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- The next matter before Council was Resolution No. 14-99 which will authorize staff to proceed with the submittal of a Clean Lake grant with the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Council was provided with the following information:

[The City Council approved Resolution 14-71 at the June 3, 2014 meeting which authorized submittal of a Clean Lakes grant toward a Laing Lake renovation project and the use of Council Contingency funds in the amount of \$40,000 to fund the required preliminary work necessary for the grant application. (Actual cost of the preliminary work was \$44,272 with \$37,572 paid by the City.) Representatives of LakeTech and City Staff discussed potential options and solicited input at the July 15 Council meeting.

Consultants and City Staff have now provided cost estimates and detailed proposals for Laing Lake improvements. (A copy of the draft grant application is attached. Primary project components include: 1) re-shaping the current lake, 2) increasing mean depth, 3) improving fill lines, 4) enhancing access, 5) water source acquisition, and 6) shoreline improvements. Following is a summary of the estimated costs by component:

COMPONENT	NET	NDEQ	UNWNRD	COA	TOTALS
Planning and Design <i>(Completed)</i>		\$5,900	\$800	\$37,572	\$44,272
Excavation to Final Grading	\$43,100	\$46,000			\$89,100
ADA Accessible Fishing Pier	\$30,200				\$30,200
Shoreline Stabilization	\$69,200	\$10,500			\$79,700
Bottom Sealing	\$57,200				\$57,200
Fill Lines	\$26,300				\$26,300
Site Seeding			\$13,200		\$13,200
Well Purchase				\$25,000	\$25,000
Engineering and Construction Oversight	\$29,000	\$28,000			\$57,000
Project Management				\$8,880	\$8,880
Project Sign				\$500	\$500
TOTALS	\$255,000	\$90,400	\$14,000	\$71,952	\$431,352

The resolution at this Council meeting authorizes the City of Alliance to apply for grant funding through the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). Additional funding is expected through the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resource District (UNWNRD).]

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Cultural and Leisure Services Director Brown addressed Council and reviewed the steps that have been taken to date to prepare the grant application for the proposed Laing Lake improvements.

Mayor Feldges made an inquiry regarding the location of the ADA accessible dock. Mr. Paul Brakhage of LakeTech addressed the issue stating there are two proposed docks which will have paved access and west basin dock will also have close access to the parking lot.

Mr. Brakhage reviewed the financial aspects of the project.

- The NDEQ has raised the grant limit from \$300,000 to \$340,000
- The well purchase option which is being pursued will be significantly less expensive than developing a new well – this expense will serve as the City's cost share
- Cultural & Leisure Services Director Brown will be responsible for the grant and funds have been included for project management
- A sign is required per the grant and will be included as a in-kind expense for the City
- As proposed the City will only be responsible for 16% to 17% of the total project which is a great benefit to the community in correcting the lake issues
- The project is currently at the 50% design level and all grant funds have been utilized with the current proposal, any new additional features would have to be at the cost of the City.

Luke Rief, outlined the features of the design plan.

- Excavation of the west basin
- Two ADA accessible pads, one for each basin
- Shoreline work, including the removal of broken concrete on the east side
- Resealing of the bottom where excavation occurs
- Some trenching will be required
- No excavation will take place under the bridge as to not jeopardize the integrity of the structure

A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution No. 14-99 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-99

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance desires to submit a Grant Application with the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (NET) and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) for a Clean Lakes Grant for the Laing Lake Renovation Project; and

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WHEREAS, The Grant Application will be in the name of the City of Alliance and under the City of Alliance tax identification and submitted with the assistance of LakeTech our Consultants with the Project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance believes their may also be financial assistance through the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resource District (UNWNRD) for this project; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance to submit grant applications in the amounts of \$255,000 to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (NET) and \$90,400 to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) with the City's match to be estimated at \$71,952.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, to authorize Mayor Feldges to sign the documents for the submittal of a Clean Lakes Grant to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (NET) and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ).

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Benzel, Lewis, Yeager, Seiler.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next agenda item was a Board appointment.

A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, seconded by Councilman Lewis to appoint Kurt Schmidt to the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Review Committee with a term to expire December 31, 2016.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Benzel, Lewis, Feldges, Seiler.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final agenda item was the Political Subdivision Tort Claim of Michael and Rebecca Rinard on behalf of their minor child Joyce Rinard.

Council acknowledged receipt of the Claim. No further action was taken at this time.

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- Mayor Feldges stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 9:11 p.m."



Fred Feldges, Mayor

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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk