

# PROJECT ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY SUMMARY

## **Sledge & Barkley:**

- Currently waiting on Grant Funding approval. Anticipated date of funding notification is December but may be delayed by Governor's Office.
- WPA architects did a sight visit on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans. Anticipate completion of final drawings have not been given.
- The roof was completed this week for both buildings.
- Rotting joists have been completely replaced.
- Flooring lumber was delivered today.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor structural work is being worked on this week.

## **Virginia Tech planning update for Turn Table Park:**

- Met with Team from Virginia Tech on December 6<sup>th</sup> regarding potentially building new buildings vs. using existing buildings.
- I'm to hear back from Felton Brothers regarding the intentions of the buildings owned by them by next week.
- Tessie is working on getting the closing date for this property.

## **Greenhouse Project:**

- Working with Southside Planning on writing the State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant. The deadline for this grant has been extended to mid-January.
- Working to get Virginia Passenger Railway Association agreement procured with Tessie. Waiting for a copy of Deed.
- Currently in discussions with Dewberry concerning alternate route to site which would not need to extend the railway crossing agreement.
- Engineering firm, Dewberry is currently working to provide permit and construction documents.
- Currently procuring timber company quotes for clearing the land.
- Addition fees are being determined for A&E, however; should the DEQ grant be awarded, fees for would be fully reimbursed for up to \$300,000.

## **ODO Project:**

- On December 6<sup>th</sup>, had a meeting with Ann Taylor Wright, Shawn from Dewberry. The following was discussed:
  - Grading is currently out for bid.
  - Wholesale farmers were concerned due to delays in the project.
  - VDAC approved moving forward.
  - Pricing concerns considering the cost of materials has gone up since project was proposed.
  - Local contractors may be interested in bidding for this project due to slowdowns.
  - Brandon Jordan stated he has lots of commercial growers are interested in partnering and using the facility. He stated that this could employ up to 30 full time employees.