



ITEM REPORT CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 11/18/2025
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Approve the Excavating Stormwater Pond Tree Planting Quote for \$27,000.00

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

City staff took an inventory of all the dead trees adjacent to stormwater ponds that were installed with municipal projects. There are just over 60 dead trees that need replacement. The attached planting quote addresses 36 or approximately 60% of the dead trees.

Staff sent quotes to four different vendors and received 2 quotes with LandWerx as the low bidder as shown below:

- LandWerx - \$27,000
- Central Minnesota Seeding - \$29,160
- Brainerd Tree Moving – No Quote
- Moonlight Nursey – No. Quote

City staff has developed a detailed tree planting specification to try and remedy the issue with the amount of trees that have died from previous projects. The quoted trees will be installed using the updated tree planting specification.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Typically, the Stormwater Enterprise Fund has \$6,000 budgeted for landscaping in the Landscape Expense line item. The 2025 budget submittal included \$6,000 for tree replacement as well. The 2025 budget submittal included \$42,000 for pond cleaning. The pond cleaning will not be as extensive this year as previous years, therefore staff is proposing to utilize \$21,000 to replace trees adjacent to our stormwater ponds. The remaining \$6,000 will come from the Landscape Expense line item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Utilities Commission and Staff recommends replacing the dead trees and transferring the money from the Repairs and Maintenance Structures line item where the pond cleaning is budgeted to the Landscape Expense.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to approve the LandWerx Excavating Stormwater Pond Tree Planting Quote for \$27,000.00