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Group looking for consultant for bridge study

IFC's Allman says it's disappointing others aren't contributing to city's study cost

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Local and state officials met for the first time officially Thursday in an effort to get a study started looking at options for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe bridge connecting Iowa and Illinois in Fort Madison.

The group constitutes a selection committee that will be voting on proposals from engineering consulting firms to see how the bridge can become more user friendly for area industries.

Members of the selection committee include Zach James of Southeast Iowa

Regional Planning Commission, Larry Driscoll and David Varley from the City of Fort Madison, Felicia Morgan with BNSF, Denise Boyer with Hall Towing and the Southeast Iowa Economic and Port Authority, Darrell Allman with Iowa Fertilizer Company, and Allan Luers with Axalta Coating Systems.

The City of Fort Madison is the lead agent for the study and will serve as the financial agent for all grants and funds used to pay for the study. The study is projected to cost \$360,000 with \$288,000 being shared by the Illinois and Iowa De-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Local, area, and state officials met Thursday in Fort Madison to put the final touches on a request for proposals for a feasibility study on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe bridge. The requests are set to go out in the next few weeks.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Thursday night rodeo action

The VIP section gets a close up look at the final event of the evening as Master of Ceremonies Boyd Polhamus, lower left corner, calls out the bull riding action Thursday night at the Tri-State Rodeo. Tickets are still available for Friday's and Saturday's action and bus rides are available to ease parking issues.

FM Methodists to help elderly with home repair

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - A group of people from a local church have plans underway to start helping with minor repairs to homes of aging Fort Madison residents.

The project got underway as an offshoot of a national Methodist service group called NOMADS who take advantage of their travels across the country to stop and help with construction projects selected. NOMADS stands for Nomads On a Mission, Active in Divine Service, and consists of mostly retired Methodist church members.

Fort Madison's Jim Posz, of the Fort Madison United Methodist Church, participates in the NOMAD projects and mentioned a project the group conducted in Iowa for a member of the local church.

"This is kind of an outgrowth of NOMADS. We did a NOMADS project in Ottumwa, where the local church screened and put together a list of primarily the elderly who needed help with their homes so they could stay at their home instead of going into an assisted living fa-

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Officials hope study can start by beginning of 2019

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partments of Transportation and the city picking up the remaining \$72,000. Iowa Fertilizer Co. has agreed to pay \$40,000 of the city's share.

Allman said during the meeting that he was surprised that more business and industries haven't shared in the cost of the study.

"I really am surprised as an industry participant that there isn't a little more support from industry in the area," Allman said. "I think, not just the community, but any business that has something to gain by having that bridge opened up could help."

Varley said the response to requests from Mayor Brad Randolph for business and industries to help with the city's share of the project has been poor.

"The mayor is still working on it, but it's been very disappointing."

Allman said other businesses not wanting to participate in the cost of the study sends a message.

"I don't want this taken the wrong way, but I don't want to feel like I'm going to put in a significant contribution that a lot of other people will be able to take advantage of, but they don't want to participate in."

Allman said maybe as the project progresses and real cost figures are kicked around, more businesses will want to be part of it.

James said it's been his experience that people want to know more about projects before they are willing to jump in.

"I know there were a couple businesses in particular that we've heard from over the past couple years as we've been talking about it, that have been very interested, but haven't been interested enough to help yet."

Discussions on a bridge feasibility study began back in 2014 under former City

Manager Byron Smith. Conversations at that time focused on the scope and cost of the study. From 2015-2017 James and Mike Norris with SEIRPC and others worked with the state DOTs on funding avenues and then in 2018 finalized the scope of the study and firmed up funding.

In 2008, BNSF imposed a 30-ton, 60-foot embargo on trucks using the bridge due to the challenging geometry of the bridge, which impacted the distribution and ability of businesses and industries in southeast Iowa.

The group is hoping the study comes up with plans to address the configurations of the bridge that caused the embargo, and also hope it addresses approaches that could straighten out the bridge and allow for easier access on and off, which would allow full length and full load trucks to use the bridge.

A request for proposals will be going out in the next week or two to engineering firms experienced in handling large scale structures like the bridge. Criteria of the proposals would include structural inspections, planning level designs, live load ratings, permitting information, summaries of previous bridge studies, impact to rail line operations, life-cycle cost analysis; and multiple alternatives to improve the bridge to be able to handle 40-ton loads.

Iowa DOT has a requirement that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have a "maximum practicable opportunity" to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with federal aid highway funds.

James said he would hope the committee could have a firm selected before November with the study starting in January.

"It's my hope that we can get a study sometime in the fall so we can actually start talking about moving forward."

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Please note the date change from Sept. 29 to Sept. 14. The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Fort Madison High School track and will conclude with closing ceremonies at 10:30 p.m. Visit the Relay Facebook page here at <https://www.facebook.com/RelayforLifeofNorthLeeCounty/?ref=bookmarks>

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Sports

Hounds skip a few beats in sweep of Demons

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It was two clipboard night for head coach Kent Bailey's Bloodhound volleyball team

Bailey who's been known to toss a clipboard or two in his day, sensed a let down with the Bloodhounds in the first and third games and called a couple timeouts to right the ship and the Hounds went on to down visiting Washington 25-13, 25-8, 25-19 to move to 3-0 in the conference.

FMHS jumped out to a quick 10-4 lead in game one behind some sparkling serving from Kaeli Hutson. The senior reeled off six straight and got some timely kills from senior Olivia Williams. Senior Jasmine Bass had a block and then followed up with a kill in the following

action to give the Hounds a 7-3 lead. Williams then put in back-to-back kills on short rallies to push the lead.

Washington cut into the lead on back to back attack errors from junior Jillian Wiseman and Hutson allowing the Demons to get within four at 13-0. Wiseman had a kill from the center of floor to push the Hounds up by five and after the two teams traded points, senior Josie Pumphrey recorded a couple back-to-back aces to give the Hounds some breathing room.

At 20-12, Gracie Pumphrey rattled off five straight with a couple of dinks from the Hounds frontline to soft spots in the Demons back court. Williams got called for a net violation at 24-13 to end the rally, but Bass capped the game with a kill on the next Washington service.

The Hounds rolled through the second game on Gracie Pumphrey's run of 13 straight service points. During the run from 13-5 to 20-5, the Hounds only registered one offensive score as the Demons struggled to get the ball back in play with seven long errors on attacks. Washington got a kill at 24-5 to stop the run, and rolled off three straight but Williams, who was 18-21 attacking with eleven kills on the night, put an end to the second game.

Bailey had seen enough in the third game with the Hounds down 5-6 after a missed serve by Gracie Pumphrey and called a time out. The Demons then got four straight from junior Addison Six with a couple kills from Samantha Farmer. to push the Demons lead to 9-6.

Washington was able to extend the lead to five at 14-9. Braxtyn McGhghy broke the run with a kill to give the ball back to the Hounds, Josie Pumphrey, who's serving 93% on the season ripped off three straight and McGhghy had



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Junior Jillian Wiseman goes for an attack in Thursday's win over Washington. Wiseman was 16-19 hitting with 11 kills and three blocks.

another kill from the center to cut the Demons lead to two at 13-15. Williams erred on her next attack, but Bass cleaned up the Demons next serve with a kill to tie the game at 16. Fort Madison would trail only one more time in the game at 18-19 when Six had back to back kills. Williams answered to tie it at 19 and the Hounds went unscathed the rest of the way behind two kills each from Hutson and Wiseman.

The Bloodhounds moved back into the top 15 in Class 4A after dropping out last week. The Hounds are now 10-4 on the season with all losses coming in in high-caliber early season tournaments.

"I think we played fairly well and stayed together as a team, but we kind of fell apart due to some missed serves," Williams said after the game.

Wiseman, who went 16-19 with 11 kills and three blocks, said the Hounds may have been looking past Washington especially with the large win in the second game.

"We kind of came into this game knowing that we were going to win," she said. "That's one of the reasons why we weren't pumped up. We thought we should have breezed

through this. I feel like we thought we could get away with playing just through the motions and win."

Bailey agreed saying the team lost focus at several points and has to play with purpose.

"We had a lack of focus and we missed serves. When you miss three serves in your first four... we're a 95% serving team," Bailey said. "We were missing spots and this isn't the team we're thinking about. When you think about the teams down the road, you gotta hit spots, You have to go back with a purpose every time you serve."

He said the woes in the third game were domino effect of the poor serving.

The Hounds are off until Tuesday when they host Keokuk in another conference matchup.



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On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 8/7/2018; July Financial Report; Payment of Claims; and Liquor License Renewal: JoeDees, Inc., 1828 Avenue L, effective 7/31/2018; and Resolution No. 2018-47, granting property tax exemption for David L/Betty J/Jacob P Burch, 102 - 18th Street.

On motion, Council approved to reconsider the vote to approve the updated City Personnel Manual. A motion to amend the updated City Personnel Manual died for lack of second. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2018-48, approving the updated Personnel Manual.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Ashley Balmer and Hugh VandeGriff to the Parks Board, terms expiring March 31, 2019. On motion, Council tabled action on a request from the Lee County Economic Development Group for City funding.

At 7:12 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until September 4, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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From the Front

Church group's efforts to focus on elderly home-owners

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cility. I was telling someone at a church meeting about that about six months ago and they said we could do that here.”

Now the group has an application process in place and is looking for minor projects that elderly home-owners need help with.

For the past 60 years the church has held a lunch after the rodeo parade until 1 p.m. and funds for that have been used for church projects. This year the church decided to give the funds from the annual lunch to help launch the program.

“We looked at church finances and we decided we could get along without this income to the local church and we could dump everything from the rodeo lunch into the new program. All the profits of that will go into carpenters’ hands.”

Posz said the group is looking specifically for owner-occupied homes of elderly people who may need a storm door put in, or a stair or railing secured, minor plumbing, and those kinds of things.

The group will not be charging for the labor, and if owners could provide the cost of the parts or supplies, the group would look at doing the work for the homeowner. However, the church would consider picking up the tab, as part of a screening process, on certain projects if the owner didn't have the ability to pay for the needed repair.

Applications for projects to be considered can be picked up at the church or the Newberry Center at 728 Avenue G. Posz said anyone who can't make it to either of those locations can call the church office before 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 319-372-6426 and the church will mail an application out.

The church will not consider repairs for rental prop-

erties.

“People need to recognize that we are volunteers, so we aren't going to be putting roofs on or anything too large in scope or hazardous to a group of volunteers. We have to limit what we can do,” he said.

“If someone has a toilet running or a faucet they can't get fixed we can look at that, but redoing the plumbing throughout the house is probably not something we're going to be able to help with.”

He said the group will do both exterior and interior repairs, however.

“We've got some handy people,” Posz said. “You'll notice I didn't say handymen. This is people's work and we've got some ladies who can do as much as most guys

could.”

Posz said the group would welcome volunteers from outside the church, as well, but all volunteers must be willing to do a background screen

Some of the volunteers will serve on a selection committee that will evaluate each project for validity and cost, while others will be handling the actual work required. Posz said not every application will be accepted, but the group will do their best to get to the ones they deem most necessary and within the framework of the program.

“We can't guarantee every application,” he said. “But we'll do our best. The application is fairly straightforward.

“We feel like its a good way to serve the community and make Fort Madison a better place for people,” Posz said.

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