



RESOLUTION

Resolution number: 20-091

Title: Authorization to Contract for Design Services for the 325 Blake Road Regional Stormwater and Greenway Project

- WHEREAS the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) acquired 325 Blake Road, Hopkins, MN in 2011 as a key piece of the Minnehaha Creek Greenway, which will provide 109 acres of a connected corridor of restored creek and habitat through St. Louis Park and Hopkins;
- WHEREAS the MCWD is implementing a regional stormwater project at 325 Blake Road to treat polluted stormwater that flows into the creek from approximately 270 acres of surrounding area and to restore more than 1,000 feet of creek frontage and is planning for this work with three accompanying parcels bordering the creek for the 325 Blake Road Regional Stormwater and Greenway and Cottageville Park Phase II Riparian Restoration Project;
- WHEREAS as of March 2020, the construction of both the Powell Road and Lake Street stormwater diversion systems are complete, with the diversion structures remaining bulk-headed until the treatment facility at 325 Blake Road is constructed;
- WHEREAS on August 27, 2020 the MCWD Board of Managers authorized the execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Hopkins for Coordinated Planning, Improvements and Development for 325 Blake Road (Res # 20-066);
- WHEREAS on August 27, 2020, the MCWD Board of Managers approved the release of a Request for Proposals for Design Services for 325 Blake Road Stormwater Management and Site Restoration (Res # 20-067), which seeks landscape architecture and engineering services to complete integrated stormwater management, ecological restoration, and public open space improvements at 325 Blake Road and accompanying parcels;
- WHEREAS on September 4, 2020 staff solicited proposals from a pool of consultants for said services and received seven responsive proposals;
- WHEREAS the District may exercise its judgment in making decisions to retain professional services, and in this instance used a panel of District staff and a strategic advisor to evaluate written proposals and select finalists to advance into the interview process;
- WHEREAS the Board of Managers appointed three Board liaisons to assist staff in the project design process (Res # 20-080);
- WHEREAS the combined staff/advisor and liaison evaluation panel participated in a multi-round interview process and formed a recommendation based on criteria including project understanding, innovation and creativity, experience, and cost;
- WHEREAS the combined staff/advisor and liaison evaluation panel unanimously recommends the selection of HDR, Inc., and the Board of Managers finds that the evaluation was thorough and concurs in the recommendation reached;
- WHEREAS due to project complexity and uncertainty, it is prudent to contract for a scope of services that includes an additional task not solicited in the RFP to further define the public realm and potential

redevelopment footprints and re-scope the later stages of the project after a schematic design (30% design) has been produced;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the District Administrator, on advice of Counsel, to enter into a contract with HDR, Inc. for design and engineering services for the schematic design of 325 Blake Road Regional Stormwater and Greenway project, in an amount not to exceed the fee set forth in the submitted proposal, and authorizes the Administrator to execute change orders in his discretion up to an additional 10% of the proposal fee.

Resolution Number 20-091 was moved by Manager Regness, seconded by Manager Maxwell Motion to adopt the resolution 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Date: December 3, 2020.

Kurt Regness Date: DEC 3, 2020
Secretary