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Re: FEMA Project Reimbursements

Date: 1.8.2025

From the period of June 16th, 2024, to July 4th, 2024, Goodhue County suffered a severe storm and flooding damage. The Goodhue County Board declared a State of Emergency on July 3rd, 2024, covering the time-period described above.

The State of Minnesota met the damage threshold for a federally declared disaster covering several counties including Goodhue. All townships and municipalities throughout Goodhue County were notified of public assistance funding. They were invited to the applicant briefing held on August 6th, 2024, hosted by the State of Minnesota in the Goodhue County Emergency Operations Center. At this meeting it was explained that FEMA would reimburse 75% of the approved projects and the State of Minnesota would cover the other 25% of qualified expenses.

Goodhue County Public Works and Goodhue County Sheriff's Office had expenses that qualified for reimbursement. Goodhue County Emergency Management took the role of coordinating information and submission of projects to FEMA.

These costs were grouped into three projects by FEMA. They are listed below:

The first project is the debris removal project on County Road 7 near Welch. Working with Goodhue County Public Works it was determined that the cost of labor and equipment was \$8,053.66. FEMA has approved the funds and obligated FEMA's portion of the funds to the State of Minnesota. The State of Minnesota and FEMA's portion have been combined pending dispersal from the State of Minnesota.

The second project is the Lake Byllesby Beach sand replenishment and Mississippi River buoy replacement project. Working with Goodhue County Public Works and the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office it was determined that the cost of labor, materials, and equipment was \$17,704.24. FEMA has approved the funds and obligated FEMA's portion of the funds to the State of Minnesota. The State of Minnesota and FEMA's portion have been combined pending dispersal from the State of Minnesota.

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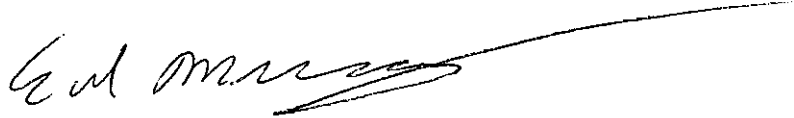
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The last project was the J Hook Riverbank and Stabilization project near County Road 7 in Welch. Working with Goodhue County Public Works it was determined that the cost of labor, equipment, and materials was \$29,617.66. The funds for this project have not been obligated yet. The funds should be obligated in the coming weeks.

We are still working with FEMA to receive more funding, which is categorized as administrative costs. For example, staff time to gather data from the projects listed above and attending required FEMA meetings. If approved Goodhue County would receive 5% of \$55,375.56 which currently is \$2,768.77 for staff time spent to gather costs and attend required meetings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl Merchlewitz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Earl Merchlewitz
Emergency Management Director