



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: May 27, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to award the SE Quadrant Vegetation Management Project contract to Rob's Bobcat Service for an estimated total amount of \$298,000 and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.

PREPARED BY: Julie Kennedy, General Manager

BACKGROUND:

The 2026 Electric Vegetation Management Project, located in the SE portion of the Electric Service Area, is part of GRPU's routine vegetation management efforts along overhead power lines to maintain safe and reliable electric service. Trees and branches are one of the leading causes of power outages, especially during storms and high winds. Trimming vegetation away from power lines helps reduce outages, improve public safety, protect utility equipment, and allow crews safe access for maintenance and emergency restoration work. Vegetation Management work includes selective cutting, tree pruning, site restoration, and vegetation disposal.

The bid package was prepared by SEH and publicly advertised, with bids opened on May 20, 2026. As outlined in SEH's attached recommendation letter, two bids were received.

SEH recommends awarding the contract to the low bidder, Rob's Bobcat Service.

RECOMMENDATION:

GRPU staff recommend the award the SE Quadrant Vegetation Management Project contract to Rob's Bobcat Service for an estimated total amount of \$298,000 and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.



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April 14, 2026

RE: Grand Rapids Public Utilities
12th & 14th Ave SW Electrical ELCP5034
SEH No. GRAPU 183149

Grand Rapids Public Utilities
Attn: Julie Kennedy
500 SE 4th St
Grand Rapids, Minnesota, 55744

Dear Julie,

Bids on the referenced project were opened via Microsoft Teams at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026
The bids received are summarized with the Engineer's estimate as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Note</u>
Lake States Construction LLC	\$162,700.00	Bid rejected due to MN § 363A.36
Castrejon Incorporated	\$180,800.00	Lowest qualifying responsible bid
MP Technologies, LLC	\$186,126.23	
Parsons Electric	\$208,502.00	
Apex Drainage LLC	\$251,650.00	
Hunt Electric Corporation	\$909,539.16	
Engineer's Estimate	\$280,000.00	

SEH has reviewed the bids and recommends that Grand Rapids Public Utilities award a contract to Castrejon Incorporated for their low bid amount of \$180,800.00.

If you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 218.322.4513.

Sincerely,

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Client Service Manager

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