

Friday deadline for cost share funds initiative

Friday is this year's deadline for Kansas landowners to apply for cost-share funds available through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative. The funds are earmarked to help two declining natural resources: the region's aging and/or damaged windbreaks and riparian (streamside) forests.

"More than \$200,000 is available for the Kansas landowners who

qualify. That amount could have far-reaching impacts," said Bob Atchison, rural forestry coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service.

The provision can cover the majority of costs for improving or renovating windbreaks, forests and woodlands and for establishing riparian plantings. Such projects can take more than one funding year to compete, Atchison explained. In

turn, the finished projects are likely to help protect and conserve additional resources, such as soil, water and energy.

"Recent surveys and satellite research revealed that the needs in Kansas are becoming critical," he added. "For example, 44 percent of Kansas windbreaks are in fair to poor condition now. Many were planted during the Dust Bowl. But

they're no longer providing the conservation benefits they once had.

"Many of the trees that lined our major rivers and streams are gone or in decline no, too, due to changes in river channels and stream flows. As often as not, those changes were human-caused."

Costs that forestry conservation funds can cover include using heavy equipment to remove unhealthy trees, planting trees and shrubs, using weed barrier fabric or herbicides, installing fencing to protect seedlings from animal damage or

installing a micro-irrigation drip system.

Landowners can apply at the Natural Resource Conservation Service office, 210 W. 10th, Goodland. Applications that miss this year's deadline go into the next year's selection pool.

Self-assessment worksheets are available at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/equip/2011/self_assessment.html.

"You actually can earn extra ranking points if you complete the appropriate worksheet and get it to

your service office before the application-cutoff date. For the 2011 forestry initiative, that's March 4," Atchison said.

Information about the windbreak and riparian forest initiative is available on the web at www.kansasforests.org/rural/lib/equip.pdf.

The initiative is available only in Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas. Atchison said, Congress plans to appropriate more than \$4 million toward it over the next five years.

Do something each day to improve your business

When trying to improve your business, you can easily get overwhelmed by all the information available, but what really matters is what you did today.

The best information in the world won't improve your business unless you act on it. So ask yourself, "What did I do today to make my business better?"

Remember the story of the tortoise and the hare? The tortoise wins because little by little he made



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continuous progress in the right direction. Slow and steady wins the race.

What will you do today to improve your business?

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Jan. 24 – 7:33 p.m., 724 Dlaw Dr., Apt. 1, juvenile victim of battery. Case referred to city attorney.

Jan. 25 – 1:02 p.m., 402 W. Seventh, arrested Edward Eugene Aaron on warrant for another jurisdiction. Case referred to county attorney.

Jan. 26 – 12:17 a.m., 116 N. Main Ave., arrested Justin R. Holloway for falsely reporting a crime and obstructing legal process. Case referred to county attorney.

7:21 a.m., 1104 E. 13th, Apt. 7C, Nicholas Wade Henry reported burglary and theft.

6:33 p.m., 813 1/2 Broadway Ave., Michael Adams taken into protective custody. Case referred to county attorney.

Jan. 27 – 3:46 p.m., 308 W. Ninth, Robert Joseph Rhoads reported theft.

6:28 p.m., 515 E. Fifth, Apt. 313, arrested Manuel P. Hernandez for criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct against Sheryl Davis. Case referred to city at-

torney.

Jan. 28 – 20:27 p.m., 211 Center Ave., arrested Michael Adams for aggravated burglary and theft against a juvenile. Case referred to county attorney.

Jan. 31 – 6:05 p.m., 2020 Enterprise Rd., child in need of care. Case referred to county attorney.

Feb. 1 – 2:18 p.m., 1000 Main Ave., arrested Manuel Perez Hernandez, Jr., for driving under influence. Case referred to city attorney.

Feb. 2 – 4:57 p.m., 2810 Commerce Rd., Apt. 24, Shanail Stewart victim of assault and criminal damage to property. Case referred to county attorney.

Feb. 4 – 7:17 a.m., 802 Washington Ave., arrested Stacy Yarbrough for domestic battery and possession of hallucinogenic drugs. Victims Pamela Galindo and Stacy Yarbrough. Case referred to county attorney.

Feb. 7 – 6:01 p.m., 118 E. 17th, Shanail A. Steward reported battery and disorderly conduct. Case referred to county attorney.

9:12 p.m., 790 Dlaw Dr., Apt. 14, Angela Mallory was victim of violation of protective order. Case

referred to county attorney.

Feb. 9 – 7:04 a.m., 415 W. Third, Elizabeth Jane Craig reported criminal damage.

Feb. 10 – 8:44 p.m., 1611 Kansas Ave., arrested Rachel D. Triplett and two juveniles for minor in consumption and minor in possession of alcohol. Case referred to county attorney.

Feb. 12 – 3:54 p.m., 517 W. Ninth, arrested Jeffery Mitchell Aultman on warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

4:16 p.m., 517 W. Ninth, arrested Jeffery Mitchell Aultman on warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

4:17 p.m., 517 W. Ninth, arrested Jeffery Mitchell Aultman on warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

4:17 p.m., 517 W. Ninth, arrested Jeffery Mitchell Aultman on state of Kansas warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

4:19 p.m., 320 E. Eighth, arrested Matthew J. Brooks on probation violation from Cloud County, Kansas. Case referred to county attorney.

5:54 p.m., 320 E. Eight, arrested Matthew J. Brooks on warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 352, SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS (GOODLAND)

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 352, Sherman County, Kansas (Goodland) (the "District"), has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to (a) construct, equip and furnish renovations, improvements and an addition to the North Elementary School building in the District, including remodeling, new mechanical and electrical equipment, HVAC system upgrade, carpeting and gym flooring upgrades, interior wall upgrades and gym shell upgrades for FEMA storm shelter purposes; (b) construct, equip and furnish renovations and improvements to the High School buildings and facilities in the District, including new mechanical and electrical equipment, HVAC system upgrade, flooring upgrades and fire sprinklers and fire water line; (c) remodel Central Building for administration offices; (d) demolish unused existing facilities, as necessary; (e) information technology improvements, including wireless, data cabling and infrastructure improvements; and (f) make all other necessary appurtenances thereto, including asbestos abatement (the "Project"), at an estimated cost of \$14,900,000. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on April 5, 2011, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 352, Sherman County, Kansas (Goodland), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,900,000, to pay the costs to (a) construct, equip and furnish renovations, improvements and an addition to the North Elementary School building in the District, including remodeling, new mechanical and electrical equipment, HVAC system upgrade, carpeting and gym flooring upgrades, interior wall upgrades and gym shell upgrades for FEMA storm shelter purposes; (b) construct, equip and furnish renovations and improvements to the High School buildings and facilities in the District, including new mechanical and electrical equipment, HVAC system upgrade, flooring upgrades and fire sprinklers and fire water line; (c) remodel Central Building for administration offices; (d) demolish unused existing facilities, as necessary; (e) information technology improvements, including wireless, data cabling and infrastructure improvements; and (f) make all other necessary appurtenances thereto, including asbestos abatement; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq.; K.S.A. 25-2018(f); K.S.A. 72-6761; and K.S.A. 75-2315 et seq.?

To vote in favor of the question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."

YES
 NO

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on April 5, 2011, the election day. The voting places in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing In	Will Vote At
Entire District	VFW Hall 824 Main, Goodland, Kansas

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 et seq.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following additional information is provided by the District with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the District. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the bonds due to changing market conditions, any changes in assessed valuation of the District, and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The projected rates of property taxation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds are based upon the current assessed valuation of the District, the assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings, all as shown below.

Projected Summary of Project Costs

Sources of Funds	Amount	Uses of Funds	Amount
Bonds to be Issued	\$14,900,000	Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	\$14,632,000
Interest Earnings	30,000	Interest During Construction	30,000
		Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	268,000
Total	\$14,930,000	Total	\$14,930,000

Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments

Principal payments over 20 years	Average Interest Rate	3.56%	
Total Interest Cost to Maturity	\$6,927,656	Assessed Valuation (2010)	\$69,009,724
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments	\$1,069,033		
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from State aid	\$160,355		
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds	\$908,678		

Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments

Total (without any State financial Aid)	15.00 Mills
District Portion (with current level of State financial aid)	12.60 Mills

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Sherman County, Kansas, whose address is Sherman County Courthouse, 813 Broadway, Goodland, Kansas 67735

DATED: January 17, 2011.

(Seal) Janet Rumpel, County Clerk
Sherman County, Kansas

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