**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE**

**UPPER SHEYENNE RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

**UPDATED AWARD BID-SITE #5**

March 12th, 2024

The Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board met on March 12th, 2024, VIA ZOOM.

Managers Present:

Julie Beckstrand, Benson County WRD

Monty Schaefer, Eddy County WRD

Ben Varnson, Nelson County WRD

LeRoy Becker, Sheridan County WRD

Julie Beckstrand, Sheridan County WRD

Tor Bergstrom, Steele County WRD

Bill Deck, Pierce County WRD

Dennis Clark, Stutsman County WRD

Jerry Hieb, Barnes County WRD

Others Known To Be Present:

Mandar Nangare, Barr Engineering

Tasha Krueger, Secretary, Upper Sheyenne River Joint WRB

**CALL TO ORDER**: Chairman Deck called the meeting to order @ 9:00 A.M.

**ROLL CALL**: Roll call was taken with six counties present.

Julie Beckstrand, Benson County WRD

Monty Schaefer, Eddy County WRD

Ben Varnson, Nelson County WRD

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Mandar contacted Minnesota Native Landscapers-MCL to discuss Site #3 Eddy County being excluded from the bid.

Minnesota Native Landscapers-MCL

8740 77th Street NE

Otsego, MN 55362

Site #5-Nelson County- Schedule B-Original Bid- $162,681.75

Site #5-Nelson County- Schedule B- Updated Bid- $199,823.10

Engineer’s OPC – 100% Construction Cost ($)- $189,000

The difference between the two bids: $37,141.35

Mandar, Barr Engineering recommends accepting the updated bid from MNL in the amount $199,823.00.

Manager Clark asked about the extra money being spent on Site #3 & the Lonetree Site. Mandar informed him the budget pool is being used & not half of the funding has been spent.

Manager Varnson is planning to collect data on Site #3-Eddy County & hopes the landowners will agree to move forward with the project this upcoming fall.

Manager Varnson stated the landowner agree to let the contractor onto his property and knows it a benefit the project has to his land. The landowner will meet the contractor on site before construction starts.

Mandar is confident no easements need to be sign for Site #5-Nelson County. The board disagreed and discussed the importance a signed easement being in place.

Motion was made by Manager Beckstrand to move forward with the project once a signed easement was approved by the landowner, Seconded by Manager Clark, Roll Call Vote: Heib- aye, Beckstrand-aye, Schaeffer-aye, Varnson-aye, Veitz-aye, Bergstrom-aye, Clark-aye, Deck-aye, Motion carried.

The contractor can move forward with construction once the easement is in place.

Motion was made by Manager Bergstrom to accept the bid from MNL in the amount of $199,823.00, Seconded by Manager Schaeffer, Roll Call Vote: Heib- nay, Beckstrand-aye, Schaeffer-aye, Varnson-aye, Veitz-aye, Bergstrom-aye, Clark-nay, Deck-aye, Motion carried.

Motion was made by Manager Beckstrand to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Manager Veitz, Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING** –

Next Regular Meeting-March 20th, 2024, at 9:00 am, Eagles Events Center, Valley City, ND

**ADJOURNMENT** – A Motion to Adjourn was made by Manager Bergstrom at 9:29 A.M. Seconded by Manager Beckstrand. Chair Deck adjourned the meeting.

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Bill Deck, Chair

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Tasha Krueger, Secretary