



Meeting Date: February 27, 2025 **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

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Chief Engineer of Water Director of Water Services and
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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 E-Z Bel Construction, LLC, in the Amount of \$50,000.00 for the Construction of the Landa Street and Elm Street Water Line Improvements Project

BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2024, the New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) Board of Trustees approved a construction contract with E-Z Bel Construction, LLC (“E-Z Bel”) for the construction of the Landa Street and Elm Street Water Line Improvements Project, which includes approximately 535 linear feet (LF) of new 12-inch water main installed by open cut to connect two existing water lines, including all appurtenances, starting at the entrance to Wurstfest on Landa Street and approximately 8 LF of new 4-inch water line to connect the existing 4-inch line to the existing 8-inch line on Elm Street (the “Project”).

Anticipating project change orders, the NBU Board approved an initial contingency of \$25,000.00 with the original construction contract. Since its approval, the Project has required that NBU use \$19,368.01 of the initial contingency amount for rerouting the water line around concrete structures. NBU staff estimates \$50,000.00 will cover any remaining unforeseen costs that arise to complete the project.

In order not to cause delays during construction, NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the additional \$50,000.00 in construction contract contingency with E-Z Bel for the Project. NBU staff will use the remaining contingency for unknown change orders that are needed as the Project continues. 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

The Board originally approved a construction contract including the initial contingency in the amount of \$524,911.05 for the construction of the Project. NBU has since processed one (1) change order in the amount of \$19,368.01. The combined amount of the construction contract and the one (1) change order is \$519,279.06.

Adding the additional \$50,000.00 will bring the total available contingency to \$75,000.00, or approximately 15% of the original contract amount. The total contract amount of \$499,911.05, with the original contingency of \$25,000.00 and the additional requested contingency of \$50,000.00, totals \$574,911.05.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Infrastructure and Technology

EXHIBITS

1. Board Write-up from December 12, 2024