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TO: Honorable County Commissioners
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Jess L. Greenwood, Public Works Director

RE: 07 May 2024 County Board Meeting – CONSENT AGENDA
Award 2024 Fall Box Culverts Contract – S.A.P. 025-599-132 et al.

Date: 1 May 2024

Summary

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

Background

Bids for the contract were opened on April 30, 2024. The contract consists of the installation of three box culverts:

Replace L8937 in Holden Township with 25K04
Replace L0574 in Florence Township with 25K02
Replace L0701 in Zumbrota Township with 25K03

Six bids were received. The lowest bid was from Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking at \$686,613.50, which is 43.4% under the engineer's estimate. The unit prices for the box culverts came in under what was estimated, which has been a recent trend. In addition, the lump sum price for mobilization came in under what was estimated. Bid prices for items such as these 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 fall box culverts to Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking from Goodhue, MN with the lowest responsible bid of \$686,613.50; 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>	
Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking	\$686,613.50	43.43%	UNDER
Minnowa Construction, Inc.	\$839,135.15	30.86%	UNDER
Schumacher Excavating, Inc.	\$863,668.92	28.84%	UNDER
Midwest Contracting, LLC	\$903,748.70	25.54%	UNDER
ICON, LLC	\$987,261.62	18.66%	UNDER
Northland Grading and Excavating	\$1,117,324.10	7.94%	UNDER

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

07 May 2024

Moved by C/_____, seconded by C/_____ and carried to approve the award of bid for the 2024 Fall Box Culvert Contract to Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking of Goodhue, MN based on their low bid of \$686,613.50; and to authorize staff change order authority for amounts that do not exceed available funding.

State of Minnesota
County of Goodhue

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 7th day of May, 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 7th day of May, 2024.

Scott Arneson
County Administrator