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TO: Honorable County Commissioners
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Jess L. Greenwood, Public Works Director

RE: 19 March 2024 County Board Meeting – CONSENT AGENDA
Award 2024 Spring Box Culverts Contract – S.A.P. 025-599-134 & 025-599-136

Date: 14 March 2024

Summary

It is requested that the County Board award the 2024 spring box culverts contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Background

Bids for the contract were opened on March 5, 2024. The contract consists of the installation of two box culverts:

Replace L0624 in Wanamingo Township with 25K08
Replace L0618 in Featherstone Township with 25K09

Six bids were received. The lowest bid was from Schumacher Excavating, Inc. at \$439,350.47, which is 34.11% under the engineer's estimate. Several lump sum bid items, including mobilization, bridge removal, and temporary stream diversion, came in under what was estimated. Bid prices for these items are difficult to estimate being they depend on the proximity of the contractor to the project site, their capabilities/specialties, etc.

Alternatives

- Award the work to the lowest responsible bidder.
- Award to another bidder.
- Reject all bids.

Recommendations

It is the recommendation of staff to award the construction contract for the 2024 spring box culverts to Schumacher Excavating, Inc. from Zumbrota, MN with the lowest responsible bid of \$439,350.47; additionally, staff is requesting change order authority in an amount not to exceed available funding.

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Abstract of Bids

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> | <u>%over/under estimate</u> | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Schumacher Excavating, Inc. | \$439,350.47 | 34.11% | UNDER |
| Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking | \$447,590.20 | 32.87% | UNDER |
| Elcor Construction, Inc. | \$514,955.00 | 22.77% | UNDER |
| Minnowa Construction, Inc. | \$535,149.35 | 19.74% | UNDER |
| Midwest Contracting, LLC | \$547,115.00 | 17.95% | UNDER |
| A-1 Excavating, Inc. | \$616,202.00 | 7.58% | UNDER |

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

19 March 2024

Moved by C/_____, seconded by C/_____ and carried to approve the award of bid for the 2024 Spring Box Culvert Contract to Fitzgerald Excavating of Zumbrota, MN based on their low bid of \$439,350.47; and to authorize staff change order authority for amounts that do not exceed available funding.

State of Minnesota
County of Goodhue

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| Flanders | Yes | ___ | No | ___ |
| Anderson | Yes | ___ | No | ___ |
| Betcher | Yes | ___ | No | ___ |
| Majerus | Yes | ___ | No | ___ |
| Greseth | Yes | ___ | No | ___ |

I, Scott Arneson, duly appointed, qualified and County Administrator of the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota at their session held on the 19th day of March, 2024, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Red Wing, Minnesota this 19th day of March, 2024.

Scott Arneson
County Administrator