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Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) FEMA Coordinator: Don Masterson Pottawatomie County Final Meeting Report

Date: 2/28/2020

DATE OF MEETING	Friday, February 21, 2020
TIME OF MEETING	10:00 AM
LOCATION	Wamego City Hall, 430 Lincoln Ave, Wamego, KS 66547
COMMUNITY ATTENDEES	Wamego, St. Marys, Louisville, Belvue, Pottawatomie County
MC (MAPPING CONTRACTOR)	Kansas Department of Agriculture
MC CONTACT	Tara Lanzrath
MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KDA and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., provided the presentation followed by a good discussion with community officials on the timeline through the effective date. ○ It was mentioned that the appeal period would start after the Federal Register and on the second local newspaper publication. ○ KDA indicated that appeals would need to come through the community, and it is best to contact KDA for assistance in the appeals process. Appeals need to be sent to FEMA, and KDA asked that they be copied on any submittals. ○ Following the presentation, the communities had the opportunity to ask questions.
COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KDA and Wood asked participants which newspaper should be used for the Appeal notification. The <i>Wamego Times</i>, <i>Smoke Signal</i> were noted as the most widely distributed. It was also noted to check on a paper for St Marys. ○ KDA will send a follow-up email with the presentation, link on where to download the LiDAR data, and newly mapped procedures handout, as well as load the presentation to the project website. ○ St. Marys annexation documents and updated political boundary were provided at the meeting. ○ A question was asked on if the 500-year floodplain can be appealed. KDA and Wood will reach out to FEMA for guidance on this. ○ A discussion occurred on the impact flood insurance requirements will have on home values in Belvue. It was noted that Belvue did not feel the public was notified of the event despite the previous mayor's attendance at meetings and the public Open House held in April 2019. KDA and Wood offered to hold another meeting in Belvue. ○ A larger discussion occurred about how to best notify citizens of floodplain changes. ○ Belvue talked about Tuttle Creek Dam releases and how it impacts flooding of tributaries. ○ A discussion occurred on the impacts to the Wamego Industrial park and how the zone changed from the 100-year floodplain to the Shaded zone X, Area of Shallow Flooding. It was noted that it was not realized at the time of the change that certain areas are still within the 500-year floodplain.



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ENCLOSURES	○ Attendance Record, Presentation
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