



Meeting Date: September 22, 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 Viking Painting LLC for the Construction of the Water Tank Rehabilitation Phase 2 – Newks Elevated Storage Tank Project in the Amount of \$1,393,700.00 Plus a \$140,000.00 Contingency for a Total Budgeted Amount Not to Exceed \$1,533,700.00

BACKGROUND

On July 2, 2026, New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) issued a request for bids for the Water Tank Rehabilitation Phase 2 – Newks Elevated Storage Tank Project (the “Project”), which includes the following items within its scope: (i) full rehabilitation of the interior and exterior coating systems, including structural repairs and appurtenance replacement for the existing Newks 0.50 million gallon (“MG”) composite elevated storage tank; (ii) civil site improvements including driveway overlay, overflow splash pad, altitude valve, gates, and fencing; (iii) electrical and instrumentation improvements and heat tracing; (iv) storm water pollution prevention plan; (v) site restoration; and (vi) all other appurtenances necessary to complete the Project. The Project will rehabilitate and replace aging infrastructure that has reached or exceeded its useful life, as well as improve facility access and operations.

On July 21, 2026, NBU received two (2) bids for the Project during the public bidding process. The Project team evaluated the bids and recommends the selection of Viking Painting LLC (“Viking Painting”) for the Project. Viking Painting 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. Viking Painting’s proposal includes a base bid (plus add/alternates) of \$1,393,700.00, which was the lowest base bid out of the two (2) respondents.

NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Construction Contract Agreement (the “Contract”) with Viking Painting 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 Viking Painting for the Project is \$1,393,700.00. The Project is budgeted within the Fiscal Year 2027 NBU Board approved Capital Improvements Projects Budget. Anticipating the need for Project change orders, a contract contingency in the amount of \$140,000.00, which is approximately 10% of the total contract amount, will be added to the Project construction budget. The total Contract amount plus contingency is \$1,533,700.00.

The Project may be selected by the Texas Water Development Board (“TWDB”) under the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants (“WSIG”) program. NBU submitted an application for consideration under the WSIG in July 2026 and is currently awaiting determination. If selected, the Project would be funded by the TWDB, with no repayment required. In the absence of approval within the WSIG program, the Project will be rate funded.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Customers and Community

Infrastructure and Technology

Safety and Security

EXHIBITS

1. Construction Contract with Viking Painting

2. Bid Tabulation – (RFB 26-0132A)

Bid Tabulation (RFB 26-0132A)		
1.	Viking Painting LLC	\$1,393,700.00
2.	Blastco Texas, Inc.	\$1,495,010.00

3. Bid Evaluation Matrix – Competitive Sealed Proposal (26-0132A)

Bid Evaluation Matrix			
Item	Criteria	Viking Painting LLC	Blastco Texas, Inc.
1.	Cost of the Work	50.0	46.6
2.	Proposed Schedule / Contract Time	15.0	0.0
3.	Overall Qualifications, Reputation, Past Relationship with NBU, and Public Owners	7.0	5.0
4.	Past Performance on Similar Projects	2.5	3.0
5.	Available Resources to Complete the Project	1.5	1.0
6.	The Contractor's Corporate History and Stability	1.3	0.3
	Total Score	77.3	55.9