# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

## 05/29/2021

Jasper County

121 N. Austin, Room 106

Jasper, TX 75951

409-384-2612

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

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 17, 2021 the Jasper 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 Jasper County-Harrisburg Water Control District Water Improvements Project #7220210 for the purpose of water improvements to benefit the entire water distribution system serving all of the water customers utilizing Water Plant # 1. The Project site is located at FM 1738 - Water Plant 1 Harrisburg, Jasper County, TX. 75951. The proposed WSC water system construction activities include the following: Construct a new 15,000 gallon ground storage tank to not only permit rehabilitation of the single existing unit, but will improve the storage of water which will help negate problems during drought periods and will meet TCEQ regulations. Rehabilitate the existing 15,000 gallon ground storage tank to extend its service life and minimize service interruption. Install related improvements to integrate the aforementioned changes including partial plant fencing, piping, controls and electrical modifications, and perform minor renovations to the plant building including improvements to its roofing. 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 Jasper 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 Jasper County website link at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/hy3o98c2t7msmhh/Jasper%20County%20Harrisburg%20Water%20Service%20Corporation%20Project7220210%20ERR%20FINALDRAFT.pdf?dl=0> where ERR can be examined.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Jasper County, County Judge, Mark Allen at 121 N. Austin, Room 106, Jasper, TX 75951, ph. 409-384-2612. All comments received by June 16, 2021 will be considered by the Jasper County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Jasper County certifies to Texas Department of Agriculture that Mark Allen, in his 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 Jasper Harrisburg Water System (WSC)” to use Program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

## Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and the Jasper 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 Jasper County (b) the Jasper County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) Jasper 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 Luci Cook-Hildreth Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via email at [CDBG\_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov). Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

## Mark Allen, Jasper County Judge Certifying Officer