



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Agenda Item

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Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

The LMRWD is ready to bid this project. The schedule (which is out of date) follows:

- August 16, 2024 – Submit Ad for Bid to Star Tribune for publication on Thursday 08/22/2024 (does LMRWD want republication a week later or anything like that? Or just the one publication?)
- August 16, 2024 – Upload Plans/Specs to QuestCDN for bidding
- September 12, 2024 – Bid Opening
- September 18, 2024 – Board to Consider Contract Award
- End September 2024 – Contracts
- October 2024 (contractor dependent) – Preconstruction Meeting
 - The railroad has a 45 day notice from the Contractor. I doubt they will actually hold us to that much advanced notice for this work, but it is possible... Something to keep in mind.
 - The LMRWD will be copied on an email to the railroad as it looks like our permit technically expires this November so we will want to clarify that.
- 06/28/2024 – Substantial Completion
 - Also have an Interim Milestone Requiring substantial completion within 42 calendar days of earth disturbing activities.
 - Final Completion 14 days later.

One item that has delayed the schedule is the question of financing. The LMRWD is exploring whether an amendment to the LMRWD Watershed Management will be required. The reason for uncertainty is that the amount included in the Implementation Program for this project is far less than the estimated

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cost of the project. Initial response from legal counsel is that an amendment is not necessary, but the LMRWD is checking for sure.

If the project requires a plan amendment, it will be a minor amendment, but this will add at least 45 days to the schedule.

Once the project is bid, the LMRWD will know how much is needed to pay for the project and can seek financing.

An amendment to the agreement for professional services between LMRWD and Bolton & Menk, Inc. adding construction staking to the services is attached for the Board's information.

Attachments

Engineering Services for Vernon Avenue Improvement Projects, Amendment 1 – Construction Staking Services

Recommended Action

Motion to accept Engineering Services for Vernon Avenue Improvement Projects, Amendment 1 – Construction Staking Services and authorize execution



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Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
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RE: Engineering Services for Vernon Avenue Improvements Project
Amendment 1 - Construction Staking Services

Dear Linda:

As the Vernon Avenue Improvements Project design has been completed and the project is moving towards the bidding phase, we are looking forward to the construction phase of the project. Our original proposal indicated that fees for construction field staking were not included in the proposal and that those fees would be added via amendment after construction plans are finalized so that the scope for staking is more clearly defined. With finalized construction plans available, our survey team has reviewed the plans to develop the scope of construction staking and the associated fees. Below is a summary of these additional construction services necessary to construct the project as designed for the anticipated late 2024 or 2025 construction season:

TASK 7: CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Construction Staking

Construction field staking will be necessary to construct the project and will include staking of the construction limits, the storm sewer culvert, and the roadway centerline, including bluetops if necessary. Survey crews will provide construction stakes with alignment and grade, as necessary, and documentation of all survey points installed. Survey crews could also be utilized to complete a post-construction as-built survey of the final storm sewer facilities for the purposes of record drawings, if desired.

The original proposal for the project was in the total amount of \$134,954, with the construction services task being \$33,446. project scope additions described above would result in an increase to the overall fees that encompasses the scope of work approved for on these tasks. We are requesting an amendment for \$15,000. This would bring the total project fee to \$149,954 with the final design tasks totaling \$48,446.

TOTAL ESTIMATED AMENDMENT FEE = \$15,000

We appreciate your trust in us to bring this project through the design phase and continue the work necessary to see the project completed through construction. Please let me know of any questions you may have with the proposed amendment.

Sincerely,

BOLTON & MENK, INC.



Brad Fisher, P.E.
Principal Engineer

This document shall serve as an amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services between the parties, dated March 15, 2023 (the “Contract”), pursuant to the applicable sections thereof. All other provisions of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect except as herein modified.

Accepted: _____

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

cc: Tim Olson, PE, CFM, Principal Water Resources Engineer