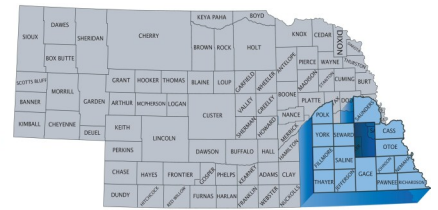


SENDDD

Southeast Nebraska Development District



Busy Bees in the Village of Bee

Bee has been busy as it systematically examines and repairs the village's infrastructure with some assistance from SENDDD on several projects and partial funding through the Community Development Block Grant programs. Bee began the process of updating the Comprehensive Development Plan with Zoning Ordinances in 2004. Then the Village looked into the creation of a Wellhead Protection Area. In 2005 Bee completed the construction of a new wastewater sewer lagoon project.

In late 2011 the village was awarded a \$243,386 CDBG Water/Wastewater Grant for improvements to their municipal water system. The project includes repairs to the existing water distribution mains and valves, as well as painting the water tower, and is designed to mitigate two issues, suspended nitrates and corrosivity. The water from the villages two wells will be blended and then treated for corrosive control and iron removal. Additional funding of \$309,139 through grant and loan funding



So how did Bee get its insect name? Bee came into being when a railroad was built from Fremont diagonally southwest to Superior in 1887-88. Bee was located in the alphabetical lettered precinct, "B". Bee is located north and slightly east of Seward in Seward County.

from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund will complete the project.

Leading up to the water project, the community completed a comprehensive engineering review of their water system, including system component analysis, community demand, water quality issues, and identification of public water supply alternatives. In the past the community conducted an extensive municipal well test hole program but was unable to locate an adequate aquifer after twenty two test holes in and around Bee. The study investigated

building a transmission main from nearby communities but identified this option as too costly. It also studied and identified water treatment options, which was selected as the most practicable project to develop.

Bee's landmark structure is the States Ballroom built in 1939. The unique Ballroom is on the Nebraska Historic Registry, it was a spin-off of a "Works Progress Administration" sidewalk project. The original sidewalk project still had work available for men who needed it. A local builder/architect Vlad Sobotka, is said to have sat up all night designing a structure that would keep them busy and "use the material at hand." He then staked out the 12-sided, 5,000 square-foot building that used available concrete, gravel, wooden forms, and many hours of hand labor.

States Ballroom has played an important recreational, entertainment, and cultural role in the surrounding Czech and German community. In 2011 the Village used funds through the Nebraska Energy Office to complete some renovations to the Ballroom through an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG).

Photos courtesy of Bee Community Foundation. For more information visit:
www.beecommunity.org



The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has awarded \$948,156 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for owner-occupied rehabilitation projects in Southeast Nebraska. SENDDD will be assisted in developing the applications and will be retained as Administrators and Housing Managers for the following projects:

- ◆ \$250,000 CDBG funds to rehabilitate eight owner-occupied homes in Falls City
- ◆ \$250,000 CDBG funds to rehabilitate nine owner-occupied homes in Geneva.
- ◆ \$224,078 CDBG funds to rehabilitate eight owner-occupied homes in Nebraska City.
- ◆ \$224,078 CDBG funds to rehabilitate eight owner-occupied homes in York.

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SEND D Humboldt Welcomes Lisa Beethe

Lisa Beethe has joined the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND D) staff. She will be working full-time as a Community Development Specialist out of the Humboldt, NE office.

Lisa is originally from Pawnee City, Nebraska and attended Pawnee City Public Schools and then graduated from Southeast Community College in Lincoln. She is currently continuing her education at Peru State College in Business Administration/Accounting. She plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in 2013. Lisa lives near Elk Creek with her husband and two children.

Ms. Beethe is very active in her community and volunteers as a Girl Scout Co-leader, Elk Creek Community Club officer and as the event coordinator for the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Family Life Center. She also enjoys participating in the church bell choir. Lisa is also a member of the Nemaha Natural Resource District Board and is currently the Board Chairman. She has



been serving on the NRD board for 5 years and enjoys working on issues regarding natural resources.

Her most recent employment was with the Nebraska Environmental Trust in Lincoln. She worked with the

Trust for over 11 years. Her work took her all over the State of Nebraska and she worked very closely with grant applicants and grant awardees to implement and administer their environmental grants.

At SEND D Lisa will be working with local leaders in the four county corner of Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee & Richardson Counties to administer existing community development projects and with the development of new grant applications. Please welcome Lisa to our staff. She can be contacted at the Humboldt office at (402) 862-2201 or by email at senddlisa@windstream.net.

SEND D has a new Website!

- ◆ Same place www.sendd.org with new items and updated information.
 - ◆ Download housing applications
 - ◆ See current press releases
 - ◆ Check out Staff photos
 - ◆ View Partner Links

CDBG & NAHP Application Deadlines

The proposed 2012 Application Acceptance Dates from the Department of Economic Development (DED) Annual Action Plan. For additional information please visit DED's website at <http://www.neded.org>

Funding Category	Application Closing
Housing	
<i>Nebraska Affordable Housing Program</i>	
*Annual Cycle	
Pre-application (optional)	March 9, 2012
Application Due	May 4, 2012
*CDBG- OOR Cycle	
Pre-application (optional)	May 31, 2012
Application Due	July 27, 2012
Community Development	
<i>Public Works</i>	
*First Cycle	July 1, 2012
*Second Cycle (If needed)	TBA
Water Wastewater	
Open Cycle, begins May 1, 2012	
Planning	
*First Cycle	April 13, 2012
*Second Cycle	November 2, 2012
*Third Cycle	Open Cycle, begin after Second Cycle
Downtown Revitalization	
*First Cycle	
Pre-application	March 30, 2012
Planning Phase Implemented	June 2012-March 2013
Phase II Application (Project)	March 29, 2013
*Second Cycle (If needed)	To Be Determined
Economic Development	
Economic Development	Open Cycle
Tourism Development	Open Cycle begins May 2012

2012 Governor's Conference on Rural Development "Partnering for Progress"

Wednesday, April 18 - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Holiday Inn Express North Platte

Make plans to attend the 2012 Governor's Conference on Rural Development!

The Conference will feature sessions focused on:

- ◆ Strengthening Communities
- ◆ Volunteerism & Community Engagement
- ◆ Youth Entrepreneurship