

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

04/29/2021

Polk County
Polk County Courthouse
101 West Church Street, Suite 300
Livingston, TX 77351
936-327-6813

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Polk.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 18, 2021 the Polk County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs for the release of Community Development Grant Funds (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq as amended, to undertake a project known as Polk County Dallardsville-Segno Water Supply Corporation (DSWSC) Water Improvements Project #7220361 for the purpose of drinking water improvements. The Project site is located FM 1276 - Water Plant 1 Dallardsville, Polk County, TX 77332. The proposed DSWSC water system construction activities include the following: Removing onsite storage shed offsite to make room for an additional above ground storage tank etc. Constructing a new 40,000-gallon GST to increase capacity and meet TCEQ requirements and to rehabilitate the single existing unit. Rehabilitating the existing 38,000-gallon GST to extend its life. Potential rehabbing of existing media tank ± 1,000 gallons. Potential rehabbing of existing aerator ± 1,500 gallons. Installing related improvements to integrate the aforementioned project activities including partial plant fencing, piping, controls and electrical modifications. Activities include environmental and other studies, resource identification and development of plans and strategies, engineering and administration and management activities. CDBG Grant Amount: \$275,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Polk County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) online at the Polk County website at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vvcs5728b5gnrqp/PolkCountyDallardsvilleSWCWaterImprovementsProject%207220361DraftERR.pdf?dl=0> where ERR can be examined.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Polk County, County Judge, Sydney Murphy. All comments received by May 17, 2021 will be considered by the Polk County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Polk County certifies to Texas Department of Agriculture that Sydney Murphy, in her capacity as County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Texas Department of Agriculture approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Polk County Dallardsville-Segno Water Supply Corporation (DSWSC) to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and the Polk County certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Polk County (b) the Polk County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) Polk County or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Texas Department of Agriculture; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Pamela Wozniak, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via email at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sydney Murphy, Polk County Judge Certifying Officer