

York Area Solid Waste Agency
Minutes – December 9, 2021
City Hall and Videoconference

Present: Mayor Berry Redfern, City Council President Jeff Pieper, Commissioner Daniel Grotz, Commissioner Kurt Bulgrin. Also present: Sue Crawford, City Administrator, James Paul, Public Works Director and three representatives of HDR: Eric Sonsthagen, Lori Calub, and Garrett Williams; and Scott Keene, Pieper Sandler.

- 1) Open Meetings Act: Mayor Redfern announced the appropriate Open Meeting Act publications of the meeting and instructions to the public on how to access the videoconference of the meeting.
- 2) Pieper moved for the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Grotz seconded and the motion carried.
- 3) Eric Sonsthagen from HDR provided their recommendation for the bid for the agency to accept for landfill improvements. The lowest bid was deemed a responsible bid and was under the engineer estimate. This was the bid from Van Kirk Bros.

Pieper moved for approval of the bid, Grotz seconded. Mayor Redfern voted 9 votes for the city in support. Grotz voted 7 votes for the county in support.

Agency members discussed the implications of the accepted bid for the upcoming sale of bonds approved at the November 11 meeting (The Agency approved up to \$5.5 million). After conversation, Scott Keene was instructed to purchase bonds totaling the price of the bid, the price of the scraper, \$250,000 for a management contract with HDR, and \$50,000 contingency.

HDR noted that they will send a proposal for the construction management project. The Agency may need to meet to act on this bid at a special meeting in January. The next scheduled quarterly meeting would be in March.



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Mr. James Paul
Director of Public Works
City of York, Nebraska
100 East 4th St.
York, Nebraska 68467

RE: Bid Review and Evaluation
YASWA Phase 6 Construction Project

Dear Mr. Paul:

At the York Area Solid Waste Agency's (YASWA's) request, HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) has completed a technical review and evaluation of the Bid Forms and supplemental information for the Phase 6 Construction Project, which was furnished to HDR on December 7, 2021. There were four (4) bids received, with total bid prices ranging from \$3,084,155.50 to \$6,710,777.00. The engineer's opinion of probable construction cost (OPCC) was \$3,698,630 (without inflation for 2022 dollars or contingency), which is approximately 16.6 percent higher than the low bid. The lowest total bid was submitted by Van Kirk Bros. Contracting (Van Kirk).

HDR has reviewed the price calculations and summaries on the Bid Forms from all Bidders and found no irregularities or errors. The firms submitting bids included many of the firms who HDR would typically expect to bid on a landfill cell construction project in this regional geography and the number of bids received is a good indication of a competitive bidding environment. Each bidder identified the receipt of the two addenda issued during the bidding phase.

The low bidder, Van Kirk, has previously performed work for other landfill cells and similar design projects around the region. The HDR project recently completed by Van Kirk was performed for the City of Grand Island on construction of cell liner and stormwater pump station at their municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill site. They have also completed Phase 6 liner and leachate construction services for the City of Hastings. In reviewing the in-depth evaluation of reference checks for those, and other projects, HDR has concluded that Van Kirk is a reputable Nebraska-based contractor, which has completed two (2) landfill construction projects of a size and complexity similar to Phase 6 in the past five (5) years. References were positive and confirmed that Van Kirk and Van Kirk's proposed project manager have satisfactorily completed projects of similar size and complexity to Phase 6. From this evaluation and reference check, HDR has concluded that Van Kirk has the experience and ability to provide the required services (e.g., is a responsible bidder).

Based upon the above technical evaluations and the attached Bid Tabulation, HDR has concluded that Van Kirk is the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder for YASWA's Phase 6 Construction Project.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Lori Calub at (402) 399-4904 or Garrett Williams at (402) 399-1210 if you require additional clarification or information.

Sincerely,
HDR Engineering, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Sonsthagen".

Eric Sonsthagen, P.E.
Project Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Calub".

Lori J. Calub, P.E.
Sr. Engineer/Project Manager

Attachments: Bid Tabulation

