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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for Environmental Services for the Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements Program

BACKGROUND

This Professional Services Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (“FNI”) provides environmental assessments, impact statements, routing studies, National Environmental Policy Act compliance reviews, endangered species reviews, coordination of US Army Corps of Engineers and Texas Water Development Board Environmental permitting, and coordination with applicable federal, state, and local regulatory agencies services for the New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) Water and Wastewater Capital Improvements Program (the “Project”). The Project is anticipated to provide necessary environmental services to meet the capital improvement project requirements.

NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement with FNI for the Project.

This item is being presented to the Board because the total amount of the Agreement is \$500,000.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total financial impact for the Agreement with FNI for the Project is \$500,000.00, including supplemental services. The Project is budgeted within the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2029 NBU Board approved Capital Improvements Projects Budget.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Infrastructure and Technology

Safety and Security

Stewardship

EXHIBITS

1. Professional Services Agreement with FNI