EAST RANGE WATER BOARD

Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:30 p.m. City/Town Government Center

Appointed Board Members for City of Aurora: Doug Gregor, Chairman of the Board; David Skelton; Dennis

Mike Larson (SEH); Miles Jensen (SEH); Kevin Young (SEH); Mia Thibodeau (Fryberger Law); Shannon Sweency Appointed Board Members for the Town of White: Jon Skelton, Vice Chairman of the Board; Clark Niemi; Other Team Members: Stefanie Dickinson (COA); Jodi Knaus (TOW); Wayne Thuringer (COA); Jim Gentilini (COA); (David Drown Associates);

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approval of the Agenda
- 3. Approval of March 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Legal Matters Mia Thibodeau/Paul Kilgore Updates Including but not limited to:
- a. Scenic Acres Land & Facility Title Clearance
- St. Louis County Lease Status Intake Site Draft Lease attached
- 5. Guests No requests received
- 6. Engineering Updates SEH
- a. Funding Initiatives Mike Larson
- 1. State Bonding Update, CDC Applications were submitted
- Project Financing & Total Cost Review Discussion
- 3. Resolution 2022-001 Authorizing Application To & Accepting Grant Funding
- b. Engineering Work
- 1. Review 4/14/22 Status Report
- 2. Phase IA Archaeological Assessment Agreement enclosed
- Scenic Questions email response from Miles
- 4. Wetland Permits email response from SEH Natalie White
- Bat Nesting Sites Tree Removal Required prior to June 1, 2022

8. Community Outreach Plan Proposal & Cost Estimate Review – Kristen Peterson

- Contingency Plans Discussion SEH
- Treasurers Report
- a. Fund balances
- o. Invoices for Approval
- 1. NOS Automation LLC Invoice #1202203010 \$18,256.62
- 2. SEH Invoice #423541- \$704.00
- 3. LMCIT Insurance Premium Invoice \$2,004.00
- 4. Fryberger Invoice #22438.000001.1.2203- \$2,942.00
- 11. Correspondence Received
- a. LMCIT Coverage Binder
- b. East Range Shopper Thank You
- c. Project Briefing Session Handout with PFA

- 12. Other Business
 a. St. James Pit & Current Water Plant updates
 b. Rate Analysis Discussion
 c. Board Member Timesheets Sample Attached
 13. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022
 14. Adjournment

East Range Water Board Monthly Meeting Minutes City/Town Government Center Wednesday March 16, 2022 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman, Doug Gregor; Vice Chairman, Jon Skelton; Secretary/Treasurer, David Skelton; Board Member Dennis Schubbe; Board Member, Clark Niemi;

ABSENT: None

Treasurer; Robert Rutka, Jim Luke, Mike Larson (Zoom), Bill Maki, John Baxter ALSO PRESENT: Jodi Knaus, Town of White Clerk; Stefanie Dickinson, City of Aurora Clerk &

- 1.) A board meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregor at 4:30 p.m
- MOVED BY JON SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY DAVID SKELTON APPROVING THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2.) Approval of Agenda & Minutes
- Dennis Schubbe permanently to the Water Board replacing Jim Gentilini. 3.) Board Membership Updates - Chairman Gregor updated the Board the City of Aurora appointed

4.) Legal Matters

- contact Jodi Knaus with any questions. Mia questioned what is the status on the casement from of work is three to four months. Objective is to clear any questions of ownership of the water Scenic Acres Land & Facility Title Clearance - Paul Kilgore has been assigned to this task David Rosa as she has not heard from SEH. facilities and infrastructure in Scenic Acres. The infrastructure runs under the road. Kilgore may Fryberger needs authorization from the Board in order to proceed. Estimated timeline for completion
- FACILITY TITLE CLEARANCE WORK AT A COST OF UP TO \$10,000.00. MOTION FRYBERGER LAW TO PERFORM LEGAL SERVICES FOR SCENIC ACRES LAND & MOVED BY DAVID SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY DOUG GREGOR APPROVING OWNERSHIP OF THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE IN SCENIC ACRES FRYBERGER LAW TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CLEARING THE TITLE AND MOVED BY DAVID SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY CLARK NIEMI APPROVING
- <u>c</u> চ Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public MN Cities General Records Retention Schedule RETENTION FOR THE EAST RANGE WATER BOARD. MOTION CARRIED CITIES GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE TO BE USED FOR RECORDS MOVED BY DAVID SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY CLARK NIEMI APPROVING THE MN
- EFFECTIVE TODAY, MARCH 16, 2022. MOTION CARRIED MOVED BY JON SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY DENNIS SCHUBBE ADOPTING THE PRESENTED DATA PRACTICES POLICY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
- <u>a</u> St. Louis County Lease Status - Draft was sent from St. Louis County to Mia at Fryberger

dependable, water system with 85% of it being paid! an affordable project for everyone. Doug Gregor added in the end we will have a high quality, Skelton responded this Project will move forward with or without Scenic Acres and the goal is to make it continue to increase; Jim Luke asked if the Project is contingent upon Scenic Acres being included. Jon having Scenic Acres included provides security to the residents; the opportunity is now and the costs will not in their best interest. Jon Skelton responded Scenic Acres has always been a part of this Project and explained in detail at a future meeting. Jodi Knaus will reach out to Miles Jensen. Luke asked if the answers from SEH and the Water Board. Jim Luke wants a booster system explored and answers Scenic Acres Homeowner's have an option to connect to the water system or not if they determine it is was clear he wants interconnectivity between Biwabik and Aurora/White explored more and definite possible now with minimal adjustments, however the transfer capacity needs to be addressed. Jim Luke Ownership questions were addressed previously by Fryberger. Emergency water flow between entities is zero additional cost to the residents but this is all dependent on funding received for the Project. connection cost for the City/Town per Ordinance or up to \$5,000.00. The goal would be to have it be Scenic Acres residents at this time. It has been discussed it could be \$1,000.00 which is the current same. Response was rates should be very similar to the current rates the City/Town residents are paying funding received for the Project. Jon Skelton responded the connection fee has not been established for but that hasn't been determined yet. The Board has received projections but this is all dependent upon be included as part of the rates and operational costs. Jim Luke wanted reassurance the rates will stay the required in the future; Stefanie Dickinson indicated meters should be required for all new connections and Board wants to go in the future and both Stefanic Dickinson and Dennis Schubbe indicated it will be at the meeting so follow-up will be needed. It was confirmed there is a flushing hydrant, with connecting located. It was discussed metering is not currently a part of the Project budget but is a direction the Water pipe and valves planned at each of the two cul-de-saes; David Skelton confirmed the water lines extend email and those answers were reiterated back to Jim Luke and John Baxter. Miles Jensen was not present The Scenic Acres residents' have a lot of questions. Miles Jensen provided answers to the questions via 5.) Guests: Jim Luke and John Baxter - Presented a list of questions to the Board for discussion only. Dickinson's yard and the other one is a spicket with a marker but he wasn't sure where this other one is beyond the hydrants and excavation will be needed. Jim Luke indicated there is a shut off valve in Kent

6.) Engineering Updates:

- Funding Initiatives Mike Larson updated the Board \$2.5 million in Congressionally Direct Doug Gregor, Jon Skelton, and Mike Larson to review the Project in detail. received soon. Other funding initiatives are the Army Corps Section 569 Program, PFA, and IRRR 2022 once all funding is secured. A meeting with Jeff Freeman at the PFA should take place with funding. Currently \$10 million in funding has been secured. Larson believes bids can go out late fall Spending funds from Senator Klobuchar's Office has been awarded. The award letter should be
- 5 was received in CDBG funding from St. Louis County. Stefanie Dickinson alerted the Board to an email from Jensen regarding tree cutting and \$250,000 Engineering Work - The Board reviewed the written report provided by Miles Jensen dated 3/11/22
- Archaeological Assessment Quotes were reviewed Duluth Archaeology Center cost was \$1,478.42 DISCUSSION OF TREE CUTTING TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED MOVED BY JON SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY DOUG GREGOR TO TABLE THE

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- ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER AT A COST OF \$1,478.42. MOTION CARRIED PHASE 1A ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT BE AWARDED TO DULUTH Commonwealth Heritage Group cost was \$3,644.26, and 106Group cost was \$4,800.00. MOVED BY DENNIS SCHUBBE, SUPPORTED BY DAVID SKELTON AUTHORIZING
- <u>a</u> Tech Committee Report - None as no meetings have taken place

- an event but a process. An East Range Water Board website will be created. present a proposed plan at a later meeting. It will be a multi-media approach to reach all customers, not 7.) Community Outreach Plan - Gregor & Skelton met with Kristen & Miles at SEH to prepare and
- will be the core representatives for the East Range Water Board for creating and completing the Jacobson & Mose Sherek with the City of Biwabik to set up a meeting. David Skelton and Jim Gentilini 8.) Contingency Plans – Contingency Plans are necessary to get permitting. Gregor will reach out to Jeff
- MOVED BY DOUG GREGOR, SUPPORTED BY DAVID SKELTON APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE #421260 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,193.00 TO SEH FOR SERVICES 9.) **Treasurers Report** - the interim financing loan has an ending balance of \$370,806.22 and the Biwabik Fund has a balance of \$197,378.97 with a combined total funding balance of \$568,185.19 MOVED BY DAVID SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY DENNIS SCHUBBE APPROVING PERFROMED TASKS 2 THROUGH 4. MOTION CARRIED PAYMENT OF INVOICE #421818 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$704.00 TO SEH FOR SERVICES PERFORMED TASKS 2 THROUGH 4. MOTION CARRIED INVOICE #91 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,370.00 TO NTS. MOTION CARRIED MOVED BY JON SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY CLARK NIEMI APPROVING PAYMENT OF between the two accounts. Invoices totaling \$50,267.00 were presented for payment from NTS & SEIL
- a reply and the correspondence will be in next month's packet to be shared with the Board 10.) Correspondence Received - Dennis Schubbe asked for more information on wetlands. He received

11.) Other Business -

- a.) St. James Pit & Current Water Plant Updates -- Stefanie Dickinson updated the water study is onpending for the water plant. site which are preventing dewatering and are being addressed. going and winter dewatering approval has been received by the State. There are issues at the intake Necessary equipment upgrades are
- b.) Rate Analysis There is nothing new to report.

12.) Adjournment

MOVED BY CLARK NIEMI, SUPPORTED BY JON SKELTON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular East Range Water Board Meeting Date: April 20, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Jodi Knaus

Agenda Item 4A

From: Doug Gregor < gregor@ci.aurora.mn.us>

Sent: Friday, April 15, 2022 8:30 AM

<u>.</u> Paul B. Kilgore; Jodi Knaus; 'zlgskelton@gmail.com'

Subject: RE: NitroChem

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Great progress – hopefully the voluntary course of consent will work

Enjoy the extended weekend,

From: Paul B. Kilgore <pkilgore@fryberger.com>

Sent: Friday, April 15, 2022 8:17 AM

To: Doug Gregor <gregor@ci.aurora.mn.us>; 'Jodi Knaus' <jodi.knaus@townofwhite.com>; 'zlgskelton@gmail.com'

<zlgskelton@gmail.com>

Subject: NitroChem

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Doug, Jodi, and Jon:

signature has a large bearing on how the Torrens action would be approached. spoken with Morris to gauge whether we might be successful in getting his signature. Whether we receive that follow up with a call a few days later. I'm going to hold off on a meeting with the Examiner of Titles until I've Both Charles Grant and Norman Kaufman are deceased. Morris is 81 years old and lives in Allentown, PA. My We've made some progress. It turns out that Winston D. Morris is the sole surviving officer of NitroChem. plan is to prepare the instrument we would like him to sign, send it to him with an explanatory letter, and

Paul

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Jodi Knaus

From: Mia E. Thibodeau <mthibodeau@fryberger.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 1:35 PM

'Doug Gregor'; Jodi Knaus

Subject: FW: East Range Water Board - Initial Draft Lease for Review and Comment

Attachments: SLC-ERJPB Water Intake Lease - Embarrass Mine (NNL 3-11-22 Draft).docx

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Good Afternoon

comments, but wanted to send this along to you for review as well. Please find attached the draft lease from the County. I am still reviewing the same and will send

Thank you

Mia Thibodeau

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From: Nathan LaCoursiere <LaCoursiereN@StLouisCountyMN.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 4:42 PM

To: Mia E. Thibodeau <mthibodeau@fryberger.com>

Subject: East Range Water Board - Initial Draft Lease for Review and Comment

Greetings Mia:

or sublease facility. Note that I adopted language in paragraph 18 to address your requests relating to the potential need to assign With the blessing of Land & Minerals, I am forwarding along an initial draft lease for the Town of White water intake

A few items of consideration

easement used by the Biwabik Public Utilities Commission may also be available for use by this project. To the Land & Minerals would like to have a survey completed that will depict the water intake facilities and access roadways needed for the project on this tax-forfeited parcel. It is my understanding that an existing access extent that is the case, I think it would be helpful to identify that lease and highlight the express access

helpful. permission and footprint in this lease document. If that is not the case, a surveyed access road may prove very

2 and has apparently used for quite some time. With that said, if you see need for addition or revision, I am happy with this Project, please feel free to suggest! And of course I welcome any other comments you may have on To the extent you see a need for any additional language relating to the public bonding requirements associated to review and discuss with Julie Marinucci. this draft. This draft uses as its foundation a standard lease agreement that Land & Minerals is comfortable with

Enjoy your weekend!

All the best,

Nate

Nathan N. LaCoursiere

Pronouns: he, him, his
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TAX-FORFEITED LAND LEASE AGREEMENT

	Date") for a 40-year term ending, 2062 ("Initial Term").	Lessee, as defined in Section B below, is effective as of, 2022 ("Effective	This Tax-Forteited Land Lease Agreement ("Agreement") between Lessor and
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- rights and obligations throughout the Initial Term. > Lessor and Lessee agree that this Agreement shall govern their respective
- 3. Parties

LESSEE:

Town of White
For the East Range Water Board
16 West 2nd Avenue North
P.O. Box 146
Aurora, MN 55705

LESSOR:

State of Minnesota, in trust for the Taxing Districts c/o The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department Government Services Center 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302 Duluth, MN 55802

Telephone: (218) 726-2606

following tax-forfeited land: 40-year term commencing (\$300.00), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Lessor hereby leases to Lessee, for a section 124, and in consideration of the payment of Three-Hundred Dollars and No Cents Pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Spec. Sess. chapter 6, article 2, , 2022, and ending 2062, the

operation and maintenance of water intake infrastructure and supporting facilities the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota, necessary for the construction, That part of Government Lot 5, Section 5, Township 58 North, Range 15 West of

hereto as Exhibit A. ("the Premises"), all as more specifically described and depicted in the survey attached

before the anniversary of the Effective Date. The Premises are subject at all times to taxadministration fee. Subsequent annual land use payments of \$200.00 shall be paid on or The initial payment includes a \$200.00 land use fee and a one-time, \$100.00

attached hereto as Exhibit B. forfeited land sale or exchange or other necessary leasing or land management activities by the Lessor; provided, however, that no such land sale, exchange, or other leasing or land management activities shall interfere with Lessec's rights under this Agreement. The Premises are further subject to all the conditions, provisions, and terms set forth herein and

LESSEE:	LESSOR:
east Range Joint Powers Board	St. Louis County
3y:	Ву:
Name: Doug Gregor	Name: Nancy J. Nilsen
ts: Chairman	Its: St. Louis County Auditor
DATE:	DATE:
	By: PAUL MCDONALD Chair of County Board
	By: JULIE MARINUCCI Land and Minerals Director
APPROVEI	APPROVED AS TO FORM & EXECUTION:
BY:	Assistant County Attorney
Date:	

OnBase Contract No. 2022-0024

EXHIBIT A

Survey of Leased Premises - Access Road & Water Intake Facilities

EXHIBIT

Specific Lease Terms & Conditions

- Facilities") on the leased Premises. water intake plant, access roads, and related pipes, facilities and equipment ("Intake ("the Premises") for the purpose of installing, constructing, operating and maintaining a Lessor leases to Lessee the tax-forfeited land described and depicted in Exhibit A
- than the Water Intake Facilities depicted in Exhibit C, shall not be installed without the of the Intake Facilities in accordance with the project plans attached to this Agreement as the Premises as shall be reasonably necessary to complete construction. to ingress and egress to and from its planned Intake Facilities and such additional areas of written consent of Lessor. During the initial period of construction, Lessee shall be entitled Exhibit C. Any structures, improvements, fixtures, or other utilities or infrastructure, other Lessee shall use the Premises only for the construction, operation and maintenance
- and hold harmless Lessor from any claims or damages, of whatever nature, arising from its created prior or subsequent to execution of this Agreement. Lessee shall defend, indemnify substances, pollutants, contaminants, or petroleum, known or unknown by Lessor, whether codes, statutes, or regulations, contamination, release or threatened release of hazardous Initial Term of this Agreement. installation, construction, operation or maintenance of its Intake Facilities throughout the hazards located on site, including, but not limited to, any apparent violations of applicable appurtenant infrastructure. Lessee shall notify Lessor of any wells or other potential harmless from, any or all claims or damages, of whatever nature, arising out of Lessee's installation and construction of the Intake Facilities and related roads, structures, or other Lessee shall be responsible for, and shall defend, indemnify and hold Lessor
- effect by local road authorities. Lessee shall comply with any road weight limits or other road restrictions placed in
- solely by the Lessee. Installation of any added utilities to the Premises may be subject to party extends utilities to the Premises, the cost of such extension and utilities shall be borne sewer, fiberoptic cable, broadband or telephone. In the event a public body or other third provide Lessee with any utility service to the Premises, including electric, gas, oil, water, separate lease or access agreements for crossing State tax-forfeited land. Lessor shall have no responsibility, by virtue of entering into this Agreement, to
- and obtain written permission for installation. the public. Prior to installation of any such fencing, Lessee shall share plans with Lessor provided that such fencing is maintained in safe and orderly condition to minimize risk to Perimeter or security fencing of the Premises and Intake Facilities is permitted,
- or Intake Facilities, including fixtures, improvements, furnishings, equipment or other Lessee shall pay, when due, all taxes assessed against or levied upon the Premises

personal property of the Lessee located on the Premises during the Initial Term of this Agreement, whether assessed as real or personal property taxes

- for its activities on the Premises. Premises. Lessee shall further obtain all permits, licenses or other authorizations required or other valid orders of any governmental entity relating to Lessee's activities on the comply with all applicable federal, state or local laws, ordinances, regulations, judgments Lessee and its employees, agents, contractors or other designces shall at all times
- to a neat and orderly condition. shall pay expenses incurred by Lessor to dispose of any such property and restore the Premises property as Lessor deems fit and restore the Premises to a neat and orderly condition. Lessee in accordance with this provision, Lessor may mitigate, sell or dispose of any such remaining satisfactory to Lessor. In the event of failure to remove Intake Facilities or restore the Premises property or infrastructure placed upon or affixed by Lessee upon the Premises. Lessee further from the tax-forfeited Premises, including all equipment, materials, structures, or other ownership interest in the Intake Facilities constructed on the Premises. Lessee shall have shall be the sole property of Lessee. Lessor shall not gain, by virtue of this Agreement, any 180 days following termination or cancellation of this Agreement to remove Intake Facilities in the event of termination or cancellation, to restore the Premises to a condition The Intake Facilities installed, constructed, operated or maintained on the Premises
- throughout the Initial Term of this Agreement. Lessee agrees to maintain the Premises in a safe, clean and orderly condition
- surrounding environs. Any handling of hazardous or petroleum-based products or fluids on the Premises shall require a mutually agreeable spill plan for the handling of such products manner as may be permitted by applicable law and not harmful to the leased Premises or dispose of or release any substance defined as a "hazardous substance" or "hazardous solid waste regulated by federal, state, or local law, except in such quantities or in such waste" under Minn. Stat. § 115B.02, as may be amended, or any other toxic substance or In relation to its activities on the Premises, Lessee shall not permit, use, store,
- extend to and bind any and all successors or assigns to this Agreement. The covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall run with the land.
- operations, including any damage to existing roads. Premises caused by Lessee, its employees, agents, licensees or assigns during Intake Lessee shall repair or pay for any damage to the property or improvements on the
- and approval by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Director, the St. Louis County Board, and the State of Minnesota. This Agreement may be renewed for additional terms and conditions upon review
- This Agreement may be terminated by Lessee upon 30 days written notice to Lessor may, upon 60 days written notice to Lessee, terminate this Agreement for

necessary cure), Lessor may not terminate the Agreement. as may be reasonably necessary to cure depending on the scope or complexity of the if Lessee cures such breach or default within 30 days of said notice (or such additional time default or breach of any of the terms or conditions set forth herein; provided, however, that

16. <u>Insurance</u>

- $\hat{\Xi}$ nonrenewal, or material change to all named and additional insureds. named and additional insureds, and a 30-day notice of cancellation for cancellation for cancellation based upon non-payment of premiums to all shall secure an endorsement to each policy requiring a 10-day notice of of any construction of Water Intake Facilities under this Agreement. Lessee must be on file with the St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department within 10 days of execution of this Agreement and prior to commencement for the duration of this Agreement. A Certificate of Insurance for each policy The following insurance is the minimum amount that must be maintained
- $\widehat{\Xi}$ provide evidence of the same coverage. policies shall be submitted to Lessor upon written request. All subcontractors shall Lessee. All insurance policies shall be open to inspection by Lessor, and copies of requirements and retains all rights thereafter to pursue any legal remedies against Lessor reserves the right to rescind any contract not in compliance with these

(1) General Liability Insurance

\$500,000 to any claimant in any other case. \$500,000 when the claim is one for death by wrongful act or omission and

\$1,500,000 for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence

No Less Than \$2,000,000 Aggregate coverage.

environmental liability. independent contractors and subcontractors, and contractual liability Policy shall include at least premises, operations, completed operations,

St. Louis County shall be named as an Additional Insured on a primary and noncontributory basis.

(2) Business Automobile Liability Insurance

\$500,000 for claims for wrongful death and each claimant.

\$1,500,000 each occurrence

Must cover owned, non-owned and hired vehicles

(3) Workers' Compensation

with St. Louis County. Per statutory requirements. Certificate of Compliance must be executed and filed

17. Indemnification.

- (a) including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses, of whatever nature under this Agreement. Lessee's performance of its Intake activities authorized and contemplated harmless Lessor and its officers, employees, and agents from and against To the fullest extent permitted by law, Lessee shall indemnify and hold
- <u></u> in force policies of insurances described in paragraph 16 above. provisions set forth herein, it shall at all times during the Initial Term keep Lessee agrees that, in order to protect itself and Lessor under the indemnity
- <u>C</u> Lessee's or Lessee's agents' performance hereunder. liability, but it is intended to provide for indemnification of Lessor from third party against Lessee or Lessor or to enlarge in any way Lessee's This provision is not intended to create any cause of action in favor of any liability for damages or injuries to third persons or property arising from
- sublease shall operate to relieve Lessee of its obligations under this Lease. Lessee shall occupancy of any portion of its Leased Premises, with the prior written consent of Lessor, provide Lessor with prior written notice of any proposed assignment or sublease of this which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided that no such assignment or Intake Facilities or any part thereof, or grant any license, concession or other right of Lessee may assign its interest in this Agreement or any interest herein, or sublet its



EAST **RANGE WATER PROJECT** STATUS REPORT

CITY OF AURORA & TOWN OF WHITE EAST RANGE WATER BOARD SEH Project No. 159723 TASK 2 & TASK 3

DATE Thursday, April 14, 2022

DISCUSSION ITEMS

the 3/11/2022 status report The following provides a brief discussion of the project status to date. The items in **BOLD** are new since

DECISIONS AND/OR DIRECTION FROM THE ERWB AT THIS MEETING: 1. ERWB should decide if they want to have the tress cut down (Item 10). 2. Review and direction on SEH's Public Outreach Plan (Item 11).

Task 2 - Final Design

- WTP, Raw Water Intake Building, and Raw and Finished Water Main:

 1. Two (2) sets of 100% signed construction documents for the WTP and Water Main projects were submitted to the MDH on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. *SEH met with Chad Kolstad on Wednesday, April 14, 2022 to discuss the project and MDH's preliminary review questions. The meeting was good and things are moving along. SEH work on the Raw Water Intake P&S has slowed. SEH hopes to submit them in the later
- part of April
- SEH QC efforts will continue up until the MDH review comments are received
- 9 Project Bid Dates
- made after the funding matters are settled. For the MDH submittals, the proposed project bid dates are just placeholders. SEH also understands that the final determination for project schedule and bid dates will be

$\overline{\mathcal{S}}$ Appropriations Permit

- SEH has submitted the draft the permit application.
- will respond to following discussions with the ERWB: 12/17/2021 SEH received the following questions and information request from the DNR that SEH
- specification from the Raw Water Intake documents. dewatering details, such as proposed receiving water (will it be pumped directly into the Embarrass Pit?). SEH will respond in the final response packet by sharing the dewatering Amount of groundwater to be appropriated for constructing the calsson/water intake. include
- Ņ Provide evidence of ownership, or control of, or a license to use, the riparian property where the water intake will be located. SEH will provide a copy of the SLC lease agreement in the final response packet once it is finalized with the County.
- ယ the IRRRB SEH still needs to update the draft contingency plan agreements for the City of Biwabik and Ridge that address potential impacts to their existing water supplies and mitigation for impacts Water Supply Contingency Plans (or other agreements) for the City of Biwabik and Giants
- 4 Details regarding impacts to the existing public access, such as if the plan is to alter/close the access and inform the public of changes. SEH would like to hear from the Town of White on a response that we can include in the final response packet.

 Changes that would be needed to the system if other municipalities are added on to the same
- Ġ support service to Biwabik and Hoyt Lakes. service in the future. The Raw Water Pump Station and Intake have been physically sized to system. SEH will respond in the final response packet by stating. There will be no physical changes needed to the Raw Water Pump Station should Biwabik and/or Hoyt Lakes request
- တ addressed SEH will assemble the collection of responses in one (1) document as soon as all items are

ω **Environmental Review:**

- Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO):

 1. SEH received a 2nd review letter on 2/9/2022 (see attached) that seems to suggest that a Phase Ia archaeological assessment be conducted at the raw water intake site. This involves a desktop/literature review for resources. If, as a result of this assessment, a Phase I archaeological survey is recommended, this survey should be conducted
- Ŋ Phase la archaeological assessment for the entire extent of the project. As directed by the ERWB, SEH requested and received three (3) proposals to complete the
- (1) See the attached proposals:
- Duluth Archaeology Center, L.L.C. \$1,478.42
- 106 Group \$4,800.00
- Commonwealth Heritage Group \$3,644.26
- (2) The ERWB awarded the work to Duluth Archaeology Center. L.L.C(3) Schedule: Four (4) weeks to write report.:
- Once the report is complete, it will be submitted to SHPO to complete the entire Environmental Review to the satisfaction of the MDH for DRWF funding. Response from SHPO is expected to take 2-3 weeks after submittal.

ੁ MPCA:

- The ERWB received a response letter on 1/3/2022. The letter provides guidance for storm water runoff that SEH is following in our preparing the project SWMPP.
- 5 No further comments are needed.
- ೦ US Fish and Wildlife:
- SEH received email comments on 12/22/2021.
- According to the comments received, SEH was directed to utilize the USFW Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system to create an "official species list" of federally listed species and designated critical habitat that may be impacted by this project. Specifically, for
- Rusty patched bumble bee, and the
- (2) Northern Long Eared Bat (NLEB):
- SEH completed this response on 1/11/2022.
- ٩ Once all comments are received, SEH will prepare a summary letter to the MDH indicating the Environmental Review is complete.
- 4 **Building Official Review:**
- <u>a</u> SEH submitted the 100% signed construction documents for the WTP to the BO on 2/11/2022.
- ত SEH received a review letter from the BO on 2/1/2022 indicating approval.
- (5) MDH Communications and Review:
- See 1a above.

<u>ල</u> Project Schedule

- MDH Plan approval: Anticipated around May 13, 2022.
- <u>5</u> MDH approval of Environmental Review: June 15, 2022.
- Final Environmental Review posting to Newspaper and close of comment period: July 15
- Task 3 Permitting and Regulatory Approvals
- March 2020 August 2022
- Task 4 Bidding & Project Award Services

Project Status Report East Range Water Project 4/14/2022

ひ Scenic Acres:

<u>a</u> Service agreement and connection fees between East Range Water Board and ScenicAcres yet to be determined.

<u>∞</u> Pineville and Scenic Acres Water Main

An easement was presented to Rosa for the Scenic Acres water main section in the vicinity of the intersection of HWY 135 and Scenic Acres Road. No response back, yet. A copy of this easement agreement was conveyed to the COA/TOW this past week.

ၜ Tech Meetings:

- <u>a</u> SEH and COA/TOW plant operations staff have not met since the 1/11/2022 meeting.
- Another Tech Meeting will not be scheduled until the raw water intake documents are complete and we have response back from the MDH.

10) Tree Cutting Needs:

- Tree cutting must be conducted outside of the June 1 August 15 time frame due to the potential presence of the Northern Long Eared Bat long-eared bat.
- 9 summer, all tree cutting should be completed before June 1.
 SEH will assist the ERWB with delineation of the area where construction is likely to impact That means if the ERWB plans to move forward with construction of the water project this
- C trees.
- ڡ trees do not have to be hauled out - just cut down. The ERWB should plan to move forward with the tree cutting before June 1, 2022. The

11) East Range Public Outreach

- SEH has prepared a draft proposal. SEH's Kristin Petersen will be on hand for the meeting to discuss the plan in more detail.

END

GENERAL CONTRACT FOR SERVICES (DAC # -22-11)

the services will be referred to as "DAC." contracting to receive services will be referred to as "Client" and the party who will be providing between East Range Water Board of Aurora, Minnesota, and Duluth Archaeology Center, LLC of 5910 Fremont Street, Suite 1, Duluth, Minnesota 55807. In this Contract, the party who is This Contract for Services (this "Contract") is made effective as of March 18, 2022, by and

following services (collectively, the "Services"): DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES. Beginning on 03/18/2022, DAC will provide to Client the

assessed. Recommendation as to future archaeological investigations will be made in recorded historic properties and likelihood for unrecorded historic properties will be documents and databases as appropriate to the project area. The presence of Phase IA archaeological office review for East Range Joint Water Treatment System. The Phase IA review will consist of literature/background review of relevant

A detailed scope of work and deliverables is described in Exhibit A.

to the following schedule: PAYMENT FOR SERVICES. In exchange for the Services Client will pay DAC according

The terms of this contract are not to exceed \$1478.42; only services provided will be billed.

- and delivered to the client. This invoice will include the full charges accrued for the 2.1 Payment Schedule – The invoice will be sent at the time the final report is completed
- of the contract and any accrued interest. For every 30 days that payment is late after the added. If the invoice is not paid after 120 days, Client will be charged for the full amount received within 60 days a late fee of \$50 will be added. After 90 days a fee of \$100 will be full amount of the contract has been billed late fees will accrue at a rate of \$100/month. Late fees can accrue to an amount over and above the not to exceed amount of \$1478.42 2 Conditions of Payment - Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice. If payment is not
- be terminated by the Client or DAC for cause or convenience by written notice TERM. This Contract will terminate automatically on December 31, 2022. This contract can

client upon receipt of all payments. is terminated prior to the completion of all work: records and artifacts will be delivered to the any additional costs for delivering the records and artifacts to the curation facility. If this contract Upon termination, client will be responsible for ALL costs incurred by DAC until that point and

4. Authorized Representatives

4.1 Client's Authorized Representative. Client's Authorized Representative will be:

Address: Natalic White SEH, 418 West Superior St., Suite 200, Duluth MN 55802

Telephone:

nwhite@schinc.com

the terms of this Contract. Contract. Client's Authorized Representative is responsible for the timely payment under performance and has the authority to accept or reject the services provided under this Client's Authorized Representative or his /her successor will monitor DAC's

4.2 DAC's Authorized Representative. DAC's Authorized Representative will be:

Name: Susan Mulholland, President

Address: Duluth Archaeology Center, LLC 5910 Fremont Street, Suite 1

Duluth, Minnesota 55807

Telephone: 218-624-5489 Fax: 218-249-0765

mail: <u>archcenter@aol.com</u>

evidence of such policies upon request. representatives. DAC will maintain the following insurance policies and will furnish satisfactory losses, expenses, fees including attorney fees, costs, and judgments that may be asserted against Client that result from the acts or omissions of DAC and/or DAC's employees, agents, or INDEMNIFICATION. DAC agrees to indemnify and hold Client harmless from all claims,

statutory requirements of the State of Minnesota as to injured worker benefits and insurance for all its employees and, in case any work is subcontracted, DAC will require the subcontractor to provide Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the including Employers Liability. The Employers Liability minimum limits are as follows: 5.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance: DAC will provide Workers' Compensation

\$500,000.00 - Bodily Injury by Disease per employee

\$500,000.00 - Bodily Injury by Disease aggregate

\$500,000.00 - Bodily Injury by Accident

with which may arise from operations under this Contract whether the operations are by and loss of services as well as from claims for property damage, including loss of use 5.2 Commercial General Liability: DAC will maintain insurance protecting it from pursuant to this Contract. Insurance minimum limits are as follows: DAC or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by DAC claims for damages for bodily injury, including sickness or disease, death and for care

\$1,000,000.00 – per occurrence

\$2,000,000.00 - general aggregate

\$3,000,000.00 -products/completed operations aggregate

The following coverages are included:

Premises and Operations Bodily Injury and Property Damage

Personal and Advertising Injury

Blanket Contractual Liability

Products and Completed Operations Liability

subcontracted DAC will require the subcontractor to provide Commercial Automobile owned autos which may arise from operations under this Contract and in case any work is resulting from the ownership, operation, maintenance or use of all owned, hired and nonfrom claims for damages for bodily injury as well as from claims for property damage 5.3 Commercial Automobile Liability - DAC will maintain insurance protecting DAC Liability. Insurance minimum limits are as follows:

\$1,000,000.00 - per occurrence Combined Single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability

In addition, the following coverages are included:

Owned, Hired and non-owned Automobile Liability

5.4 Professional Liability Insurance - DAC will maintain the following minimum

\$2,000,000.00 - per claim or event

\$2,000,000.00 -- annual aggregate

Any deductible is the sole responsibility of DAC.

professional services required under the Contract. pay resulting from any actual or alleged negligent act, error, or omission related to DAC's This policy will provide coverage for all claims DAC may become legally obligated to

- all archaeological materials in any given area. on similar projects. Work conducted to the above standards is considered a reasonable and good services which follow guidelines established by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office a timely and workmanlike manner, using knowledge and recommendations for performing the faith effort under state and federal guidelines, however DAC does not guarantee the discovery of provide a standard of care equal to, or superior to, care used by service providers similar to DAC (SHPO) and meet generally acceptable standards in DAC's community and region. DAC will WARRANTY. DAC shall provide its services and meet its obligations under this Contract in
- result in the automatic termination of this Contract. waived by a party providing notice, the failure to cure the default(s) within such time period shall notice shall have 30 days from the effective date of such notice to cure the default(s). Unless notice shall describe with sufficient detail the nature of the default. The party receiving such other party may terminate the Contract by providing written notice to the defaulting party. This Contract (including without limitation the failure to make a monetary payment when due), the law, if a party defaults by failing to substantially perform any provision, term or condition of this REMEDIES. In addition to any and all other rights a party may have available according to
- agreements between the parties. there are no other promises or conditions in any other agreement whether oral or written concerning the subject matter of this Contract. This Contract supersedes any prior written or oral ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties, and
- 9. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Contract will be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions will continue to be valid and enforceable. written, construed, and enforced as so limited. such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision will be deemed to be If a court finds that any provision of this Contract is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting
- signed by the party obligated under the amendment. 10. AMENDMENT. This Contract may be modified or amended in writing, if the writing is
- State of Minnesota. 11. GOVERNING LAW. This Contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the
- sufficiently given if delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the NOTICE. Any notice or communication required or permitted under this Contract shall be

address set forth in the opening paragraph or to such other address as one party may have furnished to the other in writing.

13. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign or transfer this Contract without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Ву: Service Recipient: Client Name: DC We- 6RCG 6R, Chairman
Client: Last Kange Water Board

Service Provider: Duluth Archaeology Center, LLC

DATE: 3-18-2022

President Susan C. Mulholland

EXHIBIT A:

SCOPE OF WORK: PHASE IA ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW OF THE EAST MINNESOTA RANGE JOINT WATER TREATMENT PROJECT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY,

I. FIRM NAME Duluth Archaeology Center, L.L.C. 5910 Fremont St. Suite 1, Duluth MN 55807

Dr. Susan Mulholland (president) tel 218/624-5489, fax 218/249-0765, email archeenter @ aol.com

II. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

activities with recommendations on additional investigations. investigation will be reported to SHPO standards (Anfinson 2011) and include all disturbance of project ground surfaces can be documented, and 4) potential impacts of the indicate potential for unrecorded historic properties within the project, 3) if previous adjacent to the project APE, 2) if the topography and other environmental characteristics review will determine 1) if historic properties have been previously recorded in or main and 3.75 acres for the water treatment plant. A standard Phase IA archaeological proposed project on Town of White. The Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes 1200 feet for the water plant, water main lines, and a pump station in portions of the City of Aurora and the treatment project in St. Louis County, Minnesota. The project includes a water treatment The objective of this project is to conduct Phase IA archaeological review of the water recorded or possible unrecorded historic properties.

III. WORK PLAN

Contractor will complete the following tasks:

- Task 1: administration
- Contractor will conduct accounting and record keeping
- Task 2: office review research

impacts from proposed project on known and unknown historic properties. recorded previous disturbances in the project (as indicated by the client); consider documents) for potential of unrecorded archaeological sites; consider any recorded sites; review topographic and other environmental conditions (from Contractor will conduct background literature research for previous surveys and

- Task 3: reporting

will include recommendations as to any further archaeological investigations Contractor will prepare a report to state standards (Anfinson 2011). The report

Project Schedule

report. Efforts will be made to expedite the review if possible. contract. Office review will require up to 4 weeks to conduct research and to write the Contractor will start work after written authorization from the client by receipt of a

IV. BUDGET

will be charged as incurred. The budget is prepared on a separate sheet. The total is a not to exceed quote; expenses

V. PERSONNEL

Dr. Susan Mulholland: PI and President of DAC Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)

 Jennifer Shafer: graphics supervisor, accountant Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)

VI: APPROVED BY

Lusen Mulhelland

Name: Susan C. Mulholland

Date: March 10, 2022

Title: President, Duluth Archaeology Center

REFERENCES

Minnesola. Office of the State Archaeologist, Fort Snelling History Center, St. Paul. Anfinson, S.F. 2011 State Archaeologist's Manual for Archaeological Projects in

PHASE IA ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW OF THE EAST RANGE JOINT WATER TREATMENT PROJECT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADMINISTRATION & RESEARCH

Principal Investigator	10 hr. @ \$65.17	\$ 651.17
Account Manager	1 hr. @ \$47.56	47.56
photocopies	150 @ \$0.10	15.00
OSA Portal fee		25.00
TOTAL TASKS 1, 2		\$ 739.26
REPORTING		
Principal Investigator	8 hr. @ \$65.17	\$ 521.36
Computer Supervisor	4 hr. @ \$45.70	182.80
Photocopies	150 @ \$0.10	15.00
Report production		10.00
Postage/Delivery		10.00
TOTAL TASK 3		\$ 739.16

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

\$ 1,478.42

Hydria Item 6.8.3

Jodi Knaus

From: Jon Skelton <zlgskelton@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 7:46 PM

<u>.</u> Miles Jensen

S Jodi Knaus; Doug Gregor (gregor@ci.aurora.mn.us); Stefanie Dickinson; Gentilini, Jim;

Subject: Re: SEH Project Report is coming soon Chad Katzenberger; Kevin Young

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Thanks Miles

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2022, at 2:52 PM, Miles Jensen <mjensen@sehinc.com> wrote:

Hi Jodi & All

Please see my responses in RED below

Miles B. Jensen, PE

(AZ, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, MD, MI, MO, MN, ND, NE, NM, OH, SD, VA, WI)

Principal/Water Market Leader

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From: Jodi Knaus < jodi.knaus@townofwhite.com>

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 2:12 PM

To: Miles Jensen <mjensen@sehinc.com>

Cc: Doug Gregor (gregor@ci.aurora.mn.us) < gregor@ci.aurora.mn.us>; Jon Skelton

(zlgskelton@gmail.com) <zlgskelton@gmail.com>; Stefanie Dickinson <stefanie@ci.aurora.mn.us>

Subject: RE: SEH Project Report is coming soon

Good Afternoon Miles

Archaeological Assessment with Duluth Archaeology Center LLC for the quoted cost of At the water board meeting on Wednesday, the Board approved by motion to move forward with the IA

seeing it soon requested that an agreement be prepared in the name of East Range Water Board. You should be \$1,478.42. Please move forward with this task. I have contacted Duluth Archaeology Center LLC and

system and vice versa. Your response was "Yes, I believe this is possible now, however I am not certain of the transfer capacity". The Board would like you to determine what would be needed to make this a Acres Letter regarding emergency water flow and Biwabik system being able to serve Aurora/White definite alternative for either party (Biwabik system and Aurora/White System). Would a booster Another area we would like you to research and confirm for the Board is Question #6 from the Scenic

station be needed? Great discussion was held at the meeting but without you there it was tough to definite answer (yes/no). answer the questions. The Board responded to Scenic we would have you look into it further and give a

1390 or lower, will be able to receive water to serve their needs from the Biwabik system. an HWL of 1625. At the intersection of Voyagers Trail and Lake Mine Road, the Biwabik and East is at Elevation 1580. The Giant's Ridge water tower has an HWL of 1570. The Aurora water tower has Range system is unable to pump treated water into the system, Scenic Acres, which is at elevation Range Water Systems have a manually-valved interconnect. The East Range water line on Lake Mine Road serves Pineville and is proposed to be extended to serve Scenic Acres. In the event that the East According to our hydraulic model, Biwabik's high water level (HWL) at the water tower near the WTP

stations along the east side of Wynne Lake but that is something that would have to be investigated further. Aurora/Town of White system. Now, it may be possible to use, or modify, one of the existing booster Lake Mine Road area will be needed to designed and constructed to serve water to the greater Recognizing that the Aurora water tower has an HWL 45 to 55 feet (19.5 psi to 23.8 psi) higher (greater) than the Biwabik system tanks, some means of booster pumping near the Voyagers Trail and

work conference but will be checking emails every day. Please reach out to me if you want to discuss further. I am out of the office all next week to attend a

Have a great weekend!!

Jodi Knaus

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From: Miles Jensen < mjensen@sehinc.com > Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 9:58 AM

To: Jodi Knaus < jodi.knaus@townofwhite.com>

Subject: RE: SEH Project Report is coming soon

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Jodi Knaus

Sent: From: Dennis Schubbe <dschubbe@outlook.com>

Thursday, March 17, 2022 6:37 AM

Subject: FW: ERWB projects, wetland permit/approval status

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Jodi:

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yesterday. Below is the email from SEH regarding wetlands permit/approval status that I discussed during the ERWB meeting

Thank you for your continued support Jodi!

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Natalie White

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 3:21 PM

To: dschubbe@outlook.com

Cc: Miles Jensen; Dan Hinzmann

Subject: ERWB projects, wetland permit/approval status

Hello Dennis

Miles asked me to send along an update regarding the status of wetland reviews/approvals for the ERWB projects

not require a formal determination be made for the temporary wetland impacts We at SEH have email documentation in our file from MnDOT and St. Louis County - they are aware of the project and do

The temporary impacts also meet the criteria to be "non-reporting" for the Army Corps, meaning the work is covered by a General Permit and the project does not need to apply for a formal response from the Corps.

restored after construction. For both the Army Corps and state Wetland Conservation Act, any disturbed/excavated areas in wetlands must be

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Natalie White, MS
Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS), Certified MN Wetland Professional (CMWP)

Sr. Biologist, Associate Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

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Jodi Knaus

Sent: From: Miles Jensen <mjensen@sehinc.com>

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 12:48 PM

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@mchsi.com); Gentilini, Jim; Wayne Thuringer (wayne@ci.aurora.mn.us); Stefanie

Subject: Amanda Gross; Mia Thibodeau (mthibodeau@fryberger.com); Mike Larson; Matt Reid

RE: Agenda, Agenda Packet, & Data Retention Schedule

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Hi Folks

Again, I apologize for missing the meeting tonight.

August 15 time frame due to the potential presence of the long-eared bat. That means if the ERWB plans to move forward with construction of the water project this summer, all tree cutting should be completed before June 1. One thing I forgot to include in my report is the notation that tree cutting must be conducted outside of the June 1 -

Thanks

Miles B. Jensen, PE

(AZ, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, MD, MI, MO, MN, ND, NE, NM, OH, SD, VA, WI)

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From: Jodi Knaus < jodi.knaus@townofwhite.com>

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:11 PM

<mthibodeau@fryberger.com>; Miles Jensen <mjensen@sehinc.com>; Mike Larson <mlarson@sehinc.com>; Matt Reid Cc: Amanda Gross <amanda.gross@townofwhite.com>; Mia Thibodeau (mthibodeau@fryberger.com) (wayne@ci.aurora.mn.us) <wayne@ci.aurora.mn.us>; Stefanie Dickinson <stefanie@ci.aurora.mn.us> (dps825@mchsi.com) <dps825@mchsi.com>; Gentilini, Jim <wwtp@ci.aurora.mn.us>; Wayne Thuringer Gregor (gregor@ci.aurora.mn.us) <gregor@ci.aurora.mn.us>; dschubbe@outlook.com; David Skelton To: Jon Skelton (zlgskelton@gmail.com) <zlgskelton@gmail.com>; Clark Niemi <clark.niemi@townofwhite.com>; Doug

Subject: Agenda, Agenda Packet, & Data Retention Schedule

<mreid@sehinc.com>

- Attached is the agenda for the regularly scheduled East Range Water Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, because we are paying for these services. be first on the agenda prior to any guests and discussing normal routine ongoing matters. This makes sense from previous meetings. I moved Legal and Engineering to the top of the agenda so the SEH team and Mia can 2022 at 4:30 P.M. located at the City/Town Government Center. You will notice some changes to the agenda
- 2.) receive any correspondence from Mia or the legal team. Mia will be attending viz the Zoom invitation. Legal items are on the agenda item number five. I did not
- <u>.</u> Attached is the Agenda packet for the meeting with the agenda on top and the attachments numbered one through twelve; Please note I did not scan in the 99 page Data Retention Schedule. Only the top page is in the

Agenda Item &

East Range Public Outreach Proposal

3/27/2022

SEH P#: 159723 - Aurora

Understanding:

community support for a new drinking water supply and treatment system facility. to assist with developing and implementing a public outreach strategy that is informative and builds The East Range Water Board along with the City of Aurora and Town of White are seeking a consultant

Background:

engineered to anticipate accommodating the future treated water needs of both Biwabik and Hoyt website: https://www.townofwhite.com/east-range-water-board.html Lakes, if so requested. Additional information and Project updates are available on the Township's year team to finance the local share of the Project costs. Major system components have been municipal bonds issued in the amount of between \$4 to \$5 million which will be repayable over a 30-Engineers, and the DIRRR. Water rates will increase over time to provide funds needed to pay off local the City and the Town of White and also will be extended to serve some Scenic Acres homes on have been awarded. Additional funding is being sought from Congress, the U.S. Army Corps of Infrastructure Fund is anticipated to help pay costs. Community Development Block grant funds also \$ 7.5 million have been approved for the Project and an additional \$ 5 million grant of State Water Embarrass Lake. The current Project cost estimate is \$ 24.4 million. State bond funds in the amount of Aurora water tower. The treated water will be distributed over the existing water distribution lines of Lake. Raw water will be piped from there to a new water treatment plant to be located next to the The new system's raw water intake facility will be located on the north side of the Embarrass Mine Pit

Approach:

The public outreach process will include:

- A series of educational communications starting at a high level, then increasing in detail that describes the needs for the project.
- Empathetic messaging that recognizes the concerns of fixed-income and budget-sensitive Open dialogue with the community on funding, costs, and effect on customer rates.
- Periodic updates on schedule and project development

Outreach Strategies/Phases

- Phase 1: Raising Awareness
- Develop a **Dedicated Project Website** this will be the central hub for information and the site. Website information will initially include: URL (www.EastRangeWater.com) and a QR Code to easily direct community members to updates throughout the process. All communications will include a link to the custom

- Facilities, Zebra Mussels & Rising Water in St. James Pit History, Background and Needs: Water Quality, Lowering Sulfate, Existing Aged
- Create, build and maintain an email update contact list
- City of Aurora Snapshot updates
- ✓ Informative ad(s) in The Shopper
- Lawn Signs and/or Sidewalk Decals with website address/QR code in high-traffic community locations
- ✓ School's Electronic Messaging Sign
- ✓ Legislative 1-Pager
- Additional tools may also be considered, including
- Postcard mailing
- Water bill inserts
- Social media posts, as available

Phase 2: Pre-project bids, Funding & Costs Updates

- Update Website and Communications with
- Project Schedule and "Blue" Thermometer
- Project Costs
- Project Funding & Water Rates
- Share grant funds and bonding money awards
- Rate Survey of Iron Range Communities
- Share "Good News" revelations as they come, such as Earmark success event/communications
- Additional service: Construction Kick Off Event/Groundbreaking Open House

Phase 3: Construction Updates and System Start-Up Communications

- Update Website and Communications with
- Periodic construction progress updates
- Emergency water quality communications
- What to Expect during System Start-Up
- Photos
- ✓ Additional service: Ribbon Cutting Event/Open House

Estimated Hours, Fees, and Expenses

Hourly rate

Project Management, Invoicing (24 months)

Develop, host, and maintain www.EastRangeWater.com website, 8 quarterly updates

Develop content and graphics for (8) quarterly communication updates (email, COA snapshot, Shopper, etc.)

Special communication materials (Lawn signs, sidewalk decals, EMS coord, legislative 1-pager)

Misc. Communications support as requested by ERWB

Hours by Staffperson Subtotal Fee by Staffperson Subtotal Total Project Hours Total Project Fees

		· · ·
		Expenses:
Mileage (2 trips at 400 miles each)		
Annual hosting and domain) 2 years	Website	
Sidewalk Decals and Lawn Signs		
by City of Aurora and Town of White	Printings and mailings covered	
Total Expenses		
Fees and Expenses		

Miles	Kristin	Adrian
\$225	\$155	<i>\$95</i>
2	24	0
2	44	8
2	24	16
2	12	4
2	24	16
10	128	44
\$2,250.00	\$19,840.00	\$4,180.00
	182	
	\$26,270.00	
	\$468.00	
	\$332.00	
	\$2,500.00	
	\$0.00	
	\$3,300.00	
	\$29,570.00	

ERWB - Interim Financing

\$ 562,535,19	rs of 4/20/2022	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE Biwabik and interim Financing combined as of 4/20/2022	TOTAL ENDING
n		8ivrabik Fund ending balance as of 3/14/2022	Biwabik Fund ending
÷s.	Interest Payment	1/1/2022 First Independent Bank - Russell	
	DESCRIPTION	DATE VENDOR	
\$		beginning balance 10/20/2021	Biwabik Fund
(s)		as of March 14, 2022	Ending Balance
4		ants	Total Disbursements
\$	ERWB Tasks 2-4	+1/20/2022 SEII	
ţ,	Property/Casualty Insurance	4/20/2022 LMCH	
\$	Legal Services through 2/28/2022	4/20/2022 Fryberger, Buchanen, Smith & Frederick	
ç	ERWB Tasks 2-4	3/14/2022 SEH	
ķ	ERWB Tasks 2-4	3/14/2072 SEII	
٠,	Geotechnical Reports	3/14/2022 NTS	
s	ERWB Tasks 2-4	2/17/2022 SEH	
s	Review JPA, general accounting, & reporting	2/17/2022 Walker, Giroux & Hahne	
S	Legal sevices through 1/31/2022	2/17/2022 Fryberger, Buchanen, Smith & Frederick	
s.	Treatment Plant Plan	1/26/2022 MN Dept. of Health	
s.	Watermains Plan	1/26/2022 MN Dept. of Health	
S	Plan Review ERWB 90% Completion	1/19/2022 Steve Thorp	
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NOS Automation LLC 21419 River Road Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Phone: (218) 969-1375
E-mail: accounting@nosautomation.com
Web: www.nosautomation.com

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Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. FEIN: 41-1251208 | 651.490.2000 | 800.325.2055

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BILL TO: **AURORA MN 55705** Attn: Accounts Payable
East Range Water Board
16 West 2nd Avenue North CITY OF AURORA APR 12 2022

REMIT PAYMENT TO:

Saint Paul, MN 55164-0780 PO Box 64780 Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.

GL Account

Date. Vendor. Approved by JAYON 310

Terms SEH Customer Acct # Representative Authorized Amount Authorized Amount Customer Project # Client Service Pay This Amount

Due Date Agreement / PO # Accounting Bill Through Date Manager Manager Project Invoice Date Remaining 84463 163450 **30 NET** \$71,559.00 \$562,968.00 31-MAR-22 12-APR-22 \$704.00 12-MAY-22 Justin Oelschlager joelschlager@sehinc.com 651.490.2000 mjensen@sehinc.com 651.490.2000 bcrow@sehinc.com 651.490.2000 Miles Jensen Benita Crow

Project # 163450 Project Name ERWBD Tasks 2-4 East Range WTP Project Description
ERWBD Aurora Tasks 2-4 East Range WTP

Notes:

CC:

kimberly@ci.aurora.mn.us lindsey@ci.aurora.mn.us cityclerk@ci.aurora.mn.us

Fee

Description (79% of \$70,400.00) less previously billed of \$54,912.00

\$704.00 Amount

\$704.00

Invoice total

\$704.00

Project Billing Summary

Totals

Current Amount \$704.00 \$490,705.00 Previously Invoiced \$491,409.00 Cumulative



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Invoice

Invoice Date 04/06/2022

Aurora, MN 55705 Member Name and Address
East Range Water Board
16 W 2nd Ave N

Agent
Ahrens Insurance Agency Inc

(218)749-2500 Aurora, MN 55705-1365

11 Main St N

Account Number:
Account Type
Account Balance:
Minimum Due:
Due Date:

40006503
Property/Casualty Coverage Premium
\$ 2,004.00
\$ 2,004.00
05/16/2022

attachments for Summary of activity since last Billing See reverse information additional side and Invoice Date Current Balance Activity
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Payments Received Total of Transactions and Fees shown on reverse or attached 49 Account Balance 2,004.00 2,004.00 9 69 Minimum Due 2,004.00

your payment Coupon with Detach and return this Payment Account Number 40006503 Invoice Date 04/06/2022 Due Date 05/16/2022 Current Balance | Minimum Due \$ 2,004.00 -Enclosed Amount

Member Name

East Range Water Board

BILLING INVOICE - Return stub with payment - make checks payable to:

Mail payment 7 days before ensure timely Due Date to

League of MN Cities Insurance Trust P&C c/o Berkley Risk Administrators Company 222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2700 P.O. Box 581517 Minneapolis, MN 55458-1517



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Total Current Balance Total Minimum Due	Agreement Previous Balance Agreement Ending Balance	Defense Cost Reimbursement 1005271-1 Agreement Period 02/16/2022 - 02/16/2023	Agreement Ending Balance	last Invoice New Business - PR 04/05/2022	activity since Agreement Previous Balance	Detail of Package 1005270-1 Agreement Period 02/16/2022 - 02/16/2023
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Invoice

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Thank you for choosing us as your Coverage carrier. The following information is to assist you in reviewing your Billing Invoice

Billing Inquiries: CONTACT YOUR AGENT FOR QUESTIONS ON YOUR AGREEMENT OR CHANGES IN COVERAGE, please call 1-612-766-3000 For billing inquiries,

BILLING PROCEDURES

include more than one installment payment due. New Agreements and renewals: If your Agreement is issued after the date that coverage began, your first Billing Invoice for the agreement may

proportionately to all agreements with the same Due Date. Application of Payments and Cancellation: If you pay more than the Minimum Due, the extra payment will be applied to your next installment proportionately to all agreements on your account. For Accounts owned on agreements with the same Due Date, the payment will be applied

Minimum Due is the amount to pay to avoid any agreements on your account from going into a late pay status which could cause cancellation of coverage. If you fail to pay the Minimum Due by the Due Date, a Direct Notice of Cancellation for Non Payment may be issued for one or more agreements on your account. If your account has more than one agreement and you pay less than the Minimum Due, your payment will be applied first to amounts owed on agreements with the oldest balance due.

If we receive a payment after the cancellation effective date and we elect not to reinstate your agreement, the payment will be applied toward any unpaid earned premium on your account before any remainder is refunded.

After an agreement is cancelled, we will bill you for any unpaid earned premium. If you do not pay, the matter may be referred to collections

Audit Premium: Any Audit Premium owed will be included in both Current Balance and Minimum Due balance shown on the Billing Invoice. Payment of Audit Premium is due in full by the Due Date. If Audit Premium is owed, your payment may be applied first to Audit Premium owed and then to amounts owed on agreements with the earliest Due Date. If special arrangements are needed for repayment of audit premium you MUST contact the Billing Unit at the number shown above for consideration of any such arrangements.

Refunds: Any refund due will be mailed from our office within 15 days after the invoice date

The address change from below is printed on the back of the payment coupon. If needed it Payment Processing Center at: Payment address: ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO OUR PAYMENT PROCESSING CENTER ALONG WITH THE PAYMENT COUPON. The address change from below is printed on the back of the payment coupon. If needed it may also be sent along with your payment to the

222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2700 Minneapolis, MN 55402 . Please do not send any other correspondence to the payment processing center

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR NAME PLEASE FILL IN THE NAME, AGREEMENT NUMBER AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX

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Covenant Number: CMC_1005270-1

Previous Covenant Number:

COMMON COVERAGE DECLARATIONS

Coverage is Provided by:
THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES

INSURANCE TRUST

(Herein called LMCIT)



Item 1. CITY and MAILING ADDRESS

EAST RANGE WATER BOARD

16 W 2ND AVE N AURORA, MN 55705

Item 2. **COVERAGE PERIOD:**

From: 02/16/2022 <u>.</u> 02/16/2023 12:01 AM Standard Time at Mailing Address on Common Coverage Declarations

Item 3. THE COVERED PARTY IS: JOINT POWERS ENTITY

Item 4. **COVERAGE PARTS:**

IN RETURN FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM, AND SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS OF THIS COVENANT, *LMCIT* AGREES TO PROVIDE THE COVERED PARTY WITH COVERAGES SHOWN BELOW FOR WHICH A PREMIUM CHARGE IS STATED:

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DEC-016(11/15)	DEC-013(11/19)	DEC-012(11/21)	DEC-011(11/21)
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Covenant Number: OML 1005271-1

Previous Covenant Number: New





item 1.	EAST RANGE WATER BOARD	
	16 W 2nd Ave N Aurora, MN 55705	
Item 2.	COVERAGE PERIOD: From: 02/16/2022 To: 02/16/2023 12:01 AM Standard Time at Mailing Address Indicated Above	
Item 3.	RETROACTIVE DATE: 02/16/2022	
Item 4.	THE COVERED PARTY IS: ☐ City ☑ Joint Powers Entity ☐ Others (Describe)	1
Item 5.	DEFENSE COST REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS: 1. Agreement Term Annual Aggregate Per City Official: \$ 50,000 2. Agreement Term Annual Aggregate: \$ 250,000	
Item 6.	PREMIUM: \$ NO CHARGE	
ltem 7.	FORMS AND ENDORSEMENTS APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENT:	
	OMLRA-1(11/14)	

DEFENSE COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

I. DEFENSE COST REIMBURSEMENT COVERAGE

a covered lawsuit, if the following conditions are met: LMCIT will reimburse a city official for 100 percent of the defense costs incurred by the city official in defending

- The date on which the covered lawsuit is commenced must be within the term of this agreement; and
- 2 The date on which the occurrence giving rise to the covered lawsuit must be on or after the retroactive date, if any, shown in the Declarations

➣ covered lawsuit is deemed to be commenced on the date the city official is served notice of the lawsuit

II. LIMITS

- _ one city official for defense costs for covered lawsuits commenced during the term of this agreement, regardless of the number of lawsuits, the number of actual or alleged violations, or the date the defense The Defense Cost Reimbursement Agreement Limit is \$50,000. This is the most LMCIT will reimburse any costs are actually incurred
- N this agreement. The Defense Cost Reimbursement Annual Aggregate Limit is \$250,000. This is the most *LMCIT* will pay for defense costs under this agreement for all city officials for covered lawsuits commenced with the term of

III. CONDITIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- The term of this Agreement shall be one year beginning with the effective date stated in the Declarations Subsequent renewals of this Agreement shall be treated as separate terms.
- Ņ LMCIT shall have no duty to provide a defense to a *city official* with respect to a *covered lawsuit*; however, LMCIT shall have the right to intervene at its expense in the investigation or defense of such legal action.
- ω information, investigative data, records, or any other material documentation. The city and the city official shall at all times cooperate with and promptly respond to LMCIT's requests for The city or the city official shall give prompt notice to LMCIT of any actual or threatened covered lawsuit.
- 4. rendered and expenses actually incurred The city official will be reimbursed only for defense costs incurred with respect to legal services actually
- Ċ The city official shall have complete freedom to choose an attorney licensed in the State of Minnesota to provide the city official with legal services with respect to which defense costs are reimbursable under this
- 9 It is the express intent of the parties to this Agreement that, neither the *city* nor the *city official*, waive immunities, defenses, or limitations on liability available under Minnesota statutes or common law.
- ~ Agreement. be applied first to any *defense costs* which the *city official* has incurred which have not been reimbursed by *LMCIT*; and any remainder shall be applied to reimburse *LMCIT* for any payment it has made under this In the event that a city official makes a recovery of defense costs from any third party, that recovery shall
- œ LMCIT may cancel this Agreement by mailing or delivering written notice to the city at least:
- Ġ Ten (10) days before the effective date of cancellation for nonpayment of premium for the city's covenant that provides the following coverages:

Equipment Breakdown Coverage; Comprehensive Municipal Coverage; Automobile Liability Coverage; or Automobile Physical Damage Coverage. Municipal Property, Crime, Bond and Petrofund Coverage;

Thirty (30) days before the effective date of cancellation for any other reason

COVENANT NUMBER: OML 1005271-1

If LMCIT decides not to renew this Agreement, LMCIT will mail or deliver to the city written notice of non-renewal not less than thirty 30 days before the expiration date.

ဖ It is mutually understood and agreed that the city and all other LMCIT pool participants are jointly and severally liable for all claims and expenses of the pool. The amount of any liabilities in excess of assets may be assessed to LMCIT pool participants when a deficiency is identified.

IV. DEFINITIONS

- "Bankruptcy lawsuit" means a lawsuit against a city official for actions within his or her duties as such, that arises from or is related to the actual, pending, or threatened bankruptcy of the city.
- Ņ joint powers entity; but the following are deemed to be a covered joint powers entity under this agreement: nursing home board or commission; airport commission; welfare or public relief agency; school board; or redevelopment authority, or similar agency; municipal power agency; municipal gas agency; hospital or specifically named in the Declarations, city shall not include a gas, electrical, or steam utilities commission; port authority, housing and redevelopment authority, economic development authority, area or municipal "City" means the city or other governmental body or entity first named in the Declarations. Unless
- A joint planning board created pursuant to an orderly annexation agreement, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 462.3585, or pursuant to a joint resolution between the city and a township; or
- Ġ A joint airport zoning board created pursuant to Minnesota Statute 360.063.
- ယ "City official" means any former or present elected or appointed official of the city or any present or former employee of the city. For the purposes of this coverage, an independent contractor is not a city official, except when serving as a member of a committee, subcommittee, board or commission of the city, or when representing the city as a member of a committee, subcommittee, board or commission.
- 4. "Covered lawsuit" means an Open Meeting Law lawsuit or a bankruptcy lawsuit.
- Ġ "Defense costs" means reasonable and necessary attorney fees, court costs, court reporter and transcript fees, general witness and expert witness fees and expense, and similar defense related costs. Defense costs does not include any fines or penalties, or any attorney's fees awarded to a plaintiff in a suit charging a violation of the Open Meeting Law.
- တ effective power to do any of the following, regardless of whether the specific consent of the constituent governmental units may also be required: "Joint powers entity" means an operating entity created by two or more governmental units entering into an agreement as provided by statute for the joint exercise of governmental powers. An intergovernmental agreement will be deemed to create a *joint powers entity* if the agreement establishes a board with the
- To receive and expend funds;
- b. To enter into contracts;
- To hire employees;
- ٩ To purchase or otherwise acquire and hold real or personal property; or
- To sue or be sued.
- 7. "LMCIT" means the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust.
- Ω "Open Meeting Law lawsuit" means a lawsuit seeking penalties against a city official based on an allegation that the city official has violated M.S. Chapter 13D, commonly known as the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

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fryberger.com

P.O. Box 16990 Duluth, Minnesota 55816

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MAR 18 2022

CITY OF AURORA Tax ID: 41-1000525 Phone: (218) 722-0861 Fax: (218) 725-6800

EAST RANGE WATER BOARD

For Legal Services Rendered Through 2/28/2022

March 10, 2022 Invoice No. 22438.000001.12203 File No. 22438.000001 - MET

CLIENT: MATTER: EAST RANGE WATER BOARD BYLAWS

Professional Fees

\$2,942.00	1	Total Professional Fees	
0.40	MET	Review emails; email re loss of quiet title.	02/16/22
1.40	MET	Review and revise final draft; send to Board for agenda.	02/11/22
0.70	MET	Revise Bylaws.	01/26/22
1.50	MET	Attend Board meeting; prepare for same; follow up work on Bylaws.	01/19/22
2.10	MET	Finalize bylaws; call to Doug; email update.	01/13/22
3.50	MET	Finalize bylaws; draft email re same and re ownership of Water System in Scenic Acres.	11/16/21
1.40	MET	Revise bylaws.	11/12/21
0.75	MET	Work on bylaws.	11/09/21
Hours	Atty	Description	Date

GL Account _ Date_ Vendor. oproved by.

\$ 2,942.00	Total Due:
-0.00	Payments & Adjustments:
0.00	Prior Balance:
\$ 2,942.00	Current Invoice Amount

Pay your bill online at www.fryberger.com http://www.fryberger.com

\$2,942.00	Current (Less than 30)
\$0.00	30-59 Days
\$0.00	60-89 Days
\$0.00	90-119 Days
\$0.00	Over 120 Days
\$2,942.00	Total Amount Due

Please Note: When your legal matter is completed, your file is closed and placed in storage. Closed files are placed on a schedule for destruction. While we make an attempt to contact you at the time your file is scheduled for destruction, we are not always successful. If you want to keep your file, you should request in writing that your file be returned to you at the time your matter is completed.



COVERAGE PROPOSAL

FOR

East Range Water Board

Prepared by:

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST

145 University Ave. West St. Paul, MN 55103 (651) 281-1200

information given to us by: This proposal is based on

Ahrens Insurance Agency

Designated Agent of Record

COVERAGES AVAILABLE FROM:

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST

Property

Crime

Bond

Petrofund

Equipment Breakdown

Municipal First Party Cyber

Municipal Liability

Medical & Related Expense

Automobile Liability

Automobile Physical Damage

Defense Cost Reimbursement

Excess Liability

Liquor Liability

CLAIMS SERVICES: League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust

This is a proposal only. Coverage is not bound unless the covered party has requested that coverage be bound and LMCIT has sent a written confirmation. This quote is valid for 30 days after the date of this

proposal may not comply with your specifications. Please review closely. It is important to note also that we are not necessarily providing all the coverages requested or our

PROPERTY

Section I - Property General Limit of Coverage Per Occurrence ₩ Not Covered

This general limit is subject to the sublimits as described in the Municipal Property Coverage Form, and the *specific property limit*.

Terrorism loss occurrence-shared limit \$ 50,000,000.

This limit is subject to the provisions of the Terrorism Losses-Special Pool Limit Endorsement ME079(11/09)

Section II – Additional Covered Loss or Damages

DEDUCTIBLE:		Section IV - Water and Supplemental Flood Coverage	13. Extraordinary Expense	12. Arson Reward	11. Rental Reimbursement	10. Errors	9. Pollutant Cleanup and Removal	8. Asbestos Clean up. Abatement and Removal	7. Green Building Expenses	6. Utility Services	5. Valuable Papers and Records	4. Accounts Receivable	3. Leasehold Interest	(No Direct Physical Damage to Covered Property)	(Direct Physical Damage to Covered Property)	2. Demolition and Debris Removal	1. Loss of Revenue. Extra Expense and Expediting Expense
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CRIME

Theft, disappearance, and destruction-inside and outside the premises and forgery or alteration.

DEDUCTIBLE:	LIMIT OF COVERAGE PER OCCURRENCE FRAUDULENT INSTRUCTION LOSS SUBLIMIT
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Per Occurrence	

BOND(Faithful Performance Coverage)

DEDUCTIBLE:	BOND LIMIT OF COVERAGE PER OCCURRENCE:
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Per Occurrence	<u>)</u>

MUNICIPAL FIRST PARTY CYBER COVERAGE

DEDUCTIBLE:	FIRST-PARTY CYBER COVENANT LIMIT COMMON CAUSE PRO RATA SHARED LIMIT 12-MONTH PRO RATA SHARED LIMIT
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^{*} LMCIT's maximum limit of liability for COVERAGES A and C combined.

Coverage Declarations) \$ MUNICIPAL LIABILITY DEDUCTIBLE: (Subject to General Annual Aggregate Deductible, if any, shown on Common 250 Per Occurrence

Premises - Operations. Independent Contractors

Watercraft - Less than 26 feet in length.
Malpractice Coverage for City Employees-excluding Architects, Doctors of
Medicine, Dentists, Nurses and Pharmacists.
Personal Injury Liability-false arrest, advertising, wrongful entry and assault or battery.

Law Enforcement.

Employees, Officials and Volunteers are covered.
Fellow Employee Coverage.
Fellow Employee Coverage.
Extended Reporting Period Guaranteed as to availability and cost.
Extended Reporting Period Guaranteed as to availability and cost.
No aggregate limit except for Products - Failure To Supply Claim Limit, EMF Claim Limit, Mold Claim Limit, Limited Pollution Liability Claim
Limit, Outside Organization Claim Limit, Data Security Breach Claim Limit, Land Use and Special Risk Litigation Limit and Sexual Abuse Claim

Coverage for negligent acts, errors, omissions and civil rights violations. Broadened definitions of damages.

PARTIAL LIST OF EXCLUSIONS

Airport and Aircraft Liability

Hospital and Nursing Home Liability
Liquor Legal Liability
Absolute Pollution

Licensed child care programs
Bursting or Failure of Dams or Dikes
Arnusement Rides

Racing
Stunting Activities
Unless Named: Joint Powers, Housing Authorities and Gas or Electric Utilities

^{**} LIMIT includes damages, loss adjustment expense, defense costs, and supplementary payments.
***LIMIT includes litigation costs.

AUTOMOBILE

COVERAGE:	EIMIT:
AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY	*\$2,000,000 Per Occurrence
BASIC ECONOMIC LOSS BEYEFITS	Basic Minnesota Statutory Coverage
UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS	\$ 200,000 Per Occurrence
AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE	Actual Cash Value, Unless Endorsed

DEDUCTIBLE:
Declarations.)
\$ 250 I Per Occurrence (Subject to General Annual Aggregate Deductible, is any, shown on Common Coverage

^{*} LMCIT's maximum limit of liability for COVERAGES A and C combined.



HEARTFELT THANKS

colleagues have chosen to endorse and financially support our competing requests and are honored that you and your Congressional of Congressionally Directed Spending funds for the planned all of their efforts in securing the recent approval of \$ 2.5 million to Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith and their staffs for East Range water project. East Range Joint Water project! We know there were many The East Range Water Board wants to express its deep appreciation

East Range Water Board

Chair, Douglas Gregor Vice Chair, Jon Skelton

Member, Clark Niemi Member, Dennis Schubbe Member, David Skelton

PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY UPDATE BRIEFING SESSION East Mesabi Water Project April 4, 2022

Project Overview

Mesabi Joint Powers board service District). provide drinking water to the City of Aurora, Town of White ("TOW"), Hoyt Lakes and Biwabik. (East The East Mesabi Joint water project is a multiple phase project which is being designed to eventually

between Aurora and the TOW, with a board consisting of five members-- 3 appointed by Aurora, 2 in the system services. appointed by TOW. Plans are to expand the JPA and the Board composition as other communities join The East Range Water Board was formed last summer pursuant to a joint powers' agreement ("JPA")

Town of White customers which is comprised of 990 equivalent residential users (ERUs): Phase 1 of the project is the construction of the following elements that will initially service Aurora and

- public water access site on the north side of the Lake; A new raw water source at Embarrass Mine Lake, at an intake site immediately east of the
- located immediately adjacent to the City of Aurora's existing water tower. A new raw water transmission line from that intake site to a new water treatment plant (WTP)
- shore of Embarrass Lake -- eliminating the current community well system and securing priority points that are needed with the MN Department of Health to facilitate State financing for the A new treated water distribution line from Pineville to the Scenic Acres development on the

The main goal of Phase 1 is to secure a better source of raw water for all 4 communities and to replace the greatly dilapidated City of Aurora water treatment plant and intake site at the St. James Pit Lake in

- mussel infestation, and increasing sulfate concentrations. water source -- which will benefit the treatment and plumbing infrastructure of residential has 81% less sulfates and a water hardness that is 63% lower than the existing St. James Pit Embarrass Mine Lake to possess an abundant water source that contains water of a quality that The new water source is the former Embarrass Mine Lake. Water studies have shown In contrast, the existing St. James Pit water source is subject to rising water levels, Zebra
- needs of all 4 East Range communities. transmission piping, will all be sized and constructed to accommodate the anticipated future The raw water intake system, including the intake structure, pumping facilities and raw water
- Similarly, the new Water Treatment Plant ("WTP") initially will be constructed to service the needs Aurora and the TOW but will be designed for future modular expansion to service Hoyt Lakes (990 ERUs) and Biwabik (632 ERUs).

gallons a day when it eventually services Hoyt Lakes and Biwabik. The WTP capacity initially will be 1 million gallons a day and be expandable up to 2 million

Phase 1 Schedule (tentative)

January 2022 Complete engineering

February 2022 Certification by MN Dept of Health

March 2022 Submit final documentation to PFA for state bond and WIF grant assistance.

May 2022 PFA Award money to project.

Fall 2022 Project bidding

Winter 2022-23 Start construction

Project Financing

- The Phase 1 project cost is currently budgeted at \$24.4 million dollars.
- $\tilde{\sim}$ MN Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) grant leaving an approximately \$ 6.4 million funding gap. appropriations, a 2022 \$ 2.5 million federal CDS grant, plus an assumed \$ 5-8 million State of Current approved financing includes \$7.5 million from State of MN 2018 & 2020 special bond
- Ψ grant money if made available through the PFA in the 2022 Legislative Session maximum \$5 million WIF Grant, and the project is expected to be eligible to receive additional State of MN special appropriation bonding and grant money is administered by State of MN Public Facilities Authority (PFA). The PFA has determined that the project is eligible for the
- 4 and the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation. federal assistance funds are being aggressively pursued through the Army Corps of Engineers, A small CDBG grant allocation has been approved for the Project and significant additional
- ù the entire project of debt "gap" between the committed funds and the projected Project cost. eligibility. The PFA determination of affordability for median household in Aurora and Town of month for residential customers if the communities have to shoulder the burden of financing elements, operate and maintain the water system would be expected to range up to \$ 70.00 per future utility rates for Aurora and Town of White residential customers to construct the new potentially service a 30-year term/ 1% interest rate debt load of between \$ 3-5 million. The David Drown & Associates, has determine that the Aurora and TOW rate payers could White average out to be approximately \$39.50/month. The Project's Financial Advisor firm, PFA's calculated "affordability rate" benchmark that the PFA uses to determine grant and loan The increased utility rates needed to service an estimated \$6.4 million in debt far exceed the

Financing Needs

other grant agencies determine as affordable to City of Aurora and Town of White residents. customer base of Aurora and Town of White. The bottom line is that further financial grant assistance is needed due to the relatively small multi-million-dollar debt level and associated water rates are above what the PFA and many The WIF grant is not perceived as a guaranteed source of project funding and the projected



Summary of Opinion of Probable Cost East Range Joint Water Project, Aurora and Town of White City of Aurora & Town of White SEH Project No. 159723 January 10, 2022

24,183,574 24,299,844	\$	w/ Lower Range Engineering Fees w/ Higher Range Engineering Fees
		Total Project Cost
1,394,950	S	w/ Higher Construction Admin/Observation Range
1,278,680	S	w/ Lower Construction Admin/Observation Range
		Engineering
101,978	S	Administrative (0.05%)
101,978	S	Fiscal (0.05%)
101,978	S	Legal (0.05%)
163,895	S	Soil Borings & Testing
2,039,552	S	Contingencies and Market Conditions (10%)
20,395,515	S	Construction Subtotal
1,852,720	S	Raw Water Transmission Main
5,688,931	S	Raw Water Intake Facility
505,730	s	Water Main Pineville
985,220	S	Water Main Scenic Acres
11,362,914	s	Water Treatment Plant
Estimated Cost	Est	Project Component



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5 East Range Water Committee

From: Shannon Sweeney, David Drown Associates, Inc.

Date: January 11, 2022

Re: Water Treatment Project Utility Rate Analysis

following: submitted for the Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) program application. rate analysis have been taken from preliminary engineering reports and the preliminary project worksheets the projected revenues required to support the new system. Several of the critical assumptions used in the report, it is important to understand the assumptions that are used as they can have significant impacts on I have been asked to update my utility rate analysis for the East Range Water Project. As with my original Those assumptions include the

- 30J That there are currently 947 Equivalent Residential Users (ERU's) served by the system; and
 - When the project is completed there will be 990 ERU's served by the system; and
- increases; and Operating costs for the new facilities will remain essentially the same with only inflationary
- 4 The total project cost is estimated to be \$24,799,844

Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) for the Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF) grant The assumptions used in the **Exhibit 1** rate analysis includes a funding mix that produces a weighted monthly average user rate of approximately \$37.16 which is the affordability threshold used by the

- 2 \$7.5 million in project costs will be paid from grants authorized in the 2018 and 2020 bonding (State of Minnesota); and
- 2) The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) will provide the statutory maximum PFA WIF Grant of \$5 million; and
- Supplemental grants of \$9.8 million will be secured from Federal and/or State sources; and
- ω 4 year term and an interest rate of 1%; and The balance of project funding will be provided by a PFA loan of \$2.5 million that has a 30-
- 5) which has been estimated based on 5,000 gallons per ERU; and Rates in all user categories are increased proportionately. The WIF Grant will require a funded reserve equal to 50 cents per thousand gallons of flow
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The assumptions used in the Exhibit 2 rate analysis include the following

- 7 \$7.5 million in project costs will be paid from grants authorized in the 2018 and 2020 bonding bills (State of Minnesota); and
- 8 Infrastructure Fund (WIF) Grant of \$5 million; and Supplemental grants of \$7.3 million will be secured from Federal and/or State sources; and The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) will provide the statutory maximum Water
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- The WIF Grant will require a funded reserve equal to 50 cents per thousand gallons of flow which has been estimated based on 5,000 gallons per ERU; and
- Rates in all user categories are increased proportionately.

Rate Projections:

At this point rate projections at project completion have been estimated based on the assumptions outlined above. Two scenarios have been prepared based on input from the project engineering firm.

Exhibit 1 - \$2.5 million PFA Loan:

The attached Exhibit 1 looks at the rate impacts assuming a loan of \$2.5 million from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) will be required with the balance of project costs funded through grants.

Assumptions:

- <u>a</u> 12% of the new project debt is allocated to the Town of White and 88% is allocated to the City of Aurora (\$2.5 million total project debt); and Aurora continues to make its own debt service payments; and
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- Operating Costs are allocated based on usage

Exhibit 2 - \$5 million PFA Loan:

The attached Exhibit 2 looks at the rate impacts assuming a loan of \$5 million from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority will be required with the balance of project costs funded through grants.

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- <u>a</u> 12% of the new project debt is allocated to the Town of White and 88% is allocated to the City of Aurora (\$5 million total project debt); and
- ೦೮ Aurora continues to make its own debt service payments; and
- Operating Costs are allocated based on usage

The funding scenarios used in this analysis are based on several assumptions including project ranking and WIF program grant availability. The final funding mix from PFA will not be known until the project has moved through their application process.

East Range Water Project Water Rate Analysis - \$2.5 mil PFA Loan

Exhibit 1

ERU's @ Completion:

	%	of Total		
City of Aurora	869	88%	5,000	average per ERU
Town of White	121	12%	4,950,000	
Total:	990		\$ 2,475.00	-Monthly WIF Reserve

Embarrass Pit Option 1b: New Debt Allocated 88%-12%	Total:	City of Aurora	Monthly Cost Per ERU (Aurora)	Town of White	Monthly Cost Per ERU (Town of White)
Total Estimated Operating Cost	\$264,033.00	\$232,349.04	\$22.28	\$31,683.96	\$21.82
+ Debt Service for ERWP	\$96,870.28	\$85,245.85	\$8.17	\$11,624,43	,
+ Existing Debt Service for Aurora	\$53,964.00	\$53,964.00	· ·	\$0.00	40 .
+ WIF Reserve Requirement	<u>31</u> ,036.50	\$27,312.12	\$2.62	\$3,724.38	**
= Total Required Revenues	\$445,903.78	\$398,871.01	\$38.25	\$47,032.77	

Assumptions:

- 1) 12% of ERWP debt paid by TOW & 88% paid by Aurora
 2) Aurora pays its own debt
 3) Operating costs allocated based on ERU's of each entity

Exhibit 2

East Range Water Project Water Rate Analysis - \$5 mil PFA Loan

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Embarrass Pit Option 1b: New Debt Allocated 88%-12%	Total:	City of Aurora	Monthly Cost Per ERU (Aurora)	Town of White	Monthly Cost Per ERU (Town of White)
Total Estimated Operating Cost	\$264,033.00	\$232,349.04	\$22.28		·
+ Debt Service for ERWP	\$193,740.57	\$170,491.70	\$16.35	, ,,,,,,,	\$16.01
+ Existing Debt Service for Aurora	\$53,964.00	\$53,964.00	\$5.17	\$0.00	
+ WIF Reserve Requirement	31,036.50	\$27,312.12	\$2.62	\$3,724.38	\$2.57
= Total Required Revenues	\$542,774.07	\$484,116.86	\$46.42	\$58,657.21	\$40.40

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Payment for Compensation for East Range Water Board Members

The East Range Water Board authorized payment of \$30.00 for members not otherwise paid by either governemnt entity for each East Range Water Board meeting attended, voted at the ERWB meeting on December 15, 2021

ate of Meeting	#450 Skelton, D.	#4	53 Schubbe			
3/15/2022	\$30.00	 	630.00	 		
3/13/2022	350.00		\$30.00			
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Total:	\$30.00		\$30.00			

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