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Memorandum

Date: March 12, 2021
To: Urban Subcommittee
From: Jared Nelson, District Engineer
Subject: Urban Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – March 2021

The Urban Subcommittee met virtually at 5:31pm, on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Subcommittee members participating included Tom Green, Gary Aldridge, Bob Andersen, Christine Lamberty, and Ray Stevens. Others participating included NRD staff Paul Zillig, Dave Potter, Mike Murren, Al Langdale, Bryce Jensen, Tracy Zayac and Jared Nelson; Ross Laurence with JEO Consulting; Lindy Rogers with FYRA Engineering; Brian Schuele with Olsson; Kelly Oelke with the City of Hickman; and LPSNRD board member Deb Eagan. Director Green called the meeting to order at 5:31pm, gave a brief welcome, and then led with a round of introductions before reviewing the agenda. There were three items the Subcommittee took action on, as described below.

(a.) Consideration of a Community Assistance Program Request – City of Hickman, South 68th Street Bike Trail Underpass – First, Zayac explain how the District has received a cost-share assistance request from the City of Hickman for eligible portions of the South 68th Street Bike Trail Underpass project in Hickman. (See map and Memorandum from Tracy Zayac dated March 8, 2021 regarding this item.) Zayac explained how this project is planned to help facilitate connectivity between the existing east and west trail systems in Hickman. She further explained that the District has not seen final design of this project, so staff would want to review those and ensure operation and maintenance, etc, are addressed in an Interlocal Agreement between the District and Hickman as part of this project.

Zayac, along with Oelke and Schuele explained how this culvert project would likely be built with the planned 68th Street roundabout with construction slated for 2022. Zayac explained that District funding for this request would thus need to be budgeted in FY22 and/or FY23. Oelke explained that the citizens and Council in Hickman support this project. Lamberty and Schuele discussed the feasibility of an overpass. Good discussion and questions followed among the group.

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Andersen, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Community Assistance Program application from the City of Hickman, for the South 68th Street Bike Trail Underpass Project, in an amount of 50% of the estimated cost, not to exceed \$103,743 of NRD funds, contingent upon an approved Interlocal Agreement between the District and City which outlines respective responsibilities, liability, and other matters.

(b.) Consideration of Bids for the Deadmans Run Culvert Rehabilitation Project - near 72nd & O Street – Next, Jensen described the Deadmans Run Culvert Rehabilitation Project on Deadmans Run near 72nd and O Street (by the Dairy Queen), which addresses a pipe outfall which has degraded and is in need of repair. He described how the 42-Inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) outfall has rusted through and has separated in several locations. He also described that the District hired FYRA who completed design and development of plans, and the work planned consists of rehabilitating the pipe utilizing Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP), and filling void spaces with flowable fill.

Jensen further described that the project was advertised for construction on February 15, 2021 to receive bid proposals, with the bid opening occurring on Friday afternoon, March 5, 2021. He said the District received three bids, with Subsurface, Inc. being the low bidder with a bid of \$76,305; the Engineer's Opinion of Cost for construction was for \$97,022.

Lindy Rogers with FYRA also described her review of the bids and recommendation to award the project to Subsurface Inc. Lindy answered several questions from the Subcommittee members regarding her letter regarding the bids received (attached). Staff also clarified for Andersen that this is a separate project/location than the other Deadmans Run project, which is near 70th Street.

It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Bid from Subsurface Inc. in the amount of \$76,305 for the Deadmans Run Culvert Rehabilitation Project near 72nd & O Street.

(c.) Consideration of Professional Services Agreement for the 2021 Biennial Salt Creek Levee SWIF (System-Wide Improvement Framework) Update – Finally, Nelson discussed how the NRD is the local non-federal sponsor of the Salt Creek Levee system, originally constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). He described how the USACE performs annual inspections and identifies deficiencies which determine the levees sponsor's continued eligibility in the Public Law (P.L.) 84-99 Rehabilitation Program. He went on to describe the benefits of maintaining this eligibility, and how the rectification of multiple deficiencies while maintaining eligibility in the Program have been coordinated with USACE through a System –Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) Plan, accepted by the USACE on May 31, 2016.

Nelson, further described that every two-years, the NRD is required to update the SWIF Plan and submit a request to the USACE, for additional two years of eligibility in the P.L. 84-99 Rehabilitation Program. He explained how JEO Consulting completed the original SWIF report, and staff has worked to negotiate a contract (attached) with JEO to prepare this 2021 Biennial SWIF Update report. He responded to questions from Aldridge related to this matter.

It was moved by Andersen, seconded by Stevens, and unanimously approved by the Subcommittee to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Professional Services Agreement with JEO Consulting Group for the 2021 Biennial Salt Creek Levee SWIF Update, in an amount not to exceed \$28,520, subject to legal counsel review.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

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