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Fwd: Panther Turf Project

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Subject: Panther Turf Project

To: Jeff Stauder <jstauder@panaschools.com>, Jason Bauer <jbauer@panaschools.com>

Hi guys.

I have done some more research since our last meeting. I talked to Don Borginia (Carlinsville Baseball Coach / Football coach) again about how he first set up the Football turf project. He told me to get a committee of members together to help out the process.... so I am doing that now with local guys in the committee that has ties to baseball and/or people I can trust. He told me next that we went to local union contractors / dirt work construction and asked them if they would donate their time to complete the dirt work, drainage, leveling of the field etc. That is where the union guys were involved and they all joined together and donated their time. So that is what made their union hauls over there happy. Everyone pitched in together to make this nice facility for the student/athletes to perform on the best quality of field.

Don stated he went to the Carlinsville Chamber of Commerce to see if they would help collect the donations coming in for the Cavie Turf project. That is where President Tim Rhodus came in and said absolutely. We will help do this project and call it a Chamber Cavie Turf Project. Then they reached out to Jeremy Strawn (J&L Strawn Construction) to do the turf installation. Jeremy met with the local dirt contractor, engineer, plumbers etc and gave them the scope of work to be completed for him to come back in and lay the turf on the football field. Since the school leased the football field to the Chamber, the chamber hired Jeremy (non prevailing wages thru the 501 c 3 organization. Once the project was over, the chamber handed the school back the field to the district.

Now my Diamond's Club 501 c 3 is getting formed by Blair Angel (who is working with William Farr Attorney uptown Pana) but that might take 3 months to complete on the government's end.

Blair Angel has contacts with union representatives and will be up front with them about this potential project. She has been told that union hauls might make this a

project they can do as a donation for upgrading the field. No final word on that yet. That is what she was told by a union worker. I will stay away from those discussions.

Jeremy (J&L) is getting me price quotes for just the completion of him doing the turf installation. He also stated to me that he would get me the drawings it would take to complete the dirt work etc prior to him coming there. BOTH Carlinville and Taylorville personnel have told me what a great job they do and at a reasonable price. He is not on the cooperative purchasing list however, but if we have a 501 group pay his wages, would that matter?? That is the part I'm not sure about.

I could talk to Al Stupek (Pana Chamber of Commerce) to see if the chamber would have any interest in this project. Jennifer Mathis of Pana board has previously spoken with President Tim Rhodus of Carlinville so I believe Al knows some information.

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