




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: December 13, 2023
To: Urban Subcommittee
From: Mark Lindemann, District Engineer 
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – December 2023

The Urban Subcommittee met on Wednesday, December 13th, at the NRD Office, at 5:30 pm. Subcommittee members participating included John Yoakum- committee chair, Gary Aldridge, Melissa Baker, Deborah Eagan, Larry Ruth, Susan Seacrest, and Ray Stevens. Others participating included NRD staff David Potter, Drew Ratkovec, and Mark Lindemann. Jodi Kocher with FHU was also in attendance. Director Yoakum called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. There were two items the Subcommittee took action on, and three reports. A quorum was present for the meeting.

A. Consideration of Bids for the Lincoln Youth Complex Oak Creek Pipe Replacement [ACTION] – Lindemann described the three drainage pipes along Oak Creek that are not functioning correctly and in poor condition. He explained that the District had been waiting for the development of the adjacent property to the north so that the pipes would meet the needs of the new drainage layout. In April of 2023, the Board approved an agreement between the Lincoln Youth Complex (LYC), to allow for the pipes to be constructed as part of the larger Sandhills Global Youth Sports Complex. Olsson also received Board approval to design the pipes and develop the plans and specs, for incorporation into the LYC project, after NRD review and approval. Sampson Construction was selected by the City of Lincoln as the construction manager for the LYC project. Sampson advertised for construction bids in September and October with a separate bid package for the NRD drainage pipes. Five (5) bids were received, with Sampson recommending the lowest responsible bidder as Global Earthwork & Underground, for \$188,000. Lindemann noted that Global Earthwork is out of Kansas City, and has opened an office in Lincoln, that is staffed and managed by employees from Lincoln. Global Earthwork's references came back very favorable.

It was moved by Ruth, seconded by Stevens, and approved by the Subcommittee (5 voting Yes, Eagan abstaining, Aldridge voting "Present") to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the low bid of \$188,000, by Global Earthwork & Underground, for the Lincoln Youth Complex Oak Creek Pipe Replacement Project.

B. Consideration of Bids for the Deadmans Run Bank Stabilization Project- 66th Street to Vine Street [ACTION]– The final action item was for the bids for Deadmans Run Bank Stabilization Project, from 66th to Vine Street. Felsburg, Holt, and Ullevig (FHU) completed the design, permitting, and plan development for the Deadmans Run bank stabilization project, and in October 2023, the Board approved an agreement for bidding services and construction administration. This project addresses erosion behind gabion baskets and repairs to culvert outlets. Contractor access and staging will utilize the NRD’s existing easements on the right bank of the channel. Timeliness is very important for this project to ensure it is completed prior to flood season in mid-April. The construction project was advertised for bids in November, with a bid opening on December 4th, at 12:00 pm. The NRD received three (3) bids from contractors. The lowest responsible bidder was Mount Farm Drainage, with the bid of \$128,372.85. Mount Farm Drainage based in Riverton, Iowa has recently performed exceptional work on the Salt Creek Levee and meets the qualifications for the project. Jodi Kocher, with FHU has reviewed the bids and Contractor qualifications, and has recommended award of the project to Mount Farm Drainage for the bid of \$128,372.85. Lindemann noted that Jodi Kocher, from FHU, was present to answer Director questions.

It was moved by Steves, seconded by Baker, and approved by the Subcommittee (6 voting Yes, Alridge voting “Present”) to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the bid of \$128,372.85, by Mount Farm Drainage, for the Deadmans Run Bank Repair Project.

Reports:

1. Bids for the Ash Hollow Stream Stabilization Project – 134th to Salt Creek

Lindemann reported that the Ash Hollow Stream stabilization project bids were received by Lancaster County on November 22nd. The low bidder was Yost Excavating, with a bid of \$879,622. Yost has done work with the NRD and City of Lincoln and similar stream projects and is currently working on South Salt Creek Master Plan Project #6. Yost’s bid was almost \$1M under Intuition & Logic’s (design engineer) cost opinion. Lindemann explained that Lancaster County, the City of Waverly, and the NRD have an interlocal agreement for work that goes beyond routine maintenance (Lancaster County is the lead agency in the agreement), with the three parties splitting the costs three ways. Intuition and Logic will also be performing the construction administration for the project at a cost of \$78,127. Total project costs will be \$957,749, with the NRD contributing \$319,249.67 per the interlocal agreement. These costs have been budgeted for FY24.

2. Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application Submittal Assistance.

Lindemann updated the subcommittee on the presentation made to the Natural Resource Commission’s meeting on November 28th. The NRD and Houston Engineering gave an update for the Deadmans Run Flood Reduction Project from Cornhusker Highway to 48th Street. Items discussed were project component changes, schedule, and costs. Because of increased costs, the NRD and Houston also indicated that they were looking at avenues to supplement the existing Water Sustainability Fund grant. Lindemann noted that Tom Mountford, the Lower Platte Basin representative for the Commission, will provide a summary of topics covered at their recent meeting on November 28th.

Lindemann also noted that on Tuesday the 12th, City and NRD staff, and engineers from firms involved in the Deadmans Run project met at the NRD office to hold a value engineering session to look at ways reduce project costs and improve the project schedule while maintaining the project intent of flood

reduction. Results from the summary report from Houston will be shared with the subcommittee. Directors discussed the importance for the NRD to update the residents in the Deadmans Run area on project progress, costs, and schedule, and discussed strategies. Potter suggested that an explanation for delays and current timeline could be provided in an NRD newsletter and that the Directors desires to provide outreach to the community will be brought to attention at the next City Watershed/ NRD coordination meeting.

3. Community Assistance Program

Susan Seacrest announced that the Rolling Hills Park Association's Community Assistance Program channel repair was complete and expressed her thanks to Directors for their support and the work of staff. The neighborhood is very satisfied with the work and have been enjoying the park.

Ratkovec noted that the Pine Lake HOA dam rehabilitation project is near completion, with minor backfilling and seeding remaining.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

cc: Dave Landis
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