

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: March 28, 2022
FROM: Parks and Expo Director and Expo Manager
RE: Sunnyview Expo LED Lights and Painting

General Description: The Parks Department is proposing improvements and renovations to the Sunnyview Expo Center lights and barn areas.

Requested Action:

The Parks Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends to the County Board to authorize the capital project from the 2022-2026 CIP for the Sunnyview Expo LED Lights, blacktop repair, and gutter installation.

Procedural Steps:

Parks and Recreation Committee	Meeting date: 4/12/22
Action taken:	Vote: 5-0
County Board (Presentation)	Meeting date: 4/26/22
Personnel and Finance Committee	Meeting date: 5/5/22
Action taken:	Vote: 4-0
County Board	Meeting date: 5/17/22

Background:

The Sunnyview Expo Center Equine Facility was constructed in the early 1990's. Many shows are hosted annually with most returning year after year since its inception. The equine center is considered the jewel of the Midwest due to its size, multitude of barns and arenas, and ease of access. The covered arena, nestled in amongst the trees attracts many riders from outside the area and the state for its country feel. While the equine center was state of the art when installed, it has declined over the years due to lack of proper upkeep. The main structural beams of the covered arena are starting to rust, the roof insulation has become a haven for birds to pull nesting material, the lighting has outlived its cost effectiveness and the paved areas around the barns are showing their age as well.

COST ESTIMATES

Arena/Barns LED Lighting: \$55,000
Barn Blacktop Improvements/Repair: \$60,000
Barn Gutters: \$12,000

Total Project Cost: \$127,000

Justification:

Replacing all of the current light fixtures within the barn areas and covered arena with LED fixtures will provide a cost savings on our monthly electrical bills. This return on this investment will only take approximately 1.4 years. The gutters will provide a better experience for our patrons and direct the water away from doorways and entrances to the barns. The blacktop repairs will provide a better experience for our patrons and save staff time from having to clean manure and trash from gravel areas.

Painting the steel within the covered arena will prolong the life of the outdoor arena structure before the rust would take over and cause extensive repairs. Parks staff needs to look at more options for this portion of the project and will be bringing this back to the County Board later in 2022 for more discussion and action.

Attachments:

- Resolution