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The Menard County Public Building Study Group (PBSG), an advisory board appointed by the Menard County Board of Commissioners, met on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Countryside Estates located at 19080 Sunny Acres Road, Petersburg. Menard County Commissioner Bob Lott, Menard County Commissioner Ed Whitcomb, PBSG Member Joe Hemberger, PBSG Member Steve Ozella, and PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen were in attendance. Coordinator Dara Worthington was also in attendance.

The meeting began at 6:40 PM.

PBSG Member Joe Hemberger made a motion to approve the March 1, 2023, meeting minutes. PBSG Member Dan Ortgessen seconded. Motion carried.

There were no citizens for public comment.

A quick overview was provided regarding the Menard County Highway Department ARPA building project. It was reported that Custom Structures was not on site, the location had been JULIE'd, and pavement cut for grading to begin. The concrete man should be available the following week and the septic system is moving forward.

Coordinator Worthington reported that two DCEO grants are in the process of being revised to reflect the change in plans for the courthouse with the windows being removed from the Scope of Work. A quick overview of some of the Scope of Work changes was reported. It was also reported that the uplighting project was currently being installed. Worthington questioned whether there was interest in having a reveal of the project on a Friday evening per a suggestion by PBSG Member Ozella. There was no response.

An update on the progress with Countryside Estates was provided noting that the residents resumed living in the facility on May 1. There are currently six vacancies with three interested parties for those vacancies. There are some additional items that need attention including electrical, plumbing, construction, and flooring before it can be called complete. The Maintenance Director has been asked to complete a punch list before the contractor leaves.

A preliminary plan for a proposed pole barn for Sunny Acres was provided for member review. Commissioner Lott gave a brief overview of the features of the proposed ARPA-funded project. Robert Haerr, Vice President of Facilities for Heritage, will prepare the bid document for the building which will be designed to be part shop and part storage for activities supplies. Because ARPA funds are being utilized for this construction, it should be bid at non-prevailing wage. Coordinator Worthington was directed to communicate the need for windows in the shop area of the building with Robert Haerr.

A brief tour of Countryside Estates was provided for the members.

With no further business going before the board, PBSG Member Ortgessen made a motion to adjourn, and PBSG Member Hemberger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara Worthington