
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CC MEETING: AUGUST 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM #

DATE: AUGUST 5, 2026

TO: JODY WEAVER, CITY MANAGER
cc: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: WAYNE SHAFFER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CHOCOLATE BAYOU SHORELINE STABILIZATION

BACKGROUND:

There is an 8" water main that runs along Marshall Rd and turns along Chocolate Bayou and continues to Hahn Rd. Erosion along Chocolate Bayou has exposed this water main, creating the potential for failure and possible contamination of the water system if not covered and stabilized.

The project was engineered by Urban Engineering and advertised for bid with sealed bids due on July 8th, 2026, at 2:30 pm. The project consists of placing and compacting imported clay fill along the slope to cover the existing water main, then topping it with geotextile fabric and riprap. The County has a stockpile of broken concrete at the recycle center that they have agreed to donate for this project. **Because we do not know exactly how much rip rap is in that pile or how much of it is usable**, UE chose to create an alternate bid to use 18" diameter crushed limestone as an alternative at a per ton unit cost.

We fully expect that some crushed limestone will be needed to complete the project, but we do not know that exact quantity. The Alternate bid is the cost if all of the rip rap provided is the specified limestone instead of crushed limestone, so would represent the highest probable construction cost.

We received 3 bids with the total bid amounts, including add alternates, range from \$436,375.00 to \$ 592,275.00

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: We budgeted \$150,000 in CIP for FY26. However, we have funds available in CIP for the 12" waterline connecting the elevated storage tanks that won't be used that will cover the shortfall.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY: This project will protect our infrastructure and prevent any further erosion of the shoreline.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff & Urban Engineering recommends that the contract for the aforementioned project be awarded to Lester Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$436,375.00 for the Total Base Bid Plus Alternate Bid No. 1.

ATTACHMENTS: Bid tabulation, Letter of recommendation.