

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Jones County Secondary Roads Date: January 7, 2022

Expires: February 5, 2022

CEMVR-RD-2021-1671

Section 404

POC: Kirsten Brown, Telephone: 309/794-5369

Joint Public Notice US Army Corps of Engineers Iowa Department of Natural Resources

1. **Applicant**: Jones County Secondary Roads, c/o Mr. Derek Sneak, 19501 Highway 64, Anamosa, Iowa 52205.

2. Project Location:

- Landis Road Bridge over the Wapsipinicon River
- Section 20, Township 84 North, Range 3 West
- Jones County, Iowa
- UTM NAD-83 Zone 15
- Lat 42.0706, Long -91.2278.

3. Project Description and Purpose.

- a. The applicant proposes to construct a new 454', 3-span, 15-degree skew BTE beam bridge crossing of Landis Road over the Wapsipinicon (Wapsi) River southeast of Anamosa, Iowa. The new bridge would be approximately 900 feet downstream of the existing bridge. The existing bridge will be abandoned in place. The project also consists of the placement of approach road embankment fill, revetment stone for bank armoring, and shaping of the stream channel banks to transition to the new structure opening. The wetland delineation report identified one 1.6-acre farmed wetland on east side of the Wapsi. The project is expected to permanently impact 1.41 acres of this farmed wetland with grading and fill. An additional 0.10 acres within the right-of-way may be temporarily disturbed during construction, but the ground surface elevations will remain the same such that continued wetland conditions can exist after construction. The applicant is proposing to purchase wetland credits for compensatory mitigation for permanent wetland impacts.
- b. The applicant's stated avoidance and minimization efforts include, selecting the new roadway alignment to avoid existing forested wetland area and avoid removal of the existing historically eligible truss bridge over the Wapsi. The identified wetland within the proposed project limits consists nearly entirely of cropped lands. In order to minimize the impacts to the farmed wetland, a sag vertical curve was developed into the roadway design between the proposed Wapsi and the new roadway tie-in to 95th Street. This sag curve lowered the roadway elevation, thus shrinking the roadway area of need within the identified wetland limits.

- c. The applicant's stated purpose and need statement is that the project is necessitated by the condition of the existing 245', 2-span high truss Landis Road bridge. The bridge is load posted and therefore not able to handle full legal loadings. The bridge is narrower than current standards (15' clear width) to accommodate two full lanes and is therefore functionally obsolete. The purpose is to continue to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods as part of the transportation area in the project area by replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge crossing of the Wapsi that meets current Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) standards for legal loads and clearances.
- d. The applicant has applied for a RAISE federally funded grant program under the United States Department of Transportation. Should the grant be awarded the USDOT will become lead for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

4. Agency Review.

- a. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. The Department of the Army application is being processed under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
- b. State of Iowa. The project plans have been submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the Department's opinion that the proposed activity will comply with Iowa's water quality standards (Chapter 61 IAC). The applicant has also applied for authorization of work in the floodplain pursuant to Chapter 455B of the Iowa Code and other applicable state permits. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Iowa should be addressed to: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. A copy of the comments should be provided to the Corps of Engineers office (see paragraph 11. of this public notice for address).
- 5. **Historical/Archaeological**. For purposes of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act [see 36 CFR 800. 3(a) and 800.16(y)], the Federal "undertaking" which has the potential to cause effects on historic properties is limited to the issuance of a Department of the Army permit for project activities within the Permit Area. Based on the fifty-foot buffer the District recommends that the proposed project will have no adverse effect to site 13JN474. We are coordinating our determination of "**no adverse effect**" with the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office via letter dated December 9, 2021.

6. Endangered Species.

- a. District staff has performed a preliminary review of this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. The following all have potential habitat in Jones County, Iowa.
 - Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*),
 - Higgins Eye Pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*),
 - Monarch Butterfly (Danaus plexippuss),
 - Prairie Bush-clover (*Lespedeza leptostachya*),
 - Western Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera praeclara*),
 - Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*)

- b. No critical habitats are listed within the project area. The project area does not contain suitable habitat for the monarch butterfly, prairie bush-clover, or the western and eastern prairie fringed orchids. According to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Inventory website there are no known occurrences of the Higgins Eye pearlymussel within the vicinity of this project within the Wapsi; with are no known occurrences of mussel species occurring within 1 river mile upstream or downstream of the project area. In addition, the applicant has stated that a 2017 mussel survey was completed for another county project approximately 2 miles upstream, which located dead specimens but no living mussels. Based on this lack of suitable habitat and the lack of mussels upstream, or known species occurring within or near the project area, our preliminary determination is that this project will have "no effect" to critical habitat or the federally listed species stated above.
- c. Due to the mature trees in the area and the potential threatened/endangered bats, trees shall be removed in compliance with Article 2101.01 of the Iowa DOT Standard Specifications for Highway and Bridge Construction. This includes a tree clearing restriction date where trees will be cleared between October 1 March 31. With the inclusion of a special condition to restrict tree clearing our preliminary determination is that that the project is "not likely to adversely affect" to the Northern long-eared bat. We are coordinating this application with the Fish and Wildlife Services through this public notice. Accordingly, our preliminary determination is subject to change should further information become available.
- 7. **Dredge/Fill Material Guidelines**. The evaluation of the impact of the proposed activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).
- 8. **Public Interest Review**. The decision whether to issue the Corps permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.
- 9. Who Should Reply. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. These statements should be submitted on or before the expiration date specified at the top of page 1. These statements should bear upon the adequacy of plans and suitability of locations and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes considered desirable.

- 10. **Public Hearing Requests**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided.
- 11. **Reply to the Corps**. Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Attn: RD (K. Brown), Clock Tower Building Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. **Mrs. Kirsten Brown** may be contacted for additional information at (309) 794-5369 or email at Kirsten.L.Brown@usace.army.mil.

Attach Plan Mrs. Kirsten L. Brown Project Manager, Western Branch Regulatory Division

Kirsten Brown

Construction Plans – 22 pages

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Highway Division PLANS OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT ON THE FARM-TO-MARKET SYSTEM

JONES COUNTY

PROJECT NO. ILL-CO53(92)--92-53 **BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION - PPCB**

On LANDIS RD, Over Wapsipinicon River

Refer to the Proposal Form for list of applicable specifications.

Value Engineering Saves. Refer to Article 1105.15 of the Specifications.

	MILEAGE SUMMARY		
Div.	Description	Lin. Ft.	Miles
	Sta. 505+50.00 to Sta. 535+50.00	3,000.00	0.568
	Deduct Bridge at Sta. 519+60.00	454.00	0.086
	Total Net Length of Project (Grading)	2,546.00	0.482

Facility	Company (Conta	act Person)	Phone Number
Power (Overhead)	Maquoketa Valle	ey REC (Nik Schulte)	(319) 462-3541
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	INDEX OF SHEETS
Sheet Number	Description
A.01	Title Sheet
B.01 : B.02	Typical Cross Sections and Details Sheets
C.01	Estimated Project Quantities Tabulation
C.02	Estimate Reference Information Tabulation
C.02	Index of Tabulations
C.03 : C.04	Pollution Prevention Plan
C.04	Standard Road Plans Tabulation
C.04 : C.07	Supplemental Tabulations Sheets
D.01 : D.06	Mainline Plan & Profile Sheets
E.01 : E.03	Side Road and Entrance Plan & Profile Sheets
H.01 : H.04	Right-of-Way Sheets
M.01 : M.02	Culvert Situation Plan Sheets
J.01	Traffic Control Plan Sheet
T.01	Tabulation of Earthwork Sheet
V.01 : V.XX	Bridge Plan Sheets
W.01: W.0X	Mainline Cross Section Sheets
X.01	Side Road Cross Section Sheet

Signature	Date
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I hereby certify that this engineering document was prepared by me or under my direct personal supervision and that I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of

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Derek G. Snead, P.E.

License number 20862

My license renewal date is December 31, 2021.

Pages or sheets covered by this seal:

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PROPOSED 454' x 30' PPCB BRIDGE

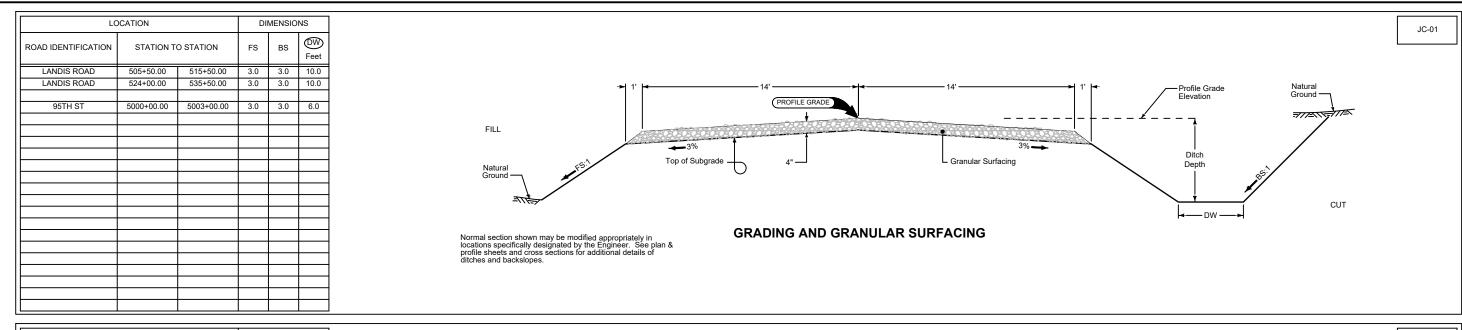
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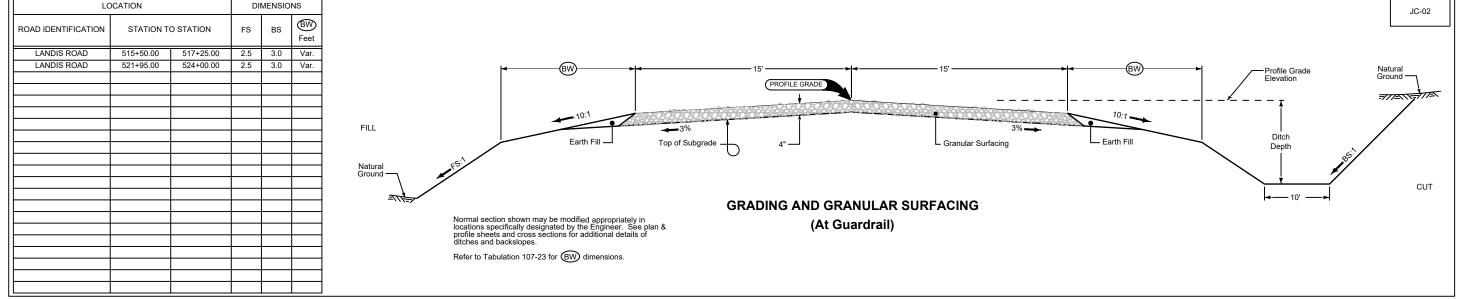
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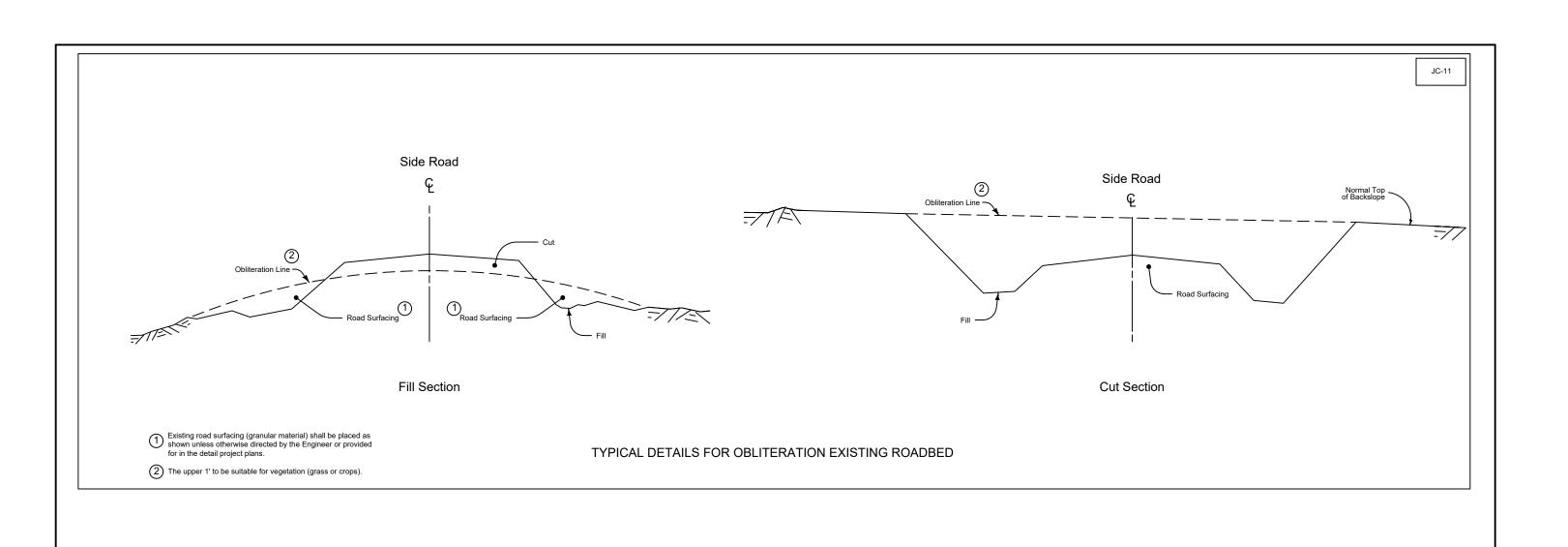
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SURVEY SYMBOLS RIGHT-OF-WAY LEGEND ANC Guy Anchor - ROW -Existing Right-of-Way Line -(1) Culvert Apron Proposed Right-of-Way Line Stream Bank Existing Right-of-Way Marker BNK Δ Centerline Draw or Stream (Up) Proposed Right-of-Way Marker EL — EL — Underground Electric Line Existing and Proposed Right-of-Way Marker \bigcirc —_FO — FO Underground Fiber Optic Easement (Temporary) FW Wire Fence Property Line (Different Owners) ____x___ ___GAS___ GL Underground Gas Line Property Line (Common Owners) **Guard Rail Steel** Proposed New Right-of-Way Shading \otimes INB Storm Sewer Beehive Intake Proposed Temporary Easement Shading (LP) L.P. Tank Ф LUM Luminaire —OHE— Overhead Electric Line PP Power Pole RET Retaining Walls ST Septic Tank \bigcirc Shrub SHR SI Sign STP Stump 2 ___TC___ TC Underground Telephone Line TDC Tree Deciduous * TEV Evergreen Tree TLN Edge of Tree Line —__TIL__ TIL Tile Line **O** TO Tile Outlet P TP Telephone Pedestal \bowtie VLV Valve (Water or Gas) **(W)** WEL - WTR -Underground Water Line

DESIGN LEGEND

	Clearing & Grubbing Area
	Ground Line Intercept
	Saw Cut
— SDRN —	Subdrain
	Rock Erosion Control
<u> </u>	Intake
	Removal of Existing Pavement or Driveway
	Proposed Pavement Shading
	Proposed Curb and Gutter Shading
	Proposed Ditch Grades, Right and Left
-00	Proposed W-Beam Fence
x	Proposed Field Fence

LEGEND AND SYMBOL **INFORMATION SHEET** (COVERS SHEET SERIES D, H, & U)

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