maintain water quality in Clear Lake.

The street project in Ventura can be used to direct storm water runoff into our retention pond on south Main Street and allow for additional filtration or treatment prior to entry into Clear Lake and Ventura Marsh. Much of Ventura lies within the watershed of Clear Lake. Working collaboratively, we can help improve Clear Lake's water quality with projects that treat storm water and urban runoff.

The widening of the roadway will benefit the recreational access to the Ventura Cove area of Clear Lake. It will keep cyclists and pedestrians off to the side and out of motor vehicle traffic. This will link the town of Ventura to our state park, fishing jetties, and eventually to the bike trail south of Ventura.

Sincerely,

Scott Grummer, IDNR

CLEAR Project P.O. Box 863 Clear Lake, IA 50428 (641) 923-2837 Ext. 3

7/19/2010

Else Taylor
PO Box 230
Ventura, IA 50482

Dear Ms. Taylor,

I would like to state my support for the City of Ventura's IJOBS II application for storm water improvements. The CLEAR Project has had the opportunity to partner with the City of Ventura, City of Clear Lake, and Cerro Gordo County to install more than 40 storm water best management practices (BMPs) to date. These improvements have kept 88 tons of sediment, and other contaminants, from reaching Clear Lake annually. The storm water improvements that the City of Ventura is proposing in this application will route currently untreated storm water runoff into previously installed BMPs for treatment, providing further benefits to Clear Lake. The proper routing of storm water combined with planned sanitary sewer improvements will also greatly reduce the risk of needing to bypass wastewater to the lake during heavy rain events. The CLEAR Project recognizes the importance of this project and looks forward to seeing it completed.

Sincerely,

David Knoll
CLEAR Project Coordinator

Clear Lake Sanitary District

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July 15, 2010

I-JOBS II
Disaster Prevention Grant
State of Iowa

To Whom It May Concern:

The Clear Lake Sanitary District supports the City of Ventura's request for IJOBS II Grant Funding for their Main Street and West Lake Street construction projects. The grant will fund storm water and sub-drain improvements vital to this community. Without this infrastructure storm water will continue to infiltrate and inflow into the sanitary sewer system causing overloaded situations that threatens public health if bypassing into Clear Lake and/or basement backups occur.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Moler
Superintendent

Ventura Community School District

Office of the Superintendent
300 South Main Street
Ventura, Iowa 50482

Website:http://www.venturaschools.org
Phone : 641-829-4482
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July15, 2010

To Whom It May Concern

It is our understanding that the city of Ventura is currently in the process of applying for an IJOBS II grant for work on a city street project.

We would like to point out some pertinent and significant information to which the school district has a vested interest. First, we currently have two buildings, a K-5 building and a 6-12 building that are adjacent to the street. These buildings sit on both sides, and basically run a substantial distance along the street. As stated, this of course means we have a significant interest in this project. Over the years storm water (run-off) passes along both sides of this street and have caused some significant erosion to our property due to the slope of the street and the location our land. As well pedestrians who walk this street are affected by this run-off and erosion which means they have to use the main portion of the street to walk on. This can cause a safety concern for our students going to and from school along this path. As well when students or classes walk to the high school during the day for special programs, there is a significant safety issue for students and teachers to use a clear and designated side walk along this route.

As well, our elementary school's parking lot in the past has experienced some of this run-off. Specifically, in 2008 due to the heavy rain that year we needed to repave the parking lot to account for this rain water and the street next to it.

Please give strong consideration to the city of Ventura's application for funding this project, keep in mind the safety concerns we as a school have regarding this project, and the need to improve this street.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Rodemeyer
Ventura Community School
Ventura, Iowa

Charles & Eileen Taylor
11 Crystal Heights Pl
Ventura, IA 50482

State of Iowa
I-JOBS II

I support the proposed Storm Water/Sub Drainage System Improvements on my street for the following reasons.

We have two sump pumps that run most of the time, rarely drying up. The property behind us has never been properly drained so even when we have a normal year for rain fall such as this year the water from behind us finds its way into our system and the sump pumps run. When we have a very hard rainfall such as June 2008 We really have a problem. I can move a lot of water in a very short time and it has to be put somewhere. If the sump pumps run a lot during the Winter months, which they do at times we need a place to put the water.

Add to that, normal snow fall during the winter will create problems when the Spring melt commences. All in all we have a problem on this street.

Charles E. Taylor

Charles Taylor

Eileen Taylor

Eileen Taylor

July 29, 2009

City of Ventura
101 Sena Street
Ventura, IA 50482

Re: 2010 Main Street Reconstruction Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Please kindly accept this letter as our endorsement of the 2010 Main Street Reconstruction Project and as our support of the City of Ventura in receiving funding from the I-JOBS Infrastructure Investment Initiative.

As a local organization actively engaged in making North Iowa a safer and more enjoyable place to enjoy outdoor recreation, specifically cycling, we are excited about what this project will bring to our community. It is our belief that these developments will further compliment the existing network of recreational trails already found in the city of Ventura. This project will also aid in striving toward the overall goals of enhancing our community and improving upon the quality of life for both residents and visitors of North Iowa.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We appreciate your efforts in making the city of Ventura and its surrounding community a great place to work, live, and play!

Sincerely,

W. Casey Martin
Director, Cerro Gordo Trails