

Town of Middlesex
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Lewis opened the floor for the second advertised public hearing regarding a Community Development Block Infrastructure Grant. He stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizens' input on the town's proposed CDBG-Infrastructure grant application. The Town staff, Mike Myers at Envirolink, and Russell Underwood at Charles R. Underwood have been planning and developing this Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure grant application for a while. Mayor Lewis then recognized Mr. Dennis Patton to explain and summarize the town's proposal.

Dennis Patton, Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments, introduced himself and stated that the Town proposes to submit a Community Development Block Grant- Infrastructure grant application to the Division of Water Infrastructure at the Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources requesting approximately \$897,000 to perform replacement or rehabilitation work on nine (9) of the town's oldest wastewater lift stations. As identified by the Town staff and Envirolink, each lift station was assessed and evaluated by the engineers at Charles R. Underwood and these funds will be used to make much needed improvements at the nine (9) oldest wastewater lift stations, which include replacing several of them and rehabilitating the remainder of the stations.

He further stated that these nine (9) lift stations serve the residents within the town limits since the proposal uses the town-wide low and moderate income designation. These are by far the oldest and outdated stations anyway. The project, if funded, will abate and prevent violations in potential discharges into the surrounding neighborhoods and groundwater; reduce the amount of repairs; bring the stations up to DENR construction and reliability standards; as well as creating a more efficient and energy saving operation.

He also explained that, if funded, the Town will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants.

Mayor Lewis requested any input or questions from the Board. Commissioner McClenny stated that water and sewer matters came under him and that this proposal will do much what we have been talking about.

Mayor Lewis mentioned the number of work repairs and hours spent on repairing the various lift stations in the system. With these repairs and the maintenance plan already started, this will save the town and customers a lot of money.

Commissioner Alford stated his support for the project.

Mayor Lewis also stated that this project and others are outlined in the CIP he has been working on. The Town has completed a lot of projects since the last CIP update in 2007.

Commissioner Meacombs agreed that this is a worthwhile project and the reason that no one from the public is present to comment is that their view of this is positive. Commissioner McClenny agreed.

There was a motion by Commissioner Danny Alford, seconded by Commissioner J.W. McClenny to close the public hearing. Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing.

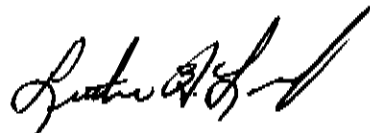
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Mayor Lewis called the special business meeting to order. He stated that he has been working on updating the town's 2007 CIP and outlined the various projects included in the new schedule, including this project. He stated that the Town Board will have to start reserving several thousands of dollars each year to use for maintenance and replacement. He stated that he had eliminated completed projects, moving other projects forward and inserting new ones. Several Commissioners asked about funds to be used for capital outlay projects.

Mayor Lewis asked for a motion to adopt the update of the town's CIP. Commissioner Harold Meacombs moved and seconded by Commissioner Cherrye Davis, the adoption of the 2014/15 to 2023/24 CIP.

Mayor Lewis asked if there were any questions on the federal requirement plans and certifications the Board had received in their agenda packet. There being no questions, Mayor Lewis asked for a motion to adopt the federal requirement plans and certifications. Commissioner Danny Alford moved and Commissioner Cherrye Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Being no further business, Commissioner Alford moved to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Commissioner McClenny and the motion unanimously passed.



Luther H. Lewis, Jr., Mayor
In absence of Town Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.
Commissioners
Harold Meacombs
Danny Alford
Cherrye Davis
Ann Lewis
J.W. McClenny