



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve the procurement with Trenchers Plus for a Brush Chipper for \$52,654 and allow the General Manager to sign the purchase agreement.

PREPARED BY: Chad Troumbly, Electric Department Manager

BACKGROUND:

This purchase is to reduce labor, travel time and increase safety for the city and GRPU. Disposal of branches is paid by the load and chipping allows greater quantities. This procurement is for an approved Electric capital purchase with a budget of \$30,000. No money has been spent to date. The difference in funding will be from a portion of 7th-17th Primary Underground and the value of a trade-in Bandit 12” chipper.

This is a utility purchase and GRPU will keep ownership. This is a joint use item between the city and utility. An internal memo of understanding will be created and will be signed by the General Manager and City Administrator.

The purchase is covered using the 2024 MNDOT State Bid Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the procurement with Trenchers Plus for a Brush Chipper for \$52,654 and allow the General Manager to sign the purchase agreement.