

## **ENGINEERING MEMORANDUM**

August 31, 2023

RE: September 5<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting

## South Dickinson Property Area Study Task Order Award to Highlands Engineering & Surveying, PLLC

For your consideration is a task order with Highlands Engineering & Surveying, PLLC to perform the area study of the City of Dickinson owned property being the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 139 North, Range 96 West. The task order is for hourly rates not to exceed amount of *\$50,000.00*. This proposal was received through a request for proposal where two proposal was received. A legal review of this task order has been completed.

The property details were discussed in a City Commission work session on February 21, 2023 where it was decided to move forward with an area study to consider the future land use options, explore the concept of a cottage style home area, consideration for commercial zone property for a convenience store or grocery store, feasibility of a future connection to the trail network in the City directly from this property, review and gain public feedback regarding a future veterans cemetery which would be located to the east of the existing South Dickinson Cemetery, and consider the possible recreational uses in the east-central portion of the property which is currently non-farmable land.

All of these factors will be used to evaluate the future infrastructure demands for the area which will be incorporated into the Transportation Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan which is currently in the contract negotiation phase and tentatively scheduled to be completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024.

The city engineering staff recommends approval.

