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**Meeting Date:** April 24, 2025      **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

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Chief Engineer of Water      Director of Engineering  
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**Submitted by:** Mark Steelman      **Approved by:** Ryan Kelso  
Chief Operations Officer      Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize the CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Contract with R.L. Jones, LP, for the Construction of the Simon Street Water and Wastewater Improvements Project

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## **BACKGROUND**

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On December 18, 2024, New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) issued a request for proposals for the Simon Street Water and Wastewater Improvements Project, which includes (i) construction of approximately 1,365 linear feet (“LF”) of 8-inch wastewater main with associated manholes and service laterals, (ii) construction of approximately 1,070 LF of 8-inch water main with associated valves, fire hydrants and services (iii) abandonment and grout filling of existing water mains, wastewater mains, and associated manholes, (iv) connections to the NBU water and wastewater systems, (v) wastewater bypass pumping, (vi) traffic control, (vii) storm water pollution prevention, (viii) restoration, and (ix) all other appurtenances necessary to complete the Project (the “Project”). The Project will resolve conflicts with the upcoming City of New Braunfels Simon Street improvement project and add a redundant waterline feed to the Guada Coma neighborhood.

On January 21, 2025, NBU received six (6) bids for the Project during the public bidding process. The project team evaluated the bids and recommends the selection of R. L. Jones, LP (“R. L. Jones”) for the Project. R. L. Jones was selected as the respondent who provides the best value to NBU based on the selection criteria, the weighted value for those criteria, and the ranking evaluation, including their cost of work, proposed schedule, past performance on similar projects, overall qualifications, available resources, corporate history, and references. R. L. Jones’s proposal includes a base bid of \$1,083,843.00, which was the lowest base bid out of the six (6) respondents.

NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Construction Contract Agreement (the “Contract”) with R. L. Jones for the Project.

This item is being presented to the Board because the total amount of this contract exceeds \$250,000.00.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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The total financial impact of the Contract with R. L. Jones for the Project is \$1,083,843.00. The Project is budgeted within the Fiscal Year 2025 NBU Board approved Capital Improvements Projects Budget. Anticipating the need for project change orders, a contract contingency of \$110,000.00, which is approximately 10% of the total contract amount, will be added to the project construction budget. The total contract amount plus contingency is \$1,193,843.00.

## LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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### Infrastructure and Technology

## EXHIBITS

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### 1. Bid Tab – (RFB 25-0049)

Bid Tab	
<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>
R.L. Jones LP	\$1,083,843.00
E-Z Bel Construction Co, LLC	\$1,179,848.85
Lupe Rubio Construction Co, Inc	\$1,218,490.84
Dust & Dirt, LLC dba CivCon	\$1,247,276.50
Guerra Underground, LLC	\$1,493,165.61
Spiess Construction Co, Inc	\$1,571,634.00

### 2. Bid Evaluation Matrix – Competitive Sealed Proposal (25-0049)

Bidder Evaluation Matrix								
Item	Criteria	Possible Points	R.L. Jones LP	E-Z Bel Construction Co, LLC	Spiess Construction Co, Inc	Lupe Rubio Construction Co, Inc	Dust & Dirt, LLC dba CivCon	Guerra Underground, LLC
1.	Cost of the Work	50	50	45.9	34.4	44.4	43.4	36.3
2.	Proposed Schedule / Contract Time	20	12	10.67	12	0	0	0
3.	Past Performance	10	5.67	7	6	4.34	0	0
4.	Overall Qualifications	7.5	4.5	6	5.5	3.5	0.5	0
5.	Resources	7.5	4.25	4.5	4.5	3.75	0.75	0
6.	History and Stability	2.5	1.42	1.25	1.5	1.17	0.67	0.33
7.	References	2.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.33	0	0
	Total Score	100	79.34	76.82	65.4	58.49	45.32	36.63
	Rank		1	2	3	4	5	6

### 3. Construction Contract with R. L. Jones