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I am sending you some of our correspondence with the USDA. It seems outrageous to ask you to go back to point zero. Bill was willing to look at the bid docs and as long as we included everything of import, to let us press ahead. I think Cheryl is incorrect with how far we got with the process!  
Ellen

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I apologize. Bill's area is in a way separate than mine, and I thought he sent something out. That's ok, I know for future reference.

Have a great evening, Ellen.

*Cheryl*

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Great news! Thank you!

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I have something Bill sends for the file, which he did.

The corrections you have made have been approved by Bill. It is now and approved Preliminary Architural Report.

*Cheryl*

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Yes, that is correct.

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Hi Ellen,

Do you mean on the architecture side of things?

*Cheryl*

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Ok, Thank you all. Just wondering if, for either funds, if there is an approval of some type that the City receives for meeting the conditions stated?

Thanks

Ellen

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Ellen,

Cheryl in our Presque Isle office might be able to answer that question.  
I don't know what the policy is when notifying a town about a grant.

Thank you,  
Bill

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Will we be getting anything in writing or email stating that we have met the current USDA requirements for the grant the City of Caribou is applying for?  
Thanks for any assistance,  
Ellen

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