

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025 Agenda Type: Consent Items for Action

From: Adam Willard, P.E. Reviewed by: Michael Short, P.E.

Chief Engineer of Water Director of Engineering

Systems

**Submitted by:** Mark Steelman **Approved by:** Ryan Kelso

Chief Operations Officer Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize the CEO or His Designee to Approve Additional

Construction Contract Contingency with Capital Excavation Company in the Amount of \$350,000.00 for the Construction of the Goodwin/Conrads Adjustments Project Joint Bid with the City of

New Braunfels

## **BACKGROUND**

On December 12, 2024, the New Braunfels Utilities ("NBU") Board of Trustees approved the utility portion of a construction contract with Capital Excavation Company ("Cap Ex") for the construction of the Goodwin/Conrads Adjustments project, which includes sewer line adjustments, sewer manhole installations, waterline adjustments, and waterline valve adjustments joint bid with the City of New Braunfels ("CONB's") roadway widening and drainage project (the "Project"). The Project will coordinate and resolve conflicts between water and sewer facilities and the CONB's roadway work in the area.

Anticipating project change orders, the NBU Board approved an initial contingency of \$200,000.00 with the original construction contract. Since its approval, the Project has required that NBU use \$12,099.50 of the initial contingency amount for the installation of an additional valve to reduce customer interruptions.

CONB and NBU have since identified the need to relocate a portion of the existing 12" waterline due to elevation conflicts with the proposed roadway work along Conrads Lane and will be upsizing a portion of the waterline to a 16" diameter to accommodate future growth in the Kohlenberg pressure zone. NBU staff estimates \$350,000.00 will cover anticipated costs for this work and any remaining unforeseen issues to complete the Project.

To mitigate overall project delays, NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the additional \$350,000.00 in construction contract contingency with Cap Ex for the Project. All contract change orders will be presented to the Board through the monthly change order log.

This item is being presented to the Board because it modifies a previously Board approved contract.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

On December 9, 2024, the CONB approved the construction contract in the amount of \$22,817,977.14 for the roadway and drainage portion of the project. On December 12, 2024, the NBU Board approved NBU's portion of the construction contract, including the initial contingency, in the amount of \$2,183,569.80 for the utility construction of the Project. NBU has since processed one change order in the amount of \$12,099.50. The combined amount of the construction contract and the one change order is \$1,995,669.30.

Adding the additional \$350,000 will bring the total available contingency to \$550,000 or 2.3% of the total original contract amount. The total NBU contract amount of \$1,983,569.80, with the original contingency of \$200,000, and the additional requested contingency of \$350,000.00, totals \$2,533,569.80.

## LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

**Infrastructure and Technology** 

**Stewardship** 

## **EXHIBITS**

1. Exhibit A - Board Write-up from December 12, 2024