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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize Interim CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperative Contract with Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC for the Replacement of Servers Within the Consolidated VxRail Cluster and the Backup System

BACKGROUND

New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) currently has a clustered VxRail system containing all virtual servers, including domain controllers, application servers, and data storage. The VxRail environment and backup solution was initially purchased in December 2019 and deployed in January 2020. To ensure all hardware remains efficient and under manufacturer warranty, the physical servers that make up the backbone of this environment need to be replaced. A current server backup system, IDPA, will also be upgraded to its replacement, Dell Power Protect. These two products through Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC will be combined to take advantage of a bundled discount for both products.

The DIR TSO-4299 with Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC will ensure the reliability of critical information technology systems. NBU’s selection of Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC to enter into this contract through the Texas Department of Information Resources DIR TSO-4299 satisfies the bidding requirements under Texas law.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total amount of the contract is \$592,540. The Power Protect backup service will be in place for a three (3) year period. The amount of \$334,861 is budgeted in our FY24 Capital Equipment budget, and the amount of \$257,679 is budgeted under our FY24 Operation and Maintenance Budget.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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EXHIBITS

1. DIR Cooperative Contract DIR-TSO-4299
2. Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC vendor contract for Server Replacements for VxRail and IDPA
3. Waypoint Business Solutions, LLC AAAQ17629 Quote