



**IMMEDIATE NEEDS REPORT
GADSDEN COUNTY UTILITY IMPLEMENTATION
PREBLE-RISH (PRI) PROJECT No.228.054
PREPARED FOR:
GADSDEN COUNTY BOCC**



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CONSULTING ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 17, 2009**

BACKGROUND:

- In 2008 the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners received \$700,000.00 through a Legislative Appropriation for water and sewer infrastructure improvements.
- The Gadsden County BOCC signed PRI's contract on 10/28/08 to implement the Utility Study completed in April of 2008.
- PRI was directed by County staff to identify projects (immediate needs) that could be constructed in the near future.
- After reviewing the Utility Study, PRI requested meetings with representatives from each utility purveyor within the County to verify the findings in the Study.
- PRI met with each purveyor with the exception of the City of Midway, which we plan to meet with in the near future.
- Based on discussions with the purveyors, four projects were identified as immediate need projects:
 - Rosedale Water System.
 - Gretna I-10 / SR 12 Interchange Water Supply.
 - Greensboro Water Supply.
 - Havana Water System Loop.
 - Other projects were discussed, but were considered "Long Term" projects.
 - The "Long Term" projects will be identified and evaluated in the coming months.
 - PRI will begin further discussions in the near future with all purveyors for their long term needs.
 - PRI will continue to seek funding for these "Long Term" projects.
- PRI met with the NFWFMD and they agreed to provide a \$50,000 Grant towards engineering for this implementation.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- Each of the four immediate need projects were evaluated, and possible solutions identified.
 - Rosedale Water System.
 - The City of Chattahoochee received a \$550,000.00 Legislative Appropriation to assist the Rosedale Community.
 - The Appropriation "Work Plan" has been approved by FDEP.
 - The City of Chattahoochee has signed the contract with FDEP to access grant funds.

- The Chattahoochee City Council has authorized their consultant to begin all preliminary engineering and design necessary to permit and construct the improvement project.
 - This preliminary engineering will include the Preliminary Engineering Report and USDA grant loan application necessary to obtain needed construction costs for the project.
 - Gretna I-10 / SR 12 Interchange Water Supply.
 - The City of Gretna was in the planning stage of extending utilities to the interchange which has the potential for growth.
 - Greensboro Water Supply.
 - Additional water capacity is needed in Greensboro - they are currently using approximately 85% of their permitted capacity.
 - PRI proposes the extension of the Gretna watermain into Greensboro.
 - Greensboro qualifies for a \$600,000.00 CDBG grant that they have committed towards the construction of the project, should they receive the grant.
 - The Town of Greensboro and the City of Gretna have prepared letters of commitment and a draft Interlocal Agreement.
 - Havana Water System Loop.
 - The Town of Havana received a \$100,000.00 Legislative Appropriation for the looping of two existing watermains.
 - A conceptual design and cost opinion has been provided by the Town's engineer.
 - The estimated project cost is \$202,000.00.
 - The new line will provide fire protection, increased pressures, and increased water quality to the residents of Havana.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Based on our review of the proposed projects, PRI recommends that the Commission do the following:
 - Gretna/Greensboro Water Main Extension.
 - Execute Task Order No. 2009-01 allowing PRI to prepare the necessary plans and specifications in order to receive 100 additional points for "READINESS TO PROCEED" plans on the Greensboro CDBG application.
 - This Task Order will be paid through the \$700,000.00 Legislative Appropriation.
 - Provide a letter of commitment to the Town of Greensboro for \$250,000.00 to be used as leverage against the CDBG Application.
 - These funds will be paid through the \$700,000.00 Legislative Appropriation.
 - Provide construction funding as identified in the Immediate Needs Report for the watermain extension from Gretna to Greensboro. Gretna has indicated that they will cover all costs not covered by others which is estimated to be \$792,994.97.
 - Execute the NFWFMD Agreement to receive the \$50,000.00 grant.
 - Havana Water System Loop
 - Provide \$75,000.00 toward the construction of the watermain extension which will be paid through the \$700,000.00 Legislative Appropriation.
 - The remaining 27,000.00 will be paid for by the Town of Havana.
 - No funds in addition to the \$700,000 state appropriation will be needed from the County for these immediate needs.