

To: Armerita Tell
From: Bentley
Date: 4/10/03

RE: DRA Meeting – April 15th

I spoke with Hayes Dent this afternoon regarding Mississippi's outstanding DRA projects. He gave me the following information:

He plans to bring up two projects with the recommendation that the Board vote to approve –

- 1) **Town of Anguilla** – Community Facilities Building
 - a. Hayes and DRA staff have worked with Mayor Emma Cooper Harris to revise this project – instead of the construction of a new building, several old buildings in downtown Anguilla will be rehabilitated
- 2) **Town of Woodville** – Multi-purpose Facility
 - a. Hayes will recommend that Board approve pending other funding sources being lined-up, he anticipates that this other funding will be in place soon

I also informed him that Mississippi would like to bring back up the three other projects that have not been approved by the DRA at this point. Hayes indicated that he would be “happy” to do this but indicated that he did not believe that the Federal Co-Chairman's position had changed on any of the projects. He indicated that DRA staff would be prepared to bring these projects before the Board at the meeting in Washington, D.C.

- 1) **Hinds Street Baptist Church** – GED and Job Placement Program
 - a. Hayes stressed that there were other GED programs in the Delta and the Federal Co-Chairman believes this program would only duplicate efforts
- 2) **City of Moorhead** – Roof Repair to City Hall
 - a. Hayes contends that this project has already been voted down by the Alternates (at the December 2002 meeting, minutes attached), he indicated that his staff would be happy to bring this project before the Board again but he did not know how the other Alternates would feel about voting on the same project again
 - b. However, Hayes wrote a letter indicating that this project was not approved “on the basis of a negative vote by the Federal Co-Chairman” (see enclosed)
- 3) **Quitman County Development Organization** – Rural Transportation
 - a. Hayes still contends that we pulled this project back, it has never come before the full Board