

Lagoon grant helps push project forward

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By a unanimous vote, Brady Village Trustees approved a contract for West Central Nebraska Development District officials to administrate a \$350,000 grant to fix a problematic lagoon.

The action took place during the trustee's monthly meeting on April 9 and involve Community Development Block Grant funds.

West Central Nebraska Development District officials will administer the grant at a cost of \$15,000 that will be paid by grant funds.

After a public hearing at which no one from the public spoke, trustees voted to go ahead with an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation application through the Nebraska Affordable Housing Program.

WCNDD fiscal officer and housing specialist Ginger Featherngill said the application seeks \$180,000 in funding to rehabilitate five low-moderate income homes within village limits and demolish two vacant and blighted, non-commercial structures.

Trustees approved several items for the application such as an environmental review, guidelines and more.

They also approved pre-application for \$155,000 in CDBG housing funds to rehabilitate five owner-occupied, low-moderate income homes.

If NAHP funds are not awarded, Featherngill said the village will have a second housing application in place from a separate funding source.

She said only one grant will be awarded.

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Following yet another public hearing, trustees approved a new liquor license for the Hitchin' Post Saloon.

A new license was needed because of a new owner. Scott Williams of Brady has bought the bar/restaurant from Mick Swanson.

On another matter, trustees changed the name on land owned by the Community Development Agency of the Village of Brady to the Village of Brady.

City clerk Pam Diehl said the change was necessary so the land, for a new fire hall, would be tax exempt.

The community hopes to build a new fire hall on the land.

Trustees also discussed changes in the cost of sanitation and possibly adding lighting by the Brady welcome sign on Highway 30 and near the entrance to the overpass.

Diehl said they'd like to light up an American flag near the sign.

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