

To: Chairman Board and members of the Public Works Commission
From: Peter Hartz – Water Systems Manager

January 7, 2025

Re: January 14, 2025, Public Works Commission agenda item

Water Systems:

Review and take possible action: Award Solar Panel Project for WWTP to Eagle Point Solar for \$886,050

Background: The Wastewater Department publicly opened bids for the Solar Panel Project on Friday December 20, 2024, at 11:00 AM in the WWTP conference room. Six (6) bids were received, a bid summary and bid tabulation are included with this memo for review. The Wastewater Department is recommending awarding the bid to Eagle Point Solar.

Financial Impact: This project was included in the 2025 capital improvement budget that was approved on 11/19/2024, the budget estimate was \$300,000. Based on Watertown receiving an investment tax credit of 30% and a Focus on Energy solar panel incentive of \$50/kW, the final total to the city would be \$595,485. Applying the DOE grant to this amount, the final payment for the city would be around \$297,742.50, so the work being awarded is within the approved 2025 budget in account # 02-97-30-12.

Recommendation: Award Solar Panel Project for WWTP to Eagle Point Solar for \$886,050

Sincerely,
Peter Hartz

Water Systems Manager