

DRAINAGE MEETING
JOINT DISTRICT HAMILTON #105-STORY #1
MAY 10, 2022

The Drainage District Trustees of Hamilton and Story Counties met via Zoom in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider awarding a contract for the open drainage ditch repair project in Joint Drainage District Hamilton #105-Story #1, Story County controlling. Members present were Latifah Faisal, chair, Linda Murken, and Lisa Heddens from Story County and Rick Young, Jerry Kloberdanz, and Dan Campidilli from Hamilton County. Also present were Story County Communications and Social Media Intern Bryce Garman and Drainage Clerk Scott Wall and, from Bolton and Menk, Inc., Drainage Engineer Tyler Conley.

Faisal called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Murken moved, seconded by Kloberdanz, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Conley reviewed the bid summary (attached) prepared by Bolton and Menk. Three bids were received and opened last Thursday, May 5. Bids included Division 1, tree removal and ditch repair, and Division 2, seeding. Division 2 had three alternates – Alternate A, conventional seed mix, B, native seed mix, and division C, native seed mix provided by Story County Conservation. The difference between Alternates A and B is about \$15,000 on the low bidder due to the higher cost of the native seed. Conley noted that the low bidder may not have understood the divisions since their bid was higher for Alternate C while the other two bidders were lower as would be expected. Because of this he would not recommend that the trustees select Larson with Alternate C.

Murken asked if Conley had checked with Conservation on whether they would be able to supply the seed?

Conley had received an email from Conservation stating they had gotten quotes on a seed mix. He asked if the intent was to use that mix on this project and has not had a reply.

Heddens asked if Conley had followed up with Larson on the reason for Alternate C being so high.

Conley said he had not. Because the bids have been received he is concerned about the legality of going back and potentially asking for a change to one of those bids. The appropriateness of that would be a question for legal counsel. It would be nice to go back at some point and ask what the reasoning was behind that part of the bid so we can be clearer if future bids have a similar structure.

Conley recommended that the Trustees award the Contract to Larson Contracting Central, LLC for Division 1 with either Division 2, Alternate A or B depending on the trustees' preference for seed type.

Murken asked if we could award Alternate B to Larson then approach them about lowering their bid on Alternate C if Story County Conservation provides the seed.

Conley repeated that would be a question for legal counsel. Before anyone asks he does not recommend trying to use Larson for Division 1 and one of the other bidders for Division 2.

Young concurred that we should stay with a single contractor.

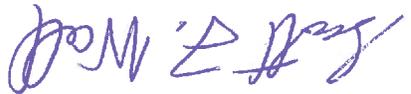
Murken said it was not her intent to split the project between contractors.

Conley said he understood that but had wanted to head off the potential for that possibility being brought up. Since we now know what all of the bid numbers are he thinks there would be a legal issue with requesting a change to any of those numbers.

Murken moved, seconded by Kloberdanz, to award the Hamilton #105-Story #1 Open Ditch Repair Project to Larson Contracting Central, LLC, Lake Mills, IA and to direct them to use Alternate B for the Division 2 work. MCU.

Kloberdanz moved, seconded by Heddens, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott T. Wall



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May 10, 2022

Story & Hamilton Counties Joint Drainage District Trustees
Story County Administration Building
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RE: Main Open Ditch Repair
Joint Drainage District No. 1
Story & Hamilton Counties, Iowa
Project No.: OP1.123169

Dear Story & Hamilton Counties Joint Drainage District Trustees:

At 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2022 bids were received for the Story & Hamilton Counties, Iowa Joint Drainage District No. 1 Main Open Ditch Repair project. The Engineer's Estimate for the base bid of the project was broken up by Division 1 and Division 2 with Alternates A, B, or C. The total base bid for Division 1 & Division 2 Alternate A was \$449,875.00, Division 1 & Division 2 Alternate B was \$462,850.00, and Division 1 & Division 2 Alternate C was \$410,950.00. Three (3) bids were received, all bidders were responsive. The bids submitted are summarized as follows:

Bidder	Division 1	Division 2 – Alt. A	Division 2 – Alt. B	Division 2 – Alt. C
Larson Contracting Central, LLC. <i>Lake Mills, Iowa</i>	\$311,126.93	\$58,854.60	\$73,570.85	\$76,510.98
Division 1 & Division 2 Totals		\$369,981.53	\$384,697.78	\$387,637.91
Anderson Drainage & Excavating, LLC. <i>Rutland, Iowa</i>	\$403,197.50	\$64,875.00	\$77,850.00	\$51,900.00
Division 1 & Division 2 Totals		\$468,072.50	\$481,197.50 \$481,047.50	\$455,097.50
Reutzel Excavating, Inc. <i>Burt, Iowa</i>	\$415,850.00	\$57,090.00	\$73,957.50	\$37,627.50
Division 1 & Division 2 Totals		\$472,940.00	\$489,807.50	\$453,477.50
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$385,000.00</i>	<i>\$64,875.00</i>	<i>77,850.00</i>	<i>\$25,950.00</i>
Division 1 & Division 2 Totals		\$449,875.00	\$462,850.00	\$410,950.00

The bid received from Low Bidder was determined to be the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Bolton & Menk, Inc. has reviewed the bid documents submitted and checked references on this bidder, and was satisfied with responses given.

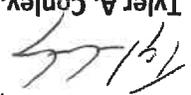
Therefore, Bolton & Menk, Inc. recommends award of the Story & Hamilton Counties, Iowa Joint Drainage District No. 1 Main Open Ditch Repair project to Larson Contracting Central, LLC, for the amount specified in the Trustees desired combination of divisions and alternates.

The bid tabulation is attached for your use.

Feel free to contact me should there be any questions related to this project.

Sincerely,

Bolton & Menk, Inc.



Tyler A. Conley, P.E.

Project Engineer

Encl: Bid Tabulation

Larson Contracting Project Experience

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Larson Contracting Central LLC

Project Experience

The following are a few Drainage Ditch cleaning Projects Larson Contracting has completed recently:

- Winnebago County DD 11 clean – Direct with County 2022
- Kossuth County DD 82 clean – Jacobson-Westergard Engineers 2021
- Winnebago County DD 1 clean – Direct with County 2020
- Jackson County MN DD3 – ISG Group 2019
- City of Lake Mills Ditch Clean – Direct with City 2019
- Winnebago & Kossuth Counties JDD 68-136 - Jacobson-Westergard Engineers 2019
- Winnebago County DD 5 clean – Direct with County 2019
- Hancock County DD 1,2 & 38 clean – ISG Group 2017
- Hancock County DD 10 Tile Repair – ISG Group 2017
- Winnebago County DD 1 lat 2 clean – Jacobson-Westergard Engineers 2017
- Hancock/Winnebago/Worth Counties JDD 54-52-17 Clean – WHKS 2017
- Winnebago/Worth Counties JDD 2-3 Clean – WHKS 2016
- Winnebago County DD 5 clean – V & K Engineers 2016
- Hancock County DD 15 clean – McClure Engineering 2015
- Winnebago & Kossuth Counties JDD 35-89 clean – V & K Engineers 2015

Larson Contracting has worked with Bolton & Menk previously on other civil related projects over the years and look forward to working with you on the Story -Hamilton Counties JDD 1 project. Thank you

TABULATION OF BIDS
 Thursday, May 5, 2022
 BMI Project No.: 0P1.123169



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Joint Drainage District No. 1
Main Open Ditch Repair
Story & Hamilton Counties, Iowa

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Line No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Larson Contracting Central, LLC		Anderson Drainage & Excavating, LLC		Reutzel Excavating, Inc.		Engineers Estimate	
				Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount
DIVISION 2 -- Alternate C -- Main Open Ditch Repair											
401	Seeding, Fertilizing, and Mulching for Hydraulic Seeding (Fertilizing, Mulching and Mixed Application Only. Native Grass and Forbs	STA	259.5	\$294.84	\$76,510.98	\$200.00	\$51,900.00	\$145.00	\$37,627.50	\$100.00	\$25,950.00
	SUBTOTAL DIVISION 2 -- ALTERNATE C:				\$76,510.98		\$51,900.00		\$37,627.50		\$25,950.00
	TOTAL BID -- DIVISION 1 & DIVISION 2 -- ALTERNATE A:				\$369,981.53		\$468,072.50		\$472,940.00		\$449,875.00
	TOTAL BID -- DIVISION 1 & DIVISION 2 -- ALTERNATE B:				\$384,697.78		\$481,047.50		\$489,807.50		\$462,850.00
	TOTAL BID -- DIVISION 1 & DIVISION 2 -- ALTERNATE C:				\$387,637.91		\$455,097.50		\$453,477.50		\$410,950.00

* Denotes Math Error

* Bids will be considered on May 10, 2022