



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: July 22, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve the change order for the Landfill Cover Modification Project contract for the discrepancy in rooting zone material salvaged to Casper Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$93,520 and allow the General Manager to sign the change order.

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BACKGROUND:

The GRPU commission approved the contract with Casper Construction, Inc. for the Landfill Cover Modification project on February 25, 2026 for \$1,274,000. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$2,100,000. The goal of the project is to replace the cover to lower leachate generation allowing the landfill the ability to exit post-closure care period in 2029. The project consists of removing existing topsoil and rooting zone on phase 1-4, kettle D. Once material is removed, then subgrade preparation, install LLDPE Geosynthetic material cover, sand drainage layer followed by rooting zone, topsoil and site restoration.

During construction, upon removal of the existing rooting zone material, there was not the expected amount of material to salvage. To complete the project as designed, 7000-8000 cubic yards (CY) of rooting zone material is needed. Casper has credited the labor that was not necessary for removal but has charged for the material and labor necessary to get it from an off-site location. The material necessary is estimated to be closer to 7000 CY and will be verified by the engineer upon installation. The new contract total is \$1,367,520.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a motion to approve the change order for the Landfill Cover Modification Project contract for the discrepancy in rooting zone material salvaged to Casper Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$93,520 and allow the General Manager to sign the change order.