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SPEAKERS

Chad Cooke, Turner Bradford, Darren O'Connor, Sandra Winney, Matt Veitch, Kevin Tollisen, Several Supervisors, Tom Richardson

Matt Veitch

Hello, good afternoon. Welcome to the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting for what's today, March 1st, four o'clock. Attendance has been taken. Thank you all for being here. First on the agenda for today is approval of the minutes for the February 1st 2021 and February 5th 2021 meetings. Could I have a motion for that?

Kevin Tollisen

So moved, Kevin Tollisen

Matt Veitch

Moved by Tollisen Second?

Darren O'Connor

Second, Darren O'Connor.

Matt Veitch

Darren O'Connor. Second. Any discussion? All in favor say aye?

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Matt Veitch

Any opposed? All right, carried. Just a reminder, if you're going to speak just to make sure if you're at the table here, use your microphone. Just push that button in front of you, then the light will come on and you'll know you're on. So all right. Next up is Turner Bradford from McFarland Johnson for our airport projects update. So hello, Turner.

Turner Bradford

Thank you. Good to see everybody again. So I'll just do a quick run through here. Honestly, no major changes since the last time you all saw me. So we have two projects that are under construction, the perimeter fence, which it continues and is on schedule. It'll probably continue actually through the summer. They've been working the areas that are within the Karner blue butterfly habitat in the winter, when the butterfly is not out and alive. And they're on schedule to finish that work within the allowed window, and then they'll move into the areas that are not habitat, actually pretty soon. But that's

progressing nicely and everything is sort of on schedule. The other one that's under construction actually are the mitigation sites up in Northumberland and Wilton. So these two sites here and I apologize to people on the phone, but the North and the, sorry, these two sites are under construction, the North and the South sites. They are not currently active, what with the weather but it is looking like March 15, they anticipate picking back up, there is a little bit of work to do on the south site to finish up the grabbing and clearing of the stumps and the roots and the stripping of the topsoil. And then they're going to jump into, as soon as the snow is gone, planting the habitat for the blue lupine and stuff like that. And that will also probably continue through the Spring, I would imagine they would finish that up before the Summer. And then we have two projects that are currently out to bid. And it's going to be a similar scenario, one project on the airport, which is the taxiway here. And then a corresponding the East site out in Northumberland, which is the final mitigation site out in Northumberland. They are both out to bid, bids are due in about a week and a half, I think March 10th. A lot of interest, actually. It looks like a lot of plan holders and a lot of bidders. So we'll see how prices come out, but right now things look good. Certainly a lot of interest on the street from those. We also have an SRE building that will go down here in the corner. So that's a snow removal equipment building. This one is a State grant, NYSDOT money. This has been designed and it is currently under review by the State. The State Building Department will issue the building permit and the DOT, the funding source has it reviewed, I would anticipate that going out to bid probably in April. And then really, the grant is in hand for construction. So there's not a lot preventing us from starting construction, hopefully late Spring. And those are really the projects we've got going. We will turn in the bids for the taxiway in the East mitigation site as one grant to the FAA. The timing on that, the FAA is saying May timeframe. But we ought to know by Summer how that goes. Any questions let me know.

Matt Veitch

All right. Thank you, Turner. Does anybody from the Committee have any questions for him regarding the airport update? All right, hearing no questions. Thank you very much. Appreciate you being here. And we'll move on to the next item on the agenda. Number four on the agenda is requesting a resolution to accept an FAA Coronavirus Response and Relief supplemental Appropriations act grant in the amount of \$23,000 for airport operations. And we have Commissioner Chad Cooke here from DPW to fill us in on that one. So go ahead, Chad.

Chad Cooke

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So you said it essentially, Federal Cares Act airport grant from the FAA. This is very similar to a grant that the Board accepted last year with the cares act through the FAA of \$69,000 last year, this is very similar. We're going to use this, this will essentially be used to offset existing airport related operational expenses. And an our consultant Turner would be assisting us with any paperwork and the drawdowns associated with accepting those funds.

Matt Veitch

Okay, thank you, Chad. Is there a motion to request that resolution?

Tom Richardson

I'll make the motion. So moved.

Matt Veitch

Is there a second?

Sandra Winney

Second that Supervisor Winney.

Matt Veitch

Second by Supervisor Winney. Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Matt Veitch

Any opposed? All right, Carried, thank you. Next is number five on our agenda, which is requesting a resolution reappropriating funds from 2020 to 2021. And there are several projects listed. I won't go through them all here. But we'll have Chad, cover what we're moving the money around for. So thank you.

Chad Cooke

Thank you. So these are all the listed projects, are projects that we have in process that span from one fiscal year to another. So the purpose of this resolution is to essentially to reappropriate those funds that have since fallen into fund balance, and we reappropriate them to 2021. So Turner went through all the airport projects, the only one on this list that is not an airport project is the water tower rehab, which is up at our complex County Farm road, that water tower was recently completed within the last month or so. So the carryover funds here are just simply to finish out that project, the paperwork, complete all the payments to the to the contractor and our inspection firm. So total is a little over \$3.6 million, and the bulk of which is covered by State and Federal aid. The only County portion is \$180,203 that we would need from fund balance.

Kevin Tollisen

Okay, thank you, Chad. I'll ask for a motion to move that one forward.

Sandra Winney

Supervisor Winney

Kevin Tollisen

So moved Kevin Tollisen

Matt Veitch

Sounds like Winnie and Tollisen on that one. All right. Any discussion? All in favor, say aye.

Several Supervisors

Aye.

Matt Veitch

Any opposed? All right. Carried, thank you. So number six on the agenda, I am going to actually pull that item for today. Just as a point of order on that, our lease with Shelters of Saratoga does end on April 1st. And I was going to have them come in and do a quick report on what was happening there. But I believe if I'm not mistaken, Supervisor Gaston is going to have them coming to Health and Human Services, Or reporting to that Committee for Shelters of Saratoga for the Code Blue program. So I think that that committee will cover any report from the Code Blue season. So basically, we're not going to do that here in Buildings and Grounds. So I guess with that being said, I'll ask if there's any other business to come before the committee for today? All right. Hearing none, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

Tom Richardson

You got it.

Matt Veitch

Moved. Is there a second?

Sandra Winney

I'll second it.

Matt Veitch

Seconded. All right. Thank you. We're adjourned. Have a great day everybody. Thank you.