

Special Meeting #540.1

A special meeting of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District Board of Managers was held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the La qui Parle County courthouse at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darrel Ellefson. Managers present were: David Ludvigson, John Cornell, & David Craigmile. Manager Joe Ferguson was absent. Others present were: Trudy Hastad, & Nate Heinrich.

Chairman Ellefson stated the special meeting was called to award bids for the Br 11 CD #27 Improvement project. Bids were opened and read on Tuesday, February 2, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The Engineer & Attorney reviewed the bids and made the following recommendations:

Contract #1 – Open Ditch Improvement for Br 11 CD #27

In response to the Advertisement for Bids, the Board received 10 proposals for the construction of the referenced project. The proposals were opened and publicly read at 3:00 p.m., on February 2, 2015. The bids ranged between \$118,602.10 and \$266,053.85.

The low bidder was Heinrich Excavating & Hauling of Bellingham, MN. The low bid was 18% below the Engineer's Estimate of \$144,321.00 and 14% below the second low bidder. The Summary of Bids and the Abstract of bids was presented to the Board.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 16C.285, Heinrich Excavating & Hauling has furnished the executed Responsible Contractor Verification and Certification of Compliance form. The bidder indicates that there will be two subcontractors as listed on the attached sheet.

It is unlikely that re-bidding the project will result in more bids or more competitive bids. The bids appear to be responsive and responsible. The Lac qui Parle –Yellow Bank Watershed District is familiar with the contractor. Therefore, Duane Hansel, P.E. with Bolton & Menk, recommends that the contract be awarded to Heinrich Excavating & Hauling in the amount of \$118,602.10.

Manager Craigmile motioned to award Contract #1 – Open Ditch Improvement for Br 11 CD #27 to low bidder Heinrich Excavating & Hauling, Bellingham, MN in the amount of \$118,602.10, seconded by Manager Cornell. Upon vote, all voted in favor.

Contract #2 – Drain Tile Improvement for Br 11 CD #27

In response to the Advertisement for Bids, the Board received 11 proposals for the construction of the referenced project. The proposals were opened and publicly read at 3:00 P.M. on February 2, 2015. The bids ranged between \$231,806.00 and \$411,659.80. The Summary of Bids and the Abstract of bids was presented to the Board.

The low bidder was Ag Tech Drainage, LLC of Sauk Centre, MN. The low bid was 21% below the Engineer's Estimate of \$293,806.00 and 3% below the second low bidder.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 16C.285, Ag Tech Drainage, LLC has furnished the executed Responsible contractor Verification and Certification of Compliance form. The bidder indicates that there will be no subcontractors engaged on the project.

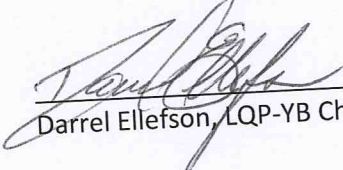
It is unlikely that re-bidding the project will result in more bids or more competitive bids. The bids appear to be responsive and responsible. A list of previous work was submitted by Ag Tech Drainage, therefore, Duane Hansel, P.E., with Bolton & Menk, recommends that the contract be awarded to Ag Tech Drainage, LLC of Sauk Centre, MN in the amount of \$231,501.31.

Manager Ludvigson motioned to award Contract #2 – Drain Tile Improvement Br 11 CD #27 to low bidder Ag Tech Drainage, LLC Sauk Centre, MN in the amount of \$231,501.31, seconded by Manager Craigmile. Upon vote, all voted in favor.

Hastad informed the Board of a letter received from the Yellow Medicine FSA office stating Willis Beecher as the person authorized to sign documents in their office for the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District.

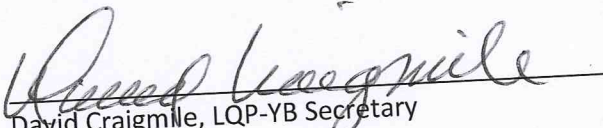
Manager Craigmile motioned to authorize Hastad to send a letter of authorization to the Yellow Medicine FSA office to remove Willis Beecher as signer and add Chairman Darrel Ellefson or Administrator Trudy Hastad as people authorized to sign documents in their office on behalf of the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, seconded by Manager Cornell. Upon vote, all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.



Darrel Ellefson, LQP-YB Chairman

ATTEST:



David Craigmile, LQP-YB Secretary