



LINN COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023, BOARD MEETING

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Linn County, Iowa, Conservation Board held on MARCH 6, 2023, at Wickiup Hill Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Road, Toddville, IA 52341.

Board Members Present

Steve Emerson, Brent Oleson, George Kanz, Kendal Hausmann, Cindy Burke
All Board members joined the meeting by phone.
Cindy Burke was disconnected from the conference call at 12:08 PM.

Board Members Absent

None.

Staff Present

Dennis Goemaat, Executive Director; Daniel Gibbins, Deputy Director; Randy Burke, Planner; Ted Doscher, Planner

Others Present

None.

Call To Order

President Emerson called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Public Comment

None.

ITEM R1. Discuss and decide regarding awarding a bid and authorizing staff to sign a contract for construction of a segment of the Morgan Creek Trail from Morgan Creek Park to Covington, Project #11-20

Randy Burke reviewed bids received for construction of a segment of the Morgan Creek Trail from Morgan Creek Park to Covington, Project #11-20. Goemaat noted a grant would cover about 80% of the project with the remaining 20% from the Department. The low bid of \$1,474,054.40 was received from Peterson Contractors Inc. Bids received by the IDOT were as follows:

Bidder	Bid Received
Peterson Contractors Inc.	\$1,474,054.40
Pelling , L.L. Co., Inc.	\$1,573,516.94
TSCHIGGFRIE Excavating Co.	\$1,600,645.42
Midwest Concrete Inc.	\$1,660,032.59
PIRC-TOBIN Construction Inc.	\$1,690,436.42

Motion by Kanz, second by Burke

To approve the low bid of \$1,474,054.40 from Peterson Contractors INC. and authorize staff to sign the contract.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: none

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ITEM R2. Discuss and decide regarding awarding a bid and authorizing staff to sign a contract for construction of a segment of the Morgan Creek Trail from 42nd Street to the Cedar River, Project #8-19.

Randy Burke reviewed bids received for construction of a segment of the Morgan Creek Trail from 42nd Street to the Cedar River, Project #8-19, and recommended rejection of the bids due to the low bid being significantly over estimate. Cindy Burke asked why the bids were so far over estimate. Randy Burke discussed some design elements that could have impacted bids and noted there were some elements that could be value engineered or eliminated for a second bid package. Emerson noted concurrence to rebid with design options that would likely reduce the overall cost with a second bid. Bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Bid Received
TSCHIGGFRIE Excavating Co.	\$2,127,564.50
Midwest Concrete Inc.	\$2,153,160.80
Vieth Construction Corp.	\$2,247,314.74
Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete, LLC.	\$3,108,662.45

Cindy Burke was disconnected from the conference call at 12:08 PM.

Motion by Kanz, second by Oleson

To reject bids and authorize staff to work with the engineer on design changes and to rebid the project through the IDOT.

Vote: aye: all present
 nay: none
 absent: Burke

ITEM R3. Public comment

None.

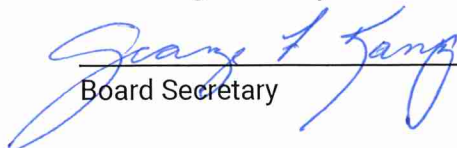
ITEM R4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM. Daniel Gibbins typed the above minutes.

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