



# Attracting pollinators

Hummingbirds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators are dusted loosely with pollen grains each time they feed on a flower's nectar or gather pollen from it. The grains are then transferred to each flowering plant the pollinators visit as they continue to feed, and these plants become fertilized. The more pollinators are attracted to your garden and protected from hazardous conditions while there, the more they will visit, and help your plants to reproduce. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: extension.umd.edu, seedsavers.org, www.xerces.org, usda.gov



© 2025 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

LEGAL NOTICE

**CHEROKEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMISSION SECRETARY'S MINUTES OF THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Solid Waste Commission was held Thursday, April 11, 2025, commencing at 6:30 p.m., at the Separation Center. Commission members present were, James, Redig, Smith, Cronin and Lundquist. Also present was John M. Loughlin, co-counsel, Tony Agnitsch, manager, and Shawn Marcheski from SCS Engineers.

The agenda was discussed. There was a proposal to approve the agenda as presented by James. Second by Smith. Motion unanimously carried.

The March Minutes were reviewed. Following discussion, Motion to approve the minutes by James. Second by Cronin. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was presented and discussed. A Motion to transfer \$3,900 from DNR#2 to the general fund for brush grinding expenses was made by Smith. Second by Cronin. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion there was a motion to approve the attached account payables by Smith. Second by Cronin. Motion unanimously carried.

The Engineer's report was presented by representatives from SCS Engineers. Two contract renewals with SCS Engineers were presented. Both are three year contract renewals. The first contract presented was for

LEGAL NOTICE

Washta City Council met in regular session Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall. The following Council was present: Joy, Long, Riggs, Stieneke and Patterson, also present: Sue Ritts, Lyle Paulsen, Dorie Regenitter. Mayor Conner called the meeting to order, motion, Stieneke, 2nd Riggs, ayes: 5/0, to approve the consensus business which includes the new agenda, previous minutes, new bills, and all reports.

Fund Receipts Disbursements	
General	65.45 5,889.96
Sewer	5,210.97 1716.93
Road Use	3,421.14 3,309.45
Water	11,091.79 2,748.31
Local Option	2,495.21 1,105.78
Landfill/Garbage	13,183.58 10,986.88
	35,468.14 25,757.31

List of the current bills allowed and ordered paid:

Cherokee Solid waste monthly 1395.88  
Lyle Paulsen salary 1480.28  
IPERS taxes 598.99  
Cindy Hanner 40-hrs @ Lib 411.02  
Betsy Clark 10- hrs @ lib. 122.64  
Karen Clark 57.42 hours 886.17  
EFTPS taxes 1017.94  
Chronicle Times minutes 205.65  
WeTel phone/internet 151.00  
New Coop fuel144.71  
Mid American electric 755.13  
Foundation Lab test 16.50  
Lyle Paulsen snow removal(20.5 hrs) 453.67  
Lyle Paulsen mileage 25.46  
Carquest hose for snowplow 169.09  
Storey Kenworthy checks printed 407.62  
IMFOA yearly subscription 50.00  
Jay Peters snow removal (12 hrs) 265.56

Washta Fire Department yearly donation 5000.00

Set meeting date for the 25/26 Budget Hearing. Patterson motioned for April 23 at 6:00pm, Joy 2nd, ayes: 5/0, to approve.

The city received two proposals for seal coating the streets this summer. Stieneke motioned to accept the Midwest Coatings Co, Inc. bid at \$34,224.75, Long 2nd, ayes: 5/0, to accept.

Cemetery mowing contract bids were reviewed and Riggs motioned to accept Mammen's bid at \$7,000, 2nd Long, ayes: 3/0, to accept, Patterson and Joy abstained.

The fire department requested a liquor license for their fundraisers this year. Stieneke motioned to approve, Patterson 2nd, ayes: 5/0, to approve. Mayor Conner explained that

Cherokee County would like to put in prescription take back boxes in the smaller communities. Joy motioned, 2nd Long, ayes: 5/0, to approve. Will be looking into costs for security cameras at the box.

Two residents requested permission to have 6 chickens this summer (Peggy Putnam and Doris Reginitter). This approval is for chickens in 2025, does not cover replacement chickens if anything happens to the original 6, and will have to be renewed yearly. After discussion, Riggs motioned, 2nd Stienke, ayes: 4/0, to approve, Joy abstained.

There being no further business, motion Stieneke, 2nd Joy, ayes: 5/0 meeting adjourned at 7:15pm  
Signed Jennifer Conner, Mayor  
Attested by Karen Clark, Clerk (CT04-18/L#83)

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Cherokee, Iowa is seeking proposals of qualifications from qualified architectural firms for a phased project that involves architectural services and construction administration services related to the design of plans and specification for restoration of the City's Yacht Club meeting event space and development of mitigation strategies for protection from future flood events. There are four phases to the services being procured as follows:

Phase 1 – Development of plans and specifications for restoration of the building to include the development of potential mitigation project(s) to include identification and cost estimates for proposed solutions.

Phase 2 – Design services related to the City's selected projects identified within the Phase 1 work. Work includes all FEMA review and approval needs.

Phase 3 – Bidding services for all the related projects.

Phase 4 – Construction administration services related to projects implemented by the City.

All work under the proposed architectural services agreement as well as construction work conducted as a part of the project is anticipated to have various levels of federal funding, including potentially Environmental Protection Agency funds, FEMA Funds, and Housing and Urban Development Funds.

The City will accept proposals in compliance with the full Request for Proposals until 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on Monday, May 5, 2025. Proposals may be emailed to

Sara Lucas, City Clerk, at citytech@evertek.net. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted.

A full copy of the Request for Qualifications is available by contacting the City Clerk by email at citytech@evertek.net . For more information you can call the City at 712-225-5749.

/s/ Sara Lucas  
City Clerk  
City of Cherokee

Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR

Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subcontract must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subcontract wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subcontract must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier to the non-Federal award.

(J) See § 200.323.  
(K) See § 200.216.  
(L) See § 200.322.  
(CT04-18/L#261)

LEGAL NOTICE

**CITY OF CHEROKEE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

The following Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is for architectural services related to the restoration of the Cherokee Yacht Club public gathering space building and the potential development of mitigation strategies for protection from future flood events. The Cherokee Yacht Club is located in Spring Lake Park and is used as a rental facility for family and community gatherings. The facility was significantly damaged during the 2024 floods. Services included in the proposal include research and identification of projects to help mitigate flood damage at the Yacht Club, the design of a project(s), assistance to the City in bidding the projects, and providing construction observation and management services.

The City is working with Iowa Homeland Security and FEMA to identify solutions to restore the Yacht Club to the pre-disaster condition and to provide flood protection to help prevent future loss of services resulting from flooding events.

The selected architectural firm will be expected to provide services to the City to assist the City in researching and developing the potential mitigation solutions all the way through bidding and construction management services. These services will be provided in a phased approach with each phase being engaged independently of the current and previous phases by the City. The four phases of the project are as follows:

Phase 1 – Development of plans and specifications for restoration of the building to include the development of potential mitigation project(s) to include identification and cost estimates for proposed solutions.

Phase 2 – Design services related to the City's selected projects identified within the Phase 1 work. Work includes all FEMA review and approval needs.

Phase 3 – Bidding services for all the related projects.

Phase 4 – Construction administration services related to projects implemented by the City.

Following review of the proposals the City will negotiate a reasonable fee with the consultant. Said reasonable fee shall be a not-to-exceed amount for each individual phase of the project. The consultant will not be able to exceed that amount without approval of the City and the federal funding sources.

Firms who are interested in submitting a proposal may do so in electronic format only. The proposal shall be in the form of a PDF document emailed to citytech@evertek.net. All proposals shall be emailed to the City by the deadline of 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025. Late proposals will not be accepted. Each proposal shall meet the following criteria:

- Each proposal should have a cover page. The cover page will not count in the total number of maximum pages for the proposal.
- Each proposal shall be signed by an authorized representative of the engineering firm.
- Each proposal shall be limited to a maximum number of 15 pages in length. (The cover page does not count toward the maximum number of pages count.)
- There shall be no blank pages in the proposal.
- At a minimum the proposal shall include the following information:
  - The firm's experience with the City of Cherokee, Iowa.
  - The firm's experience with the potential federal agencies that may provide funding for the project(s) implemented as a part of this solicitation, including, but not limited to, EPA, HUD, and FEMA.
  - The firm's experience with similar projects that involve the mitigation of damages to a public building from flooding.
  - The staff from the firm who will be involved in the project, their role in the project, their years of experience, and any other pertinent information.
  - An overall understanding of the City's desired goals.
  - A tentative timeline for achieving the desired results based solely on the firm's ability to do the work and not taking into consideration federal review times.

The City of Cherokee anticipates that federal funding will be a critical part of the funding mechanism for these projects and as such it is critical that the firm selected have a good working relationship and understanding of the federal funding streams and the demands that impact the engineering services for these types of projects.

Questions regarding the proposed project or solicitation shall be directed to Sara Lucas, City Clerk, by email at citytech@evertek.net.

All proposals shall be submitted to the City by email no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025. The email for submitting a proposal is citytech@evertek.net.

Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319,

12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subcontract must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subcontract wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subcontract must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier to the non-Federal award.

(J) See § 200.323.  
(K) See § 200.216.  
(L) See § 200.322.  
(CT04-18/L#