

NOTICE AND CALL OF PUBLIC MEETING

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: THE CITY COUNCIL OF CRESCO, IOWA
DATE OF MEETING: JANUARY 5, 2022
TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M. CITY HALL, 130 N PARK PLACE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED GOVERNMENTAL BODY WILL MEET AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SET OUT ABOVE. THE TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR SAID MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

ROLL CALL: KRIENER, McCONNELL, FORTUNE, BOUSKA, CARMAN

ACT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time council votes on the motion.

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Claims
3. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2021
4. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2021 Worksession
5. Approval of Class E Liquor License, Class C Beer Permit, and Class B Wine Permit with Sunday Sales to Casey's Marketing Company d/b/a Casey's General Store #2511
6. Approval of Tree Surgeon License for Rogne Spray LLC

STAFF REPORTS: There may be action taken on each of the items listed below.

1. Public Works
2. Police
3. Administration
4. Committee Updates

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

BUSINESS: There may be action taken on each of the items listed below.

1. Motion to Award Hotel/Motel Tax Grants for Tourism Projects
2. Mayor to Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem
3. Appoint Council Members to Committees
4. Resolution Authorizing the Termination of Agreements Between Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission and the City of Cresco, Iowa for CDBG Housing Rehab Grant Administration and Technical Services
5. Motion to Proceed with Requesting Proposals for Grant Administration and Technical Services to Assist with a CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program
6. Motion to Pledge \$8,000 to Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund for Iowa Finance Authority Funding Application for 2023
7. Discuss Issues Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic

ADJOURN:

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 21, CODE OF IOWA AND THE LOCAL RULES OF SAID GOVERNMENTAL BODY. POSTED DECEMBER 29, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bouska called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on December 20, 2021, at 5:30 pm. Council Members Brenno, McConnell, Fortune, Bouska, and Carman were present. No council members were absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes from the December 6 and 9, 2021 meetings; Class C Liquor License (LC) with Sunday sales and outdoor service to Howard County Agricultural Society d/b/a Mighty Howard County Fair – Howard County Expo Center (pending proof of Dramshop Insurance); Excavator Licenses for James Henry dba Henry's Backhoe Service and Mracek Plumbing, Heating & Electric LLC. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Widell reported (a) 7th Street West will be closed for a short time on December 21st; (b) a special yardwaste pick up was done today for the storm damage; (c) the City lost 3-4 trees in Kessel Park but otherwise did not sustain much damage in the storm; (d) thanked the public for working with us to conserve water during the electrical outage since we did not have a backup generator on the south well. The generator is on the north well which is currently down for maintenance. We had plenty of water in the water tower and never lost pressure in the system. Brenno reported that he received several compliments for the City workers and their speedy cleanup after the storm.

City Clerk Elton reported (a) we are still waiting on some paperwork for the conditional offers for the new Police Officers and Reserve Officers; (b) busy with budget and calendar yearend.

Fortune reported the Theatre Commission met and Luther College Opera will be coming to the Cresco Theatre on April 24, 2022. This will be a huge event. An energy grant was received from the Bouska Trust to seal the gap where the scene shop was removed. Rental agreements and rates have been updated. Looking into forming a "Friends of the Theatre" group to help with fundraising, volunteering, and other needs within the Theatre. CCT has requested permission to move their storage container to the gravel pad behind the Theatre especially when it gets closer to their production. The Commission is wondering if Council had any concerns. Nate said it would only be allowed for a temporary time period as other requests have been denied for permanent placements. Council agreed to allow it for a short time prior to, and during, productions but not to allow it permanently.

McConnell reported on the inspection of the ground and records at the airport that Wayne Maas conducted. They will be forwarding a proposed lease agreement for a cement pad and holding tank for Midwest Aerial.

Bouska reported at the Regional Housing Authority meeting that we have nine port-outs that are costing \$11,349 per month. This calculates to an average of \$1,261 per month compared to a local request that costs about \$323 per month. These are people that move from a big city, start collecting here, and then move back to the big city, taking away a lot of Federal funding from local residents.

Bouska reported the Howard County Economic Development met and were informed RHS hired a new surgeon. Howard County did a land exchange in Kendallville which will ultimately become an Amish furniture store. The County is also doing a TIF for a 3rd wind farm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bouska asked for comments from the audience and there were none.

McConnell made a motion to appoint Gary Kriener to fill the Council vacancy effective January 1, 2022. Fortune seconded and it passed all ayes.

David Brenno performed the Oath of Office for Mayor position. Amy Bouska and Gary Kriener each performed the Oath of Office for Council positions. All positions are effective January 1, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bouska performed the third reading of summary of proposed Ordinance 492 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, by amending Chapters 105.10, 105.14, 106.02, and 106.08(1) pertaining to fees for recyclable and non-recyclable waste. Brenno made the motion to approve the third reading. Fortune seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve Ordinance 492 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, by amending Chapters 105.10, 105.14, 106.02, and 106.08(1) pertaining to fees for recyclable and non-recyclable waste. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes.

Council discussed a letter received from Cody Phillips requesting a credit for water not entering the sanitary sewer. He paid \$400 on December 6th, before the due date, so he is also requesting the late penalty on the credited sewer charges. Bouska made the motion to approve the credit of \$1,011.46 for sewer and penalty charges. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

The 28E Agreement with Helping Services states that funding will be used for providing substance abuse and domestic abuse services to individuals and families. Brenno made a motion to authorize the \$1,250 payment to Helping Services and declared it meets a public purpose in accordance with the 28E Agreement. Fortune seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing transfer of funds for FY 2022 – December Transfers. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made a motion to reschedule the January 3, 2022 Council Meeting to January 5, 2022. Brenno seconded and it passed all ayes.

Updated budget worksheets were distributed to Council. Council will review the numbers and will schedule a worksession after the next meeting.

Carman reported the positivity rate for Howard County is 13.8% for COVID-19. Omicron variant is widespread. RHS continues administering vaccines and boosters. Currently 48.6% are vaccinated. There have been 24 deaths. Iowa has breakouts in 19 long-term care facilities. Hospitals are still overwhelmed. Elton reported the Federal Appellate Court Panel lifted the stay of the OSHA Vaccine and Testing Mandate. The City of Cresco will be required to follow the mandates since we will have more than 100 employees. Unvaccinated employees will need to wear masks and perform weekly COVID tests at their own expense. There is still a chance this decision could be appealed.

Brenno made the motion to go into Closed Session at 5:56 pm pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17 (3) Strategy Meeting to discuss Union Negotiations Matters. Fortune seconded and it passed all ayes.

Brenno made the motion to go into Open Session at 7:40 pm. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes. No formal action was taken during the closed session.

Fortune moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:40 pm. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 5:30 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Amy Bouska

City Clerk Michelle Elton

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

AHLERS&COONEY	Legal	50.00	METERING& Supp	1,896.44
ALLIANT	Elect	1,308.25	MIENERGY Elect	6,153.54
BAKER&TAYLOR	Books	705.70	MOSS ROOF Svc	47,272.00
BC/BS	Ins	34,341.41	NE IA MOTO Svc	269.02
BOB'S ELEC	Svc	510.00	NUWAY-K&F Rent	72.00
BODENSTEINER	Parts	725.78	O'HENRY'S Supp	195.48
BRADSHAW,...	Legal	1,565.00	OLD 20 AUC Equip	50,000.00
BROWN SUPPLY	Supp	542.00	PAYROLL	72,681.17
BULLDAWG CONST	Svc	1,000.00	PERRY NOV/ Svc	12,800.00
CARDMEMBER SRVC	Supp	1,481.18	RILEY'S Supp	451.30
CARQUEST	Supp	11.92	SAM'S Conces	324.51
CENTER POINT LG PRT	Books	137.75	SANDRY FIRE Svc	90.94
CITY LAUNDERING	Svc	1,171.63	SCHUMACH Elev	163.90
CITY OF CRESCO	Ins	4,069.32	SIGNS&DESIG Supp	300.00
CITY OF CRESCO	Trnsfr	200.00	SKYLINE COI Svc	40,345.89
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	25.53	SLIFKA,HUNT Trng	149.00
CPU	Svc	200.00	SONY Movie	657.85
CORRIDOR TECH	Svc	402.00	SPAHN&ROS Supp	13,649.04
COURTNEY LAWN	Svc	180.00	STATE HYGIE Analys	145.50
CR TPD	Movie	80.00	STOREY KEN Supp	262.05
CR VET	Svc	31.58	T&W GRINDI Svc	3,600.00
CRYSTEEL TRUCK	Equip	6,488.90	THE STEEL SH Svc	271.67
DM STAMP	Supp	139.00	TREAS,IA Taxes	5,801.00
DON'S TRUCK	Equip	10,750.00	TRUCK COUI Parts	874.67
ELECTRIC PUMP	Pump	7,652.00	TRUENORTH Ins	13.30
FAREWAY	Supp	449.48	UNITYPOINT Svc	126.00
FIRE SRVC	Trng	50.00	USA BLUE BK Supp	646.66
FORTE PMT	Fees	233.00	ZIEGLER Parts	407.62
GORDON FLESCH	Copier	145.19		
HANSON TIRE	Svc	23.45	<u>BY FUND:</u>	
HAWKEYE SAN	Gb/rc	51,980.72	GENERAL	147,758.16
HELPING SRVC	Contrib	1,250.00	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX	1,900.00
HOVDEN OIL	Supp	122.65	LOST PROJ	51,693.69
HC AUDITOR	Election	2,717.10	FIRE STATION BLDG	57,509.93
HC BUS&TOUR	Tourism	1,500.00	STREET TRUST	12,800.00
HC BUS&TOUR	Tourism	400.00	CR COMM FIRE	1,255.73
HC REC	Fees	32.00	ROAD USE TAX	17,393.32
IA LAW ACAD	Eval	150.00	EMPLOYEE BEN	9,321.73
KERIAN,WAYNE	Trng	149.00	FC TRUST	47,272.00
KEYSTONE LAB	Analys	1,209.85	PARK TRUST	1,000.00
KOENIGS,ALEX	Trng	149.00	LIBRARY	30.34
KWIK TRIP	Gas	3,245.37	WATER	56,584.68
LAKESIDE EQUIP	Equip	38,086.00	SEWER OP	33,170.30
LIBRARY IDEAS	Books	201.65	SEWER PROJ	38,086.00
LICKTEIG LAWN	Supp	24.73	CAP IMPR	15.13
LICKTEIG,WENDY	Supp	34.92	YARDWASTE	54,472.68
LT MECH	Svc	1,943.67		
MEDIACOM	Phone	309.27	TOTAL CLAIMS	530,263.69
MEHMERT TILING	Svc	92,467.14	Revenues 12/7-12/20/21	299,829.45

Mayor Pro-Tem Bouska called the special Cresco City Council meeting to order on December 20, 2021, at 5:15 pm. Council Members Brenno, McConnell, Bouska, and Carman were present. Fortune arrived at 5:23 pm. No council members were absent.

Applications were requested for anyone interested in filling the vacant council position. One application was received from Gary Kriener. A short Question and Answer forum was held for Gary to introduce himself and answer questions from the Council.

Information was shared regarding the Municipal Leadership Academy that the Iowa League of Cities hosts for newly elected officials.

Brenno moved to adjourn the special Council Meeting at 5:24 pm. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be December 20, 2021, at 5:30 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Amy Bouska

City Clerk Michelle Elton



State of Iowa

Alcoholic Beverages Division

Applicant

NAME OF LEGAL ENTITY	NAME OF BUSINESS(DBA)	BUSINESS	
CASEY'S MARKETING COMPANY	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #2511	(563) 547-2427	
ADDRESS OF PREMISES	CITY	COUNTY	ZIP
601 2ND AVE S.W.	Cresco	Howard	52136
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PO Box 3001	Ankeny	Iowa	50021

Contact Person

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
JESSICA FISHER-COMSTOCK, STORE OPERATIONS	(515) 446-6404	jessica.fisher@caseys.com

License Information

LICENSE NUMBER	LICENSE/PERMIT TYPE	TERM	STATUS
LE0002855	Class E Liquor License	12 Month	Submitted to Local Authority
EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	LAST DAY OF BUSINESS	
Mar 1, 2022	Feb 28, 2023		

SUB-PERMITS

Class E Liquor License, Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit



State of Iowa

Alcoholic Beverages Division

PRIVILEGES

Sunday Service

Status of Business

BUSINESS TYPE

Publicly Traded Corporation

Ownership

No Ownership information found

Insurance Company Information

INSURANCE COMPANY

POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE

POLICY EXPIRATION DATE

DRAM CANCEL DATE

OUTDOOR SERVICE EFFECTIVE
DATE

OUTDOOR SERVICE EXPIRATION
DATE

BOND EFFECTIVE DATE

TEMP TRANSFER EFFECTIVE
DATE

TEMP TRANSFER EXPIRATION
DATE

Travel and tourism is defined as:

Advancing the economic welfare of Cresco by promoting and competitively marketing ourselves as a visitor and tourism destination.

Available funds: \$6,883.35 Funds requested: \$6,650.00

I. Members present: Amy Bouska, Bootie Kapler Email: Jan Carman
 HCBT present: Spiff Slifka, Jason Passmore

II. Recommendations

1. Driftrunners
 - a. Requesting \$4,250.00
 - b. The committee scores this application favorably as it promotes and markets outdoor recreation throughout the season.
 - c. **Committee recommends awarding \$4,000**
2. Statue
 - a. Requesting up to \$2,400
 - b. The committee scores this application favorably to help bridge the Bohle Family fundraising effort to purchase a statue to be placed at city hall in Mark Bohle's name. Actual amount could be less, but will not exceed \$2,400.
 - c. **Committee recommends awarding up to \$2,400**

Tourism Advisory Committee Evaluation & Recommendation

Application	Time Sensitive or Need	Application meets Tourism Definition	Lodging	Qtr 4 Funds recommendation
Driftrunners	H	H	H	\$4,000
Statue	M/H	M	L	\$2,400
Recommended				\$6,400.00
Available 3rd Qtr Funds				\$6,883.35
Surplus				\$483.35
H=high, M=medium, L=low				

4th Qtr 2021 Tourism Grant Application

Project: Driftrunners Snowfest 2022

Date: 12/12/2021

Organization/Agency Requesting Funding: Driftrunners Snowmobile Club

Contact Person and Title: Brandon Plaht, Secretary

Address: 617 4th Ave W., Cresco, IA 52136

Phone: 15636050141

Email: bplaht@gmail.com

Amount Requested: \$4,250

Total Cost of the Project: \$9,725

Event Date (if applicable): 1/20/2022

Project Completion Date: 1/23/2022

Q: Describe the project. Provide details of the project and the budget, other fundraising efforts, and the who, what, where, why and how of the project.

A: This January, the Driftrunners Snowmobile Club will be hosting the 51st annual Snowfest. Building off last year's event, this year's event will continue to celebrate the heritage and history of snowmobiling in the Cresco area. This year's Snowfest will see some of the events and activities that were held at last year's 50th Snowfest. Those events are planned to drive both snowmobilers and non-snowmobilers to visit Cresco and explore what the town all has to offer. Some of the events we are doing include: bingo Saturday afternoon, vintage snowmobile show, boy scout breakfast, trail rides, chili cook-off. These activities have been a hit for the last few years bringing in both snowmobilers and local non-snowmobilers. We are doing events for charity again which include the fun run for Spina Bifida and HoCa. This year the Driftrunners Snowmobile Club is asking for \$4,250 to cover advertising efforts and smaller expense items related to Snowfest, and to promote our trail system in Howard and Winneshiek counties. We plan to groom the trails multiple times over the week of Snowfest and that alone costs us around \$1,000 in fuel just for that time span. For advertisements we plan to spend around \$4,000 in a wide portfolio of products outside the Cresco area on radio, magazine, and social media. We have put together an ad plan with the Iowa Snowmobiler magazine and will have a full-page ad for the January issue and full-page article with photos, and front cover featuring Cresco trails. This will cost the club around \$900. The Iowa Snowmobiler Magazine goes out to all snowmobilers in the state of Iowa. We are working on radio ads that will broadcast out of Decorah, La Crosse, Mason City, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, and Dubuque locations. With the

radio ads, we are working to cover different music genres to ensure we get to a large variety of people. Some of the radio stations we are working on a streaming radio package as streaming media is beginning to become popular and has a different avenue of reach. We will also advertise in local Cresco outlets to ensure Cresco folks know what all is going on. We are also planning a full push on social media including Facebook with different advertisements running the month of January. As said in the past, if this grant is not awarded, we will still have Snowfest but the impact will be seen on donation amounts we would contribute to local charities. We would like to thank you for the support we have received in the past and hope everyone can make it to Snowfest in January.

Q: How does this project promote Cresco tourism and how does it increase lodging use within the community?

A: The Driftrunners Snowmobile Club is a non-profit club that was established in 1968 and has a long history of snowmobiling and helping to bring people to Northeast Iowa. Each year we contribute to different charities including: Spina Bifida, HoCa in Howard County, Iowa State Snowmobile Scholarship Foundation, Crestwood Dollars for Scholars, Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation in Cresco for Toy Drives. The 2022 Snowfest will take place from January 20th through 23rd. Each year we expect 200 people to show up on average and if we have a large amount of snow, we have seen that number rise to 600 people over the extended 4-day weekend. The Driftrunners have events throughout the year, but most of the events are focused around the winter season. Our 2 main events during the winter season are Snowfest and Charlie's Chili Feed. While both events draw in outside visitors, there are numerous times throughout the winter season on weekends and weekdays visitors with trailers and snowmobiles will be seen parked at the hotels in town. We take pride to maintain easy trail access all winter season for visitors to get on and off the trails right next to the hotels and gas stations. This helps so they do not have to try and figure out how to get on and off the trails and potentially trespass onto property. With this close access to businesses, this shows a positive attribute of the Driftrunners and brings people again and again to our town that normally would ride outside our area. The Driftrunners also work with numerous businesses throughout the year to promote their products and services. We have club rides that start at different businesses in town which promotes them as being sponsors to our club. We continue to drive our visibility on social media where we promote not only Cresco area, but all Northeast Iowa for snowmobiling. We also work to maintain access to adjoining snowmobile club trails for people to ride from Decorah, New Hampton, Charles City, Preston, and Harmony. That alone connects to other trails and allows multiple avenues to ride snowmobile to Cresco.

4th Qtr 2021 Tourism Grant Application

Project: Cresco City Hall Statue

Date: 12/15/2021

Organization/Agency Requesting Funding: Howard County Tourism

Contact Person and Title: Spiff Slifka

Address: 101 2nd Ave SW, Cresco 52136

Phone: 563.547.3434

Email: spiff@howard-county.com

Amount Requested: \$2,400

Total Cost of the Project: \$4,800

Event Date (if applicable):

Project Completion Date: 4/15/2022

Q: Describe the project. Provide details of the project and the budget, other fundraising efforts, and the who, what, where, why and how of the project.

A: I have been asked to assist the Mark Bohle families to place a statue at City Hall in Mark's name. I have spoken with the City Clerk and Becky Bohle regarding this project. The statue the family chose is one of a girl and boy playing Leap Frog and I will attach a picture. An uncle of Mark's in Arizona has this exact statue at his home and makes the family feel as if this is the right statue for City Hall and represents the Bohle family. The cost of the statue would be \$4,800 which includes the statue, cement pad, pedestal and plaque. The family has raised \$2,400 to date. I am asking for Travel & Tourism funding to help complete this project with approval of up to \$2,400. If the family raises more money through memorials, we would reduce the amount asked for. My goal is not to use the entire \$2,400, but would like to have approval to move forward to order the statue this year and have time to raise more funds before costs go up.

Q: How does this project promote Cresco tourism and how does it increase lodging use within the community?

A: Cresco has become noted for their statues depicting children and a form of art that rural America does not see often. During the pandemic we have seen an increase of travel to Cresco and our bronze statues are always a must-see. We expect an increase in lodging in the near future and more visitors coming to our area.



**CITY OF CRESCO
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

To Be Updated

January 5, 2022

Current Members

	Brenno	Fortune	Widell	Girolamo	Bohle
Public Works Committee	Brenno	Fortune	Widell	Girolamo	Bohle
Personnel Committee	Bouska	Fortune	Bohle		
Fire Committee	McConnell	Fortune	Bohle		
Tourism	Bouska	Carman			
CIDC	McConnell	Bohle			
Chamber	Carman				
HCED	Bouska				
Revolving Loan Fund	Girolamo				
IRP	McConnell	Bohle			

BOARD/COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

	Current Members		January 5, 2022
Park & Rec	Brenno		
Library	Carman		
Theatre	Fortune		
Airport	McConnell	Widell	
Board of Adjustments	Widell		
Planning & Zoning	Widell		
Public Safety	Brenno		
Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority Board	Bouska		
Cresco Broadband Telecommunications Commission (CBTC)	(John Loveless)	(Dave Jones)	NOT ACTIVE - SO NO MEMBERS ASSIGNED

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN UPPER EXPLORERLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AND THE CITY OF CRESCO, IOWA FOR CDBG HOUSING REHAB GRANT
ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2018, the City of Cresco, Iowa was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #18-HSG-006 by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for the City of Cresco Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the \$251,790 CDBG grant was for the rehabilitation of six owner occupied units within the city limits of Cresco, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cresco by Resolution No. 091804 entered into an Agreement for General Administrative Services between the City of Cresco and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC); and

WHEREAS, the City of Cresco by Resolution No. 091805 entered into an Agreement for Technical and Lead Hazard Carrying Cost between the City of Cresco and UERPC; and

WHEREAS, UERPC has failed to fulfill its obligations of the agreement by not completing the rehabilitation of two of the six houses by the deadline for the CDBG Grant; and

WHEREAS, IEDA has agreed to extend the deadline for the City of Cresco and a new administrator to complete the rehabilitation on the two unfinished projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agreements with Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission relating to grant administration and technical services for the Iowa Economic Development Authority's CDBG shall be terminated effective January 5, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Cresco will pursue a new firm for grant administration and technical services to ensure compliance with CDBG requirements.

Council Person _____ moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution and Council Person _____ seconded said Motion. Following discussion, a roll call vote was requested by Mayor and said roll call resulted as follows:

Ayes: _____
Nays: _____
Absent: _____

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and announced that the Agreements with Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission is terminated.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

BY: _____
Mayor Pro-Tem Amy Bouska

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Michelle Elton

Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund

Serving Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek Counties

December 16th, 2021

City of Cresco
Michelle Elton
130 N. Park Pl.
Cresco, IA 52136

City of Cresco:

We all know that housing is a critical part of regional economic development, and our partnerships throughout the region help to maintain property values and high-quality homes for current and future Northeast Iowa residents. The **Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (NEIRHTF)** has been a great success, helping families throughout our region make needed repairs to their homes and helping to ensure that residents will continue to have a supply of safe, affordable housing. We will be applying for funding for 2023 this next fall, and we want to **make sure to give your organization plenty of time to discuss and plan for your matching contribution to the NEIRHTF in your FY2023 budget.** For 2023 funding, Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) will require 20% match for projects.

Thank you for your past matching contributions. Within the 2021 Housing Trust Fund program, we were able to assist 33 homes, spending all \$246,555 Iowa Finance Funds as well as over \$61,638 of local match funds and over \$18,219 homeowner match funds. Within the projects, 14 down payment assistance projects, three (3) windows/doors, six (6) roofs/siding, two (2) electrical, one (1) foundation, four (4) furnaces/HVAC, two (2) bathroom/plumbing and one (1) wall/carpet repair and replacement.

While this is impressive, we all know that there is a lot more work to be done. **We request that the City of Cresco consider continuing your contribution of \$8,000 or more for 2023.** The dollars that you are committing will stay in your community and will ensure that state funds from IFA are obligated to projects that will contribute to the vitality and well-being of Howard County residents.

We request that you return a letter committing to this match amount by February 1st, 2022. If you need a sample letter do not hesitate to contact us or if you have any questions that you might have.

We appreciate your continued support of the NEIRHTF.

Sincerely,

Carrie Courtney

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