



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 7

DATE OF MEETING: January 18, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Pender Utilities, Skip Green, Consultant

SHORT TITLE: Public Hearing – Closeout of the Pender Packing CDBG - Economic Development Grant.

BACKGROUND: Pender County received a \$323,250 CDBG-ED grant that assisted in the construction of a sewer force main from Pender Packing's site on NC Highway 133 to the County's Cape Fear School Pump Station. From this point sewage is transported via a force main along NC Highway 133 to Pender County's regional Rocky Point sewer pumping station located at the intersection of NC Highway 133 and US 117. Sewage collected by this pumping station is transmitted to Cape Fear Public Utility Authority's sewer facilities for transmission and treatment.

The project was needed to allow Pender Packing to discontinue the use of its sewage treatment package plant that had reached capacity resulting in the Company having to pump and haul of wastewater to remain operational. All CDBG-ED project construction activities have been completed and Pender Packing Company's job retention commitment met.

CDBG-ED Project

Activity Proposed	Actual
Construct 15,500 linear ft. of 3" force main and Lift Station	13,700 linear ft. of 4" force main, 280 ft. of 8" gravity and lift station
Company retains 33 full time jobs	33 full time jobs retained/5 new jobs created
60% low/moderate income benefit	60% low/moderate income benefit

The purpose of this Hearing is to obtain citizen input into the identification of community needs and desired CDBG activities. Written comments received prior to the opening of the Public Hearing will be considered. Written comments may be sent to Rick Benton, Manager, PO Box 5, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: As part of closeout, the County is required to hold a public hearing for citizen comments prior to submittal of the Certificate of Completion to the Department of Commerce. No other action is required after the public hearing.