



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Council Session

Item G-15

**#2019-334 - Approving Engineering Consulting Agreement for
North Moores Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank**

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Keith Kurz PE, Assistant Public Works Director

Meeting: November 12, 2019

Subject: Approving Engineering Consulting Agreement for North Moores Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

The North Moores Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank project will determine the feasibility of a wetland bank on an 80 acre parcel of the land the City currently owns just north of Eagle Scout Lake, which Moores Creek drains through. This project will permit future City wetland impacts to be offset and potentially permit the sale of wetland credits if desired. This area is also likely to provide additional detention capacity for the Moores Creek system allowing the removal of several weir structures to encourage faster flow through town. The City of Grand Island completed a Master Plan for the Moores Creek system in 2019 in which these concepts were initially investigated. The intent would be to use that as a starting point for this analysis.

On July 5, 2019 the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department advertised for Engineering Services for North Moores Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank, with sixteen (16) potential respondents.

Discussion

Five (5) engineering firms submitted qualifications for the engineering services for North Moores Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank. Felsburg Holt & Ullevig of Omaha, Nebraska was selected as the top engineering firm based on the pre-approved selection criteria.

- Firm experience and qualifications on similar work (50%)
- Proposed project schedule/approach (40%)
- Past experience working with the City of Grand Island Public Works Department (10%)

Compensation for Felsburg Holt & Ullevig's services will be provided on a time and expense basis not to exceed \$96,320.00. Such services will involve project management and meeting, data collection, conceptual design, and prospectus and coordination with United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the agreement with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig of Omaha, Nebraska, in the amount of \$96,320.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2019-334

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2019 the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department advertised for Engineering Services for North Moores Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2019 five (5) engineering firms submitted qualifications for such services; and

WHEREAS, based on the pre-approved selection criteria Felsburg Holt & Ullevig of Omaha, Nebraska was selected as the top engineering firm; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island and Felsburg Holt & Ullevig of Omaha, Nebraska wish to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement for North Moores Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Engineering Services Agreement between the City of Grand Island and Felsburg Holt & Ullevig of Omaha, Nebraska for engineering services related to North Moores Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank, in the amount of \$96,320.00, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 12, 2019.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 8, 2019	☐ City Attorney