



Meeting Date: August 27, 2026 **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

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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 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Replacement Package 2 Project Located at Simon Avenue, Seele Street, Samuels Avenue, Seele Alley, Hill Avenue, and Interstate Highway 35 Northbound Frontage Road

BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2026, New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) issued a request for bids for the Infrastructure Replacement Package 2 Project (the “Project”), which includes the following items within its scope: (i) construction of approximately 2,200 linear feet (“LF”) of 6-inch to 8-inch water main and approximately 2,700 LF of 6-inch to 8-inch wastewater main along Simon Avenue, Seele Street, Samuels Avenue, Seele Alley, along a drainage channel between Braddock Avenue and Hill Avenue, and along the IH 35 Northbound Frontage Road at the FM 725 intersection; (ii) removal or abandonment of existing water mains and existing wastewater manholes and mains; (iii) stormwater pollution prevention; (iv) traffic control; (v) site restoration; and (vi) all other appurtenances necessary to complete the Project. The Project will replace aging water and wastewater infrastructure that has reached the end of its service life.

On May 21, 2026, NBU received eight (8) 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’ proposal includes a base bid of \$2,169,294.00.

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

The total financial impact of the Contract with R.L. Jones for the Project is \$2,169,294.00. The Project is budgeted within the Fiscal Year 2027 through Fiscal Year 2028 NBU Board approved Capital Improvements Projects Budget. Anticipating the need for Project change orders, a contract contingency in the amount of \$215,000.00, which is approximately 10% of the total contract amount, will be added to the Project construction budget. The total Contract amount plus contingency is \$2,384,294.00.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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EXHIBITS

1. Construction Contract with R.L. Jones
2. Bid Tabulation – (RFB 26-0022A)

Bid Tabulation (RFB 26-0022A)		
1	Capital Excavation	\$4,476,443.10
2	EZ-Bel Construction	\$4,229,943.75
3	Guerra Underground, L.L.C.	\$3,253,191.22
4	Pesado Construction Company, Inc.	\$3,186,267.00
5	Qro Mex Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,882,092.00
6	R.L. Jones, L.P.	\$2,169,294.00
7	Skyblue Utilities, Inc.	\$2,752,112.33
8	Spiess Construction Co., Inc.	\$4,068,062.00

3. Bid Evaluation Matrix – Competitive Sealed Proposal (RFB 26-0022A)

Bid Evaluation Matrix									
Item	Criteria	Capital Excavation	EZBel Construction	Guerra Underground, L.L.C.	Pesado Construction Company, Inc.	Qro Mex Construction Co., Inc.	R.L. Jones, L.P.	Skyblue Utilities, Inc.	Spiess Construction Co., Inc.
1.	The Cost of the Work	24.2	25.6	33.3	34	37.6	50	39.4	26.7
2.	Proposed Schedule / Contract Time	11.2	8	12	14	12	8	10	10
3.	Past Performance on Similar Projects	6	5	6	7	7	4	4	6
4.	Overall Qualifications, Reputation, Past Relationship with NBU and Public Owners	7	5	6	7	7	5	3	9
5.	Available Resources to Complete Project	3	3	3.5	3.5	3	1.8	3	3.5
6.	Contractor's Corporate History and Stability	1.5	0.65	1.5	1	1.25	1.5	0	1.5
7.	References	1.5	.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
	Total Score	54.23	47.77	63.84	68.04	69.38	71.75	60.91	58.16