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Memorandum

Date: February 14, 2024
To: Urban Subcommittee
From: Mark Lindemann, District Engineer 
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – February 2024

The Urban Subcommittee met on Wednesday, February 14, at the NRD Office, at 5:30 pm. Subcommittee members participating included Stacie Sinclair acting Chair, Gary Aldridge, Deborah Eagan, Luke Peterson, and Larry Ruth. Others participating included NRD staff Mike Sousek, Al Langdale, Drew Ratkovec, and Mark Lindemann. Travis Figard with E&A Consulting Group, Inc. was also in attendance. Director Sinclair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. There were two (2) items the Subcommittee took action on. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A. Consideration of Bids for the Salt Creek Levee Trail Resurfacing Project – Van Dorn to “O” Street [ACTION] – Lindemann explained that the Salt Creek Levee Trail Resurfacing Project is an in-house project. In February of 2023, the District resurfaced the right bank of the Levee Access road (also used as a public trail) from Calvert to the Van Dorn Bridge. For FY24, this project will continue north from Van Dorn, with the goal of completing the remainder of the trail to Haymarket Park by FY25. Langdale noted that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers inspects levee top surfacing and the local sponsor (the NRD) is required to maintain a reliable surface to ensure proper access for maintenance, and flood fighting. For this project Lincoln Parks & Rec have agreed to pay 1/3 of the costs up to \$50,000 and the NRD has budgeted \$100,00 for FY24. The project was advertised for construction bids on January 12th, 19th, and 26th of 2024 and bids were opened Friday, February 2nd, 2024, at 1 pm. Two (2) bids were received from contractors. Gana Trucking and Excavating submitted the low bid of \$17.50/linear foot plus a \$3,000 for bollard removal and resetting. With this bid pricing the District will be able to resurface from Van Dorn to “O” Street. NRD staff has recommended the acceptance of Gana’s bid. Gana performed the previous Salt Creek Levee resurfacing work in 2023, and did an excellent job. Staff answered directors questions on the trail map provided in the memo and the extent of future work and the status of the NRD turning over the Salt Creek Levee Trail over to the City of Lincoln. Langdale noted that once the City takes on full ownership, they will be responsible for maintenance. See attached summary of bids and recommendation memo. Below is a summary of project facts:

- Work Type: Construction Only – Rock Surfacing, Top of Right Bank
- Budget: Included in FY 24 Budget
- Low Bid: \$17.50/ft + \$3,000 for bollard work- Gana Trucking & Excavating
- Cost: \$135,825 (Van Dorn to “O” Street)
- Funding: NRD \$90,550/ Parks & Rec \$45,275
- Start: Beginning of March 2024
- Completion: By April 15, 2024 (Should be completed within 3 weeks)
- Bid using Unit Prices
- Access: Use of existing levee access points
- Delays: Weather may impact, no material or delivery delay concerns

- Permits: NA
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, Parks & Recs, Contractor
- Deliverables- Improved access/ trail conditions

It was moved by Eagan, seconded by Ruth, and approved by the Subcommittee (4 Yes, Aldridge Voting Present) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$17.50/foot + \$3,000 for bollard work, by Gana Trucking and Excavating, for the Salt Creek Levee Trail Resurfacing Project for a total of \$138,825.

B. Consideration of bids for the Beal Slough Bank Stabilization Project – 40th and Nebraska Parkway [ACTION]

– Lindemann noted that he and Al Langdale managed this project through the design phase with E&A Consulting Group, Inc., and the project has been turned over to Drew Ratkovec, NRD Projects Coordinator, to manage during construction. Ratkovec explained that the left bank of Beal Slough downstream of 40th Street has undergone some erosion and widening after a previous stabilization attempt in 1999 did not hold up. The project design flattens the left channel slope and places rock riprap at the toe. The project was advertised for construction bids on January 22nd, 29th, and February 5th of 2024. The bid opening was Friday, February 9th, 2024, at 11 am. The NRD received six (6) bids from contractors, with the lowest responsible bid received from Yost Excavating, with a bid of \$88,198. Travis Figard, with E&A, reviewed the bids and has given a recommendation to award the project to Yost Excavating for the bid of \$88,198. NRD staff agree with E&A's recommendation. The summary of bids and recommendation memo from E&A are attached. Directors noted the importance of the Lincoln Marathon (May 5th) and concerns with the strict completion timeline and potential inference with the marathon. Questions were asked of what plans are in place in the event the project is delayed due to weather to ensure there is no interruption to the marathon. Figard explained that he worked with staff at Lincoln Parks and Recreation on acceptable substantial and final completion dates and that the contractor will be working from the left bank of Beal Slough and the only impact to the trail would be when the contractor crosses the trail off of 40th Street. If it is observed that the contractor may not have the project finished prior to the established dates, work will be halted, concrete will be repaired (if necessary), and the project would resume after the marathon. Multiple NRD staff noted confidence in Yost based on previous experience on several NRD projects. Below is a summary of project facts:

- Work Type: Construction Only – Left Bank of Beal Slough
- Budget: Included in FY 24 Budget
- Funding: NRD Only
- Low Bid: \$88,198- Gana Trucking & Excavating
- Start: Mid- March 2024
- Completion: By May 3, 2024
- Bid using Unit Prices
- Access: Noted in Plans (Off 40th Street)
- Delays: Weather may impact, no material or delivery delay concerns
- Permits: Floodplain & 404 obtained
- Payers, Players, & Partners: NRD, Contractor, E&A
- Deliverables- Completed project, as-builts
- Note- Boosalis Trail will not be impacted except for contractor crossing at 40th St.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Eagan, and approved by the Subcommittee (4 Yes, Aldridge Voting Present) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the lowest responsible bid of \$88,198 by Yost Excavating, for the Beal Slough Bank Stabilization Project near 40th and Nebraska Parkway.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

cc: Dave Landis
Corey Wasserburger