

PERU FLOOD RESPONSE REPORT

August 28, 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:

- **Long-Term Water Solution** – The Peru City Council has approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Auburn Public Works for connecting Peru with Auburn’s water source. JEO will be working on the construction plan for this project. The portable water treatment system has undergone maintenance, following which both the boil order and drinking water advisory have been lifted. Recent Health Department testing shows there is no longer a concern about manganese levels in Peru’s water supply.
- **Grant Opportunities for Street Repairs** – The City is working with SENDD on two grant opportunities that will provide funding to help repair streets in Peru. Additional funding will be pursued to assist with the \$2.43 million project total.
- **City Meetings with FEMA/NEMA** - The water treatment plant project is undergoing review by the regional FEMA office and may require headquarter authorization. A fixed cost offer from FEMA will be based on an agreed upon cost to restore the damaged facility to pre-flood conditions. This will provide most of the funding for the new water treatment system. Starting on any design or construction activities prior to getting approval first from FEMA has been clarified and JEO is working as expeditiously as possible to move this process forward.
- **Levee Repair** – U.S. Congressman Adrian Smith sponsored language for the recently passed WRDA bill that will support the repair of the Peru levee by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers. This is exciting news as it will allow Peru’s levee to be returned to the “active” list of federal levees. In addition, District One Senator Julie Slama is working to hold the USACE accountable for the repair of the river bank, which they are required to do. Both of these repairs are necessary to protect Peru from future flooding.
- **Long-Term Recovery Group** – The LTRG continues its work to support the City and the region in flood recovery efforts. This includes work to find funding to help provide the match required by the City for funds provided by FEMA and NEMA. The LTRG recently received approval for grant funding for a 12-month contracted position and is hoping the new Disaster Recovery Coordinator will be in place soon. This person will work closely with the City on flood-response projects and report to the LTRG. The LTRG meets weekly and reports at the monthly City Council meetings.
- **Nebraska Rural Response Hotline (Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm) 1-800-464-0258**
National Disaster Distress Helpline (24 hours/7 days) 1-800-985-5990

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Vision Statement – Peru will be a welcoming, thriving and engaged community with exceptional amenities that attract people to live, work, visit and learn.