

PERU FLOOD RESPONSE REPORT – SEPT. 25, 2020

In an effort to improve timely communication between the City of Peru and its community members, the following provides updates on several important flood response concerns and comes to you from Mayor David Pease and the Long Term Recovery Group:

The City of Peru continues to meet all deadlines for NEMA and FEMA.

Long-Term Recovery Group – The LTRG welcomes Deborah Solie to the position of Northeast Nemaha County Disaster Recovery Coordinator (DRC). Solie has begun working with the City on flood-response projects and reports to the LTRG. The DRC and the LTRG report monthly to the community during City Council meetings.

- Questions? Concerns? Contact Solie at deborahsolie@gmail.com.
- Solie hosts office hours in Peru City Hall Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

City of Peru Priority Infrastructure Projects –

Long-Term Water Solution – The City of Peru is working on a water contract with Auburn Board of Public Works. The contract will be completed by December 31, 2020. Additional updates:

- The City of Peru's application to the Water Sustainability Fund has made it through the first round of review and deemed eligible by the Department of Natural Resources.
- This is typically a highly competitive grant and awards between \$750,000 and \$2.5 million.
- This award is announced in fall 2020. JEO reports fewer than anticipated entities applied for the WSF funds, so there is less competition this cycle.

Lagoons – The City reports FEMA funds to restore Peru's lagoons to pre-flood condition have been obligated. They currently value the total repairs at \$288,520 - based on engineering reports. FEMA provides 75% of total costs.

- JEO reports construction will move forward with repairing the current lagoon system and returning the lagoons to pre-flood condition. The building of the berm around the lagoons is pending funding and/or the repair of the levee.
- A timeline for construction will be available for the October City Council meeting.

5th & Hoyt Streets – The City of Peru and SENDD continue to pursue grant funding for street repairs to 5th and Hoyt Streets. This project will be conducted in phases to allow time for grant cycles and to secure additional funding. The overall project is estimated at \$2.4 million.

Hazard Mitigation – FEMA has requested additional information from NEMA regarding the City of Peru's request for hazard mitigation funds. The DRC and the City of Peru are working with NEMA to provide the requested documentation.

Levee – In July, the House passed the WRDA bill supporting the repair of the Peru levee by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers, which allows Peru's levee to be returned to the "active" list of federal levees. The bill is pending passage by the Senate.