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Memorandum

Date: February 16, 2022
To: Urban Subcommittee
From: Jared Nelson, District Engineer *JN*
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – February 2022 – MTG #2

The Urban Subcommittee met virtually at 5:00pm, on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Subcommittee members participating included Tom Green, David Landis, Gary Aldridge, Lisa Lewis, Larry Ruth, Ray Stevens, and John Yoakum. Others participating included NRD staff Paul Zillig, David Potter, Al Langdale, Mike Murren, Tracy Zayac and Jared Nelson; and Frank Doland with Alfred Benesch & Company. Director Green called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. There was one item discussed, as described below.

(b.) Consideration of Bids for Salt Creek Levee Repairs at STA 76+00 (near Park Ave & West Van Dorn) - Jared Nelson referred to his Meeting Minutes from last week's February 8th Urban Subcommittee meeting when the Salt Creek Levee Repairs at STA 76+00 was first discussed. He described that the District hired Alfred Benesch & Company of Lincoln, NE as the District's consulting engineer for this project, and who completed the design and assisted in bidding services. He said the bid opening was Friday, February 4, 2022 and the District received seven bids, with Dynamic Dirtworks & Demolition, LLC having the low bid of \$73,363; and with Nebraska Digging Services (the second lowest bidder) having a bid of \$75,905.

Nelson then described that Frank Doland with Benesch had reviewed the bids and asked for qualifications from the three lowest bidders, in conformance to the contract documents. Doland discussed his review of the bids and referred to his attached letter dated February 14th. Doland said he found that Dynamic Dirtworks & Demolition, LLC was not responsive, and he did not receive any positive recommendations when he called their references. Doland then discussed how the second lowest bidder, Nebraska Digging Services, did response to his request to qualifications, showing ample resources, equipment, and personnel. Doland said his recommendation is to award the project to Nebraska Digging Services, and he also called their references and received 'glowing reviews'. Nelson described that staff agrees with Benesch's recommendation that the lowest bidder was not responsive and cannot be deemed a responsible contractor.

It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Stevens and approved by the Subcommittee (with Green, Landis, Lewis, Ruth, Stevens, and Yoakum voting 'yes', and Aldridge 'not voting') to place onto the agenda and reconsider a recommendation, regarding bids on the Salt Creek Levee Repairs near Park Ave & West Van Dorn (STA 76+00).

The Subcommittee then reviewed and discussed the item and asked questions to staff and Doland.

It was moved by Landis, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors reject the bid from Dynamic Dirtworks & Demolition, LLC (the lowest bidder), and accept the bid from Nebraska Digging Services (the second lowest bidder) in the amount of \$75,905 for the Salt Creek Levee Repairs near Park Ave & West Van Dorn (STA 76+00).

The staff also reported on discussions with the Corps and Sen Fischer's office concerning the process to apply for infrastructure funds.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 pm.

JN/jn