

VILLAGE OF LA FARGE
Economic Flood Recovery Committee Meeting
Monday, November 30, 2020

*Chair Brad Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services building. (A Zoom option was offered for participating).

1). Roll Call - Present at the meeting:

All Members: Brad Steinmetz, Barb Melvin, Kris Gabrielson, Greg Lawton, and Dean Steinmetz (Zoom). Also: Sarah Pittz and Gary Blazek from Vierbichers, Village President Cheryl Purvis, Public Works Manager Wayne Haugrud, news reporter Lonnie Muller, Dave Bonifas from MRRPC, and Clerk Kimberly Walker.

2). Verification of posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village office on November 25, 2020 was given.

3). Discuss Results from Public Meeting #1: Vierbichers handed out a summary sheet with some public comments. Reviewed what people had commented on. Nothing came up of any concerns. December 9th is the next Public workshop to finalize plans to move forward with. No new feedback has been heard.

4). Discuss preferred flood mitigation scenario and sites: Maps were handed out with few updates from last time. Gary reviewed the concept map on the resettlement sites and the community development map. He went over the sanitary sewer and potential lift stations. Working on cost estimates and funding resources on how to pay for it. An infrastructure improvements recommendations sheet was also passed out. Talked about if a 500-year levee is put in, the substation may be kept where it's currently located. We recently found out we're not getting the EDA grant that the MRRPC was working on for us. There is possibly another one out there for 50% match. The utility committee is meeting soon to talk about this.

*Sarah talked on the 3 levee scenarios. They will all be incorporated into the plan document. Need to prioritize them. It all depends on what funding we could get. Looked over the maps for all three. All include the earthen levee. A review was given on the differences. Alternative 3 was a non-accredited levee. This has human intervention to close a gate. Cost estimate is 1.7 million. Alternative 2 is an accredited 100-year levee. Cost estimate is 2.4 million. And alternative 1 is the 500-year accredited levee. It includes expanding the bridge to increase capacity. Cost estimate of this is 2.9 million and is the most protective.

*The committee will see what feedback is received from the next public workshop. The next meeting is December 21st. Will review the full document then. From there, it goes to the village board for a public hearing. There were no changes from the committee tonight.

5). Kris Gabrielson moved, Greg Lawton seconded to adjourn. (Carried) Adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer