

Grant awarded for Banner Creek building project

**(KNZA)--An additional grant has been awarded for the construction of a multi-purpose community center at Banner Creek Reservoir, west of Holton.**

**The Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir Board of Directors, in a news release Tuesday, announced they were awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Johnsonville Member Giving Drive for the project.**

**Employees of Johnsonville nominate local non-profit organizations for the potential grant, and then vote to select the organization to receive the grant funds.**

**The building will include a kitchen, gathering area for 125-150 people, restrooms and a basement, which will be a designated storm shelter.**

**The original building construction estimate from April 2020 was \$320,000. The release says with tremendous community support, the Friends of Banner Reservoir raised half of the estimated project costs, \$160,000.**

**In October of last year, they were awarded a \$160,000 matching state grant.**

**Due to delays created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the grant announcement date was pushed back about a year and a half. Material and construction costs have increased during the delay.**

**The release says they are in the process of finalizing their building plans and preparing to request bids.**

**Even with in-kind donations, the release says additional funds will be necessary to complete construction of the building.**

**The Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir Board of Directors include Aaron Deters, Eric Deneault, Barb Dillner, Deb Dillner, Lana Dillner, Richard Iverson, Rob Ladner, and Beth Nelson.**

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