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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Contract with Harper Brothers Construction, LLC for the Construction of the 24-Inch McQueeney Road Water Line Project

BACKGROUND

On February 21, 2021, New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) issued a request for bids for the 24-Inch McQueeney Road Water Line Project, which includes installation of approximately 8,300 linear feet (“LF”) of new 24-inch ductile iron water line (the “Project”). The Project will also provide additional transmission capacity to serve existing customers and future growth in the Downtown Pressure Zone.

NBU received fourteen (14) bids on March 19, 2021, for the Project during the public bidding process. The Project team evaluated the bids and recommends the selection of Harper Brothers Construction, LLC (“Harper Brothers”) for the Project. Harper Brothers was the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$3,901,270.

NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Construction Contract Agreement with Harper Brothers for the Project.

This item is being presented to the Board because the total amount of this contract exceeds \$250,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total construction contract with Harper Brothers for the Project is \$3,901,270. The Project is budgeted within the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2022 NBU Board approved Capital Improvements Projects Budget. Anticipating the need for project change orders, a contract contingency in the amount of \$200,000, which is roughly 5% of the contract amount, is being added to the project construction budget. The total contract amount plus contingency equals \$4,101,270.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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EXHIBITS

1. Construction Contract with Harper Brothers
2. Letter of Recommendation from Plummer and Associates