



Title: Authorization to Award Contract for 325 Blake Road Buckthorn Removal

Resolution number: 20-011

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Recommended action: Contract award for 325 Blake Road buckthorn removal to Minnesota Native Landscapes in the amount of \$10,800 and establish a not-to-exceed budget of \$11,880

Schedule: Date: 3/2/2020 Estimated Start Date
 Date: 4/30/2020 Project Completion Date

Budget considerations: Fund name and code: Vegetation Maintenance 200-2003-4550
 Fund budget: \$854,762
 Expenditures to date: \$3,621.42
 Requested amount of funding: not to exceed \$11,880 (\$10,800 + 10% contingency)

Past Board action:

Res # 19-034	Authorization to enter into four contracts for vegetation maintenance at 25 sites
Res # 18-034	Authorization to enter into contract for vegetation maintenance at 4 sites
Res # 17-013	Authorization to enter into contract for vegetation maintenance at 3 sites
Res # 16-014	Authorization to enter into contracts for vegetation maintenance at 17 sites

Background: The demolition of the cold storage facility at 325 Blake Road was completed in 2019 and the site was stabilized with a native seed mix (35-221). As the site is now vacant, the opportunity to begin restoration efforts along Minnehaha Creek is ideal. The first step in the restoration process is invasive species management, e.g. buckthorn removal, throughout the woodland buffer, which is adjacent to the creek along the eastern property boundary line.

Summary: The District solicited quotes for buckthorn removal from six contractors, all of which District staff considers to be competent and responsible, and received the following responses:

CONTRACTOR	QUOTE
Prairie Restorations, Inc.	\$28,205.00
Landbridge Ecological	\$13,950.00
Minnesota Native Landscapes	\$10,800.00*
Native Resource Preservation	\$18,560.00

*Low Quote

Based on the submitted quotes, staff recommends awarding the contract for 325 Blake Road Buckthorn Removal to Minnesota Native Landscapes in the amount of \$10,800 and establish a not-to-exceed budget of \$11,880.



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- WHEREAS the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) engages in regional capital improvement projects as described in its Water Resources Management Plan;
- WHEREAS the MCWD owns property in fee at 325 Blake Road, Hopkins, MN, and is planning site restoration and regional stormwater improvements at the site;
- WHEREAS the eastern boundary of the property is Minnehaha Creek, and the woodland buffer contains a significant woody invasive species infestation, and buckthorn removal is a critical first step in the restoration process;
- WHEREAS the MCWD Board of Managers has amended the maintenance policy to include maintenance of vegetation planted in conjunction with capital projects, but not including mowing of lawns or general landscaping of the project site; and
- WHEREAS MCWD staff has obtained four quotes for vegetation maintenance for 325 Blake Road buckthorn removal, and Minnesota Native Landscapes submitted a low quote of \$10,800.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorize the District Administrator to enter into a contract with Minnesota Native Landscapes in the amount of \$10,800 for 325 Blake Road buckthorn removal and that the Board establishes a project maintenance budget in the not-to exceed amount of \$11,880 and authorizes the District Administrator, in his judgement, to authorize change orders obligating the District up to that amount.

Resolution Number 20-011 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____. Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___ abstentions. Date: 2/27/2020

Secretary Date: February, 27, 2020