



AGENDA
BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APRIL 15, 2026
5:00 p.m.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ROLL CALL**
- 3) PROPOSED AGENDA**
- 4) BUSINESS**
 - 4A. Discuss Re-establishment of the Police K9 Program
 - 4B. 2026 Street and Utility Improvement Project No. ST2026-1 Scope Review
 - 4C. Discuss Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project Recommendation
 - 4D. 2026 Street Patching and Sealcoat Discussion
 - 4E. Discuss Water Meter Exchange Program – Water Service Shut Offs
 - 4F. Future MNDOT Highway 10 Project Update
- 5) ADJOURN**

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WORKSHOP ITEM

Big Lake City Council

Prepared By: <i>Guy Chaffee, Police Sergeant</i>	Meeting Date: <i>4/15/2026</i>	Item No. 4A
Item Description: <i>Discuss Re-establishment of the Police K9 Program</i>	Reviewed By: <i>Hanna Klimmek, City Administrator</i>	
	Reviewed By: <i>Sam Olson, Chief of Police, and Deb Wegeleben, Finance Director</i>	

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Staff requests Council provide direction on the re-establishment of the Police K9 Program.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Big Lake Police Department is in the process of exploring re-establishment of the Police K9 Program. The purpose of this discussion is to determine if there is Council interest in proceeding with this project. The department had a canine program up until 2022 with the passing of K9 Bruno.

When K9 Bruno passed away, the community came together and helped raise money to get another K9 for our department. Money was raised to purchase a new K9 squad. This squad is currently equipped with everything needed as a K9 squad but is being utilized as a patrol vehicle.

Our region continues to see strong activity in narcotic activity. Our officers are very active in seeking these types of violations on traffic stops. K9 Bruno was deployed many times, and was a great resource to ensure a thorough search of suspect vehicles was undertaken. The re-establishment of the K9 program would bring back efficiency to the many traffic stops our Big Lake Officers conduct and would assist in limiting the time spent on these types of stops.

We also continue to see calls for service involving missing and vulnerable individuals. Often a K9 is used to track and locate these individuals.

A K9 is also useful for conducting building searches for alarm, burglary and open-door calls. A major benefit to having a K9 assist with this is officer safety. With the fast-growing pace of business and the size of the buildings in the Big Lake Industrial Park, a K9 can assist in cutting down the time clearing these types of large businesses and calls for service.

Finally, a canine unit is an incredible community policing tool. A police canine quickly becomes the star of any department who is fortunate enough to have one. Currently, the Big Lake Police Department utilizes canine units from neighboring agencies. Re-establishing the K9 program would allow us to be a regional partner in this type of program and provide a valuable resource for our officers and our community.

The Big Lake Police Department currently has the following K9 equipment on hand:

- 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe (fully equipped for a K9)
- Outside K9 kennel (will need misc. hardware to complete)
- Indoor kennel
- Tracking equipment such as E-collar, ballistic vest, tracking harness, and misc. leeds
- K9 Med Kit
- Grooming Supplies
- Training supplies
- DEA Narcotic Training Kit

With Council consent, the Big Lake Police Department would actively reach out to charitable organizations for donations to offset costs for the care of the K9 for items such as food, grooming, boarding (as needed) and other miscellaneous necessary items.

Medical costs will be at no cost to the City of Big Lake as Granite City Pet Hospital provides care for area Police K9 programs at no cost.

As of February 27, 2026, it has been confirmed there is a designated fund for the K9 program that consists of \$39,156.94. On February 12, 2026, the Big Lake Police Department received an estimate from Performance Kennels Inc. for the cost of a Patrol K9 dog and 12-week combined detector/patrol training course for the cost of \$21,525.00 (see attachment) leaving \$17,631.94 in the K9 program fund for additional training and miscellaneous approved items.

If the council decides to move forward with the K9 program, we also have the option of turning Chief Olson's vehicle into the K9 squad. That vehicle currently only has 35,000 miles on it. It is the same year as our current K9 squad, and everything will fit. There would be a small cost switching equipment over, but this option would extend the life of the K9 squad. Chief Olson would then take the former K9 squad.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact will be one Officer going from Officer Pay Grade 14 to K9 Officer Pay Grade 15, off duty K9 Care Pay of a half-hour of overtime pay on days off, which averages three-hours of overtime pay per pay period.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council discuss and provide direction on the re-establishment of the Big Lake Police K9 Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Estimate from Performance Kennels Inc.

ESTIMATE

Performance Kennels Inc
5455 Edmonson Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

performancekennels@gmail.com
612-916-1161
www.performancekennels.com



Bill to
Big Lake Police Department
790 Minnesota Ave E
Big Lake, MN 55309

Ship to
Big Lake Police Department
790 Minnesota Ave E
Big Lake, MN 55309

Estimate details

Estimate no.: 1052
Estimate date: 02/12/2026
Expiration date: 05/12/2026

#	Date	Product or service	SKU	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		Patrol dog		Imported green GSD or GSD / Malinois cross suitable for dual purpose patrol / detection training	1	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
2.		Combined detector/patrol course		12 week basic detection and patrol dog and handler course	1	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
3.		Tariffs		Import tariffs on goods imported into the U.S. from the European Union	1	\$525.00	\$525.00

Total \$21,525.00

Expiry date 05/12/2026

Accepted date Accepted by



WORKSHOP ITEM

Big Lake City Council

Prepared By: <i>Layne Otteson P.E., City Engineer</i> ENG26-022	Meeting Date: <i>4/15/2026</i>	Item No. 4B
Item Description: <i>2026 Street and Utility Improvement Project No. ST2026-1 Scope Review</i>	Reviewed By: <i>Hanna Klimmek, City Administrator</i>	
	Reviewed By: <i>Deb Wegeleben, Finance Director</i>	

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Discuss Minnesota Avenue segment length options and select option to approve at the Regular Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City was notified we were not awarded a grant through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) from MnDOT. The application requested \$1.4 million in funding. On March 18th, the Council approved final plans which included constructing full length Minnesota Avenue from County Road 43 to 180th Street. There are 2 options for Minnesota Avenue to consider which significantly impact the City's CIP Street Fund 196.

Minnesota Avenue Options

Option 1 – Full length segment (CR 43 to 180th Street)

This option moves forward with previously approved plans which included constructing the full segment at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million dollars and using CIP Funds for street, water and sanitary. This has a great impact to the CIP Street Fund 196. This year's annual street maintenance transfer and existing CIP balance fund this one segment of roadway. With Street CIP at near zero dollars, this year's planned sealcoat will not take place without a transfer. In 2027, sealcoating or resurfacing will be limited to transfer amount from the General Fund. Next year, we may not be able to respond to unexpected street surface deterioration or identify opportunities for less expensive paving when the cost of oil is low. Without a modest "savings account" for streets, we lose ability to respond to needs and opportunities as they present themselves.

Option 2 – Short segment (550 feet and gravel roadway)

This option builds the required 550 feet (urban) of Minnesota Ave for the Public Safety Facility at an estimated cost of \$800,000 and includes a 20' gravel access road to the east for emergency response to the Industrial Park. The 20' gravel access road is estimated to cost about \$35,000. This option also includes building a larger regional pond to serve east and west segments of Minnesota Avenue which costs more now but provides for substantial savings versus future remobilization, dewatering and expansion. The adjacent landowner (Smith Trust) was supportive of this idea to save money and understands they would be subject to that additional cost before the eastern street segment is built. This option would leave about \$700,000 in the CIP Street Fund 196. I would propose using \$25,000 for street patching and sealcoating. With a street partially built, then reapply this fall for LRIP funding to fund the remaining 720 feet completing the new Minnesota segment. It is possible for the current land owner to sell to a developer whom then builds and pays for the unfinished section of Minnesota Avenue as part of their development.

Public Safety Facility ponding needs

The Public Safety Facility (PSF) needs additional off-site ponding area to meet infiltration and storage capacity. With the Minnesota Avenue pond adjacent to the PSF, expanding the pond is a very cost-effective

opportunity. The representative of the Smith Trust supports regional ponding and recognizes the many benefits for all parties. Minnesota Avenue and the Public Safety Facility requires 1.4 to 1.5 acres of ponding area. Further discussion with representatives will continue following Council approval of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Estimated costs include increased contingency due to recent escalation in oil and fuel prices.

Costs

Option A – Minnesota Ave full segment	\$1,800,000 (est.)
or	
Option B – Minnesota Ave short segment and gravel road	\$800,000 (est.)

<u>172nd Street</u>	<u>\$160,000 (est.)</u>
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Estimated project cost (selected option plus \$160,000 for 172 nd Street) =	\$1,960,000 or \$960,000
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Funding

Option A + 172 nd Street	
Township Reimbursement	\$ 90,000
CIP Fund 196 (street)	\$ 1,545,000
CIP Fund 399 (water)	\$ 175,000
CIP Fund 499 (sanitary)	<u>\$ 150,000</u>
	\$ 1,960,000
Option B + 172 nd Street	
Township Reimbursement	\$ 90,000
CIP Fund 196 (street)	\$ 705,000
CIP Fund 399 (water)	\$ 85,000
CIP Fund 499 (sanitary)	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
	\$ 960,000

Special Assessments – No Change from Previous Plan Approval

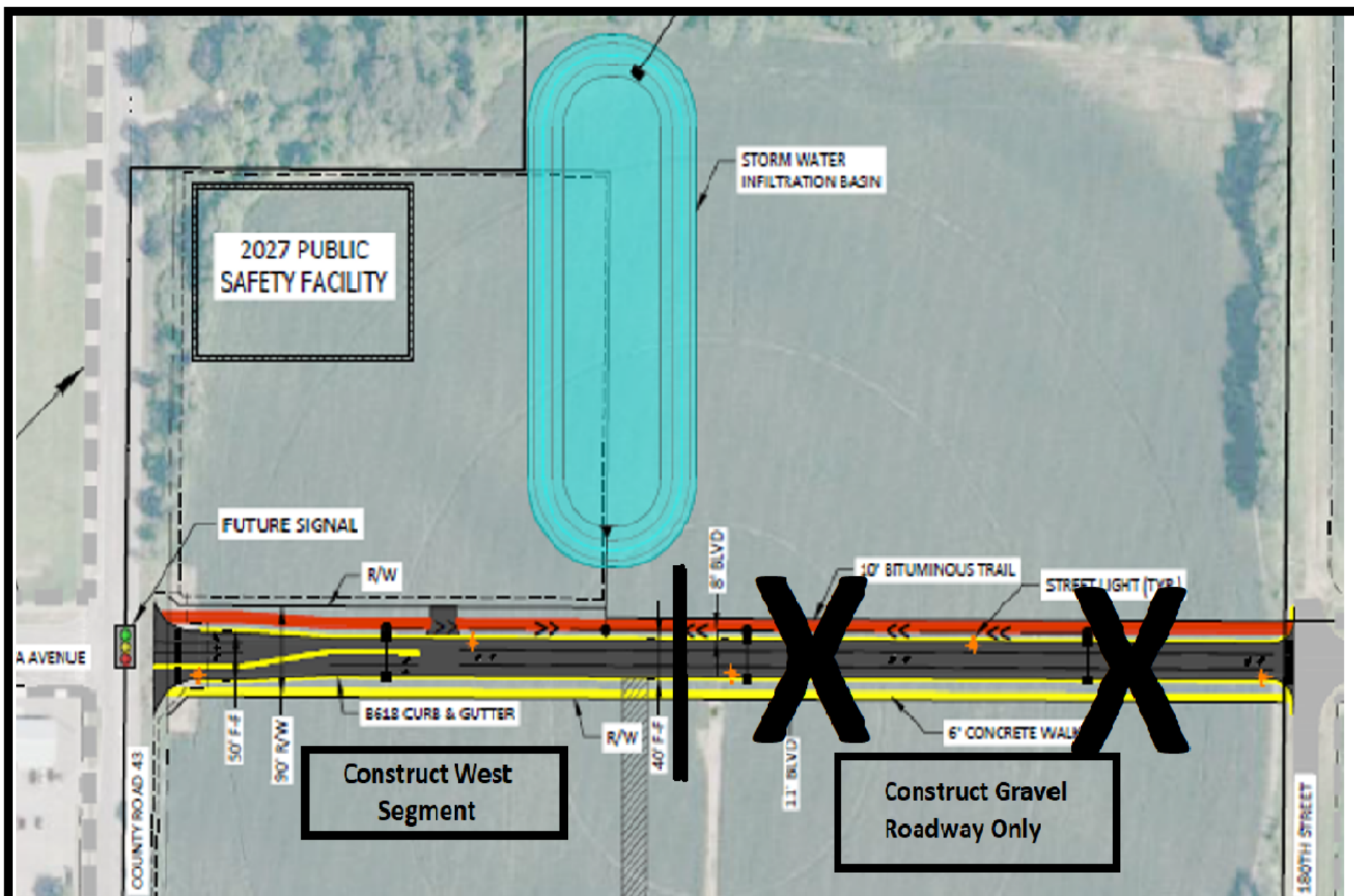
The preliminary special assessment is estimated to be \$30.49 per adjusted front foot for properties on 172nd Street and \$688.90 per adjusted front foot for properties on Minnesota Avenue (CR 43 to 180th Street). All benefitting properties subject to special assessment were listed in the Preliminary Engineering.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Option B in order to provide emergency access to the Industrial Park and allows other street maintenance activities to remain programmed rather than delayed.

ATTACHMENTS

Minnesota Avenue Map



Minnesota Avenue - CR 43 to 180th St.

Figure A



WORKSHOP ITEM

Big Lake City Council

Prepared By: <i>Public Building Planning Committee (Mayor Paul Knier & Councilmember Ken Geroux)</i>	Meeting Date: <i>4/15/2026</i>	Item No. 4C
Item Description: <i>Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project Recommendation</i>	Reviewed By: <i>Dan Childs, Water/Wastewater Superintendent</i>	
	Reviewed By: <i>Hanna Klimmek, City Administrator & Deb Wegeleben, Finance/HR Director</i>	

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss the Public Building Planning Committee's recommendation regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

During the February 18, 2026, City Council Workshop, SEH presented the 30% design deliverable for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project at a high level. The presentation also included an overview of funding progress, potential delivery methods, and anticipated next steps.

Staff requested direction on three items: whether to develop a 30% project cost estimate, whether to proceed to 100% design, and which delivery method to utilize.

The City Council directed the Public Building Planning Committee to review these items and return with a recommendation.

The Public Building Planning Committee met on March 23, 2026 and offers the following recommendations:

- Do not develop a cost estimate at the 30% design stage
- Proceed with advancing the project to 100% design
- Utilize the Construction Manager at Risk delivery method

If the City Council provides consensus to proceed with this approach, staff recommends amending the existing contract for 30% design services. The amendment would include CMAR selection assistance, completion of final design, bidding support, and construction administration services.

After completion and certification of final design, the project will be eligible for consideration as a priority project through the State of Minnesota's Public Facilities Authority loan program. It should be noted, however, that some projects have experienced up to a one-year delay in being placed on the priority list following certification.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- \$2M – SEH Services for CMAR Selection, Final Design, and Bidding Support
- Estimated Range of \$125,000 - \$250,000 for CMAR Preconstruction Fee

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss the Public Building Planning Committee's recommendation regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project and provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A - SEH Memo Outlining Contractual Relationship, SEH Role in Project, and Next Steps
- Attachment B - Memo from October 9, 2024 Council Agenda (Professional Services Agreement with SEH for 30% Design Services)
- Attachment C - Estimated Schedule for CMAR Delivery Method

ATTACHMENT A

SEH Memo Outlining Contractual Relationship, SEH Role in Project, and Next Steps



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hanna Klimmek

FROM: Jessica Hedin, PE (Lic. MN, SD)

DATE: March 25, 2026

RE: Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project - Next Steps
SEH No. BIGLK 181589 14.00

This memo outlines the current contractual relationship between the City of Big Lake and SEH, SEH's role should the City proceed with final design using a CMAR delivery method, and the proposed next steps, including associated planning level costs.

At this time, the City of Big Lake and SEH have two active contracts.

Facility Plan Contract

This contract includes the following services:

- Preparation of the Facility Plan (completed and approved by MPCA).
- Antidegradation Review (completed, with preliminary determination received from MPCA).
- Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) (ongoing and dependent on completion of the NPDES permit modification process).

30% Design Contract

This contract includes the following services:

- Pre-design activities including survey, geotechnical investigation, hazardous materials assessment, 3D scanning of existing facilities, and biological modeling (completed).
- Preparation of 30% design plans (completed and delivered to the City in February 2026).
- Facility Plan amendment to incorporate new treatment technology (anticipate submittal to MPCA by mid-April).
- Preparation of the NPDES permit modification application (anticipated submittal in April with effluent sampling results to follow).

If the City elects to proceed with final design using a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method, SEH will propose services summarized below. These services will be more fully defined in a detailed scope of work as part of a formal agreement between the City and SEH. These additional services could be handled either by an amendment to the existing agreement or as a new contract. We are open to discussing any preference the City may have.

Proposed CMAR and Final Design Services by SEH

CMAR Selection Assistance

- Assist the City in establishing a CMAR selection committee (with one or two SEH staff members potentially serving on the committee)
- Prepare the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and facilitate meetings to collaboratively short-list firms for interviews.

Engineers | Architects | Planners | Scientists

Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc., 2351 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 300, Sartell, MN 56377-2485

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- Coordinate and participate in interviews and assist with selection of firms to receive a Request for Proposals (RFP).
- Prepare the RFP, including draft CMAR agreement documents, and facilitate meetings to collaboratively select the CMAR contractor.

Final Design

- Prepare final bidding plans and specifications.
- Collaborate with the CMAR contractor during design to identify opportunities for cost savings related to constructability, sequencing, and schedule.
- Coordinate and facilitate all design team and design progress meetings.
- Submit plans and specifications for the MPCA for review, approval, and certification.

Bidding Support

- Respond to bidding questions.
- Assist the City with the open-book review of bids with CMAR contractor and development of final selections to be incorporated into the CMAR's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

Construction Administrative Services

- A proposal for construction administration services will be provided at the completion of the final design documents and will not be included in the services related to the final design.

Next Steps and Planning Costs

With respect to anticipated next steps and costs, it is important to note that sufficient budget remains within the two current contracts to complete the EAW, the Facility Plan amendment, and the NPDES permit modification application. The following are the next steps should the City choose to proceed with final design and CMAR delivery method:

- SEH prepares a proposal for the CMAR selection, final design, and bidding services outlined above for the City's consideration.
- Upon approval, SEH will begin the CMAR selection process (see scope above).
- SEH will work with the CMAR contractor to take the 30% design through final design.
- 100% design will be submitted to the MPCA for certification, which is a critical step in obtaining funding.
- Contractor will provide a GMP.
- SEH will prepare a proposal for construction contract administrative support.
- If GMP is acceptable, City will authorize CMAR to begin construction.

At this stage of the process, actual costs for services cannot be provided. However, the City should anticipate planning for the following cost categories during the design and bidding phase:

SEH services for CMAR selection, final design and bidding support. We have previously provided planning-level estimates for SEH services associated with CMAR support, final design, and bidding in the range of approximately \$2,000,000. These figures are preliminary and for budgeting purposes only. SEH will prepare a detailed scope of work and fee estimate once the City has made decisions on how it wants to move forward (CMAR or Design-Bid-Build).

CMAR Preconstruction Fee. The CMAR Preconstruction Fee is the Contractor's fee and is currently anticipated to range from \$125,000-\$250,000. The actual fee will be proposed by each CMAR respondent during the proposal phase of the selection process. The fee will vary by contractor, and the final CMAR Preconstruction Fee will be established through the contractor selection process.

Memorandum
March 25, 2026
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We appreciate the opportunity to continue providing support for the City of Big Lake as you navigate through the project life cycle for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. We would also be available to attend the April City Council meeting if you feel our participation could assist the Council in its discussion and decision-making for the project.

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ATTACHMENT B

Memo from October 9, 2024 Council Agenda

Professional Services Agreement with SEH for 30% Design Services



Item 6K from the October 9, 2024
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM
Big Lake City Council

Prepared By: Dan Childs, Water/Wastewater Superintendent	Meeting Date: 10/9/2024	☐ Regular Agenda Item ☒ Consent Agenda Item	Item No. 6K
Item Description: Professional Services Contract with SEH, Inc. for 30% Design Services for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project		Reviewed By: Hanna Klimmek, City Administrator	
		Reviewed By: Deb Wegeleben, Finance Director	

ACTION REQUESTED

By approving this item on the Consent Agenda, Council would be approving a Professional Services Contract with SEH, Inc. for 30% Design Services for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

During the workshop meeting on 9/11/2024 Jessica Hedin, Wastewater Design Lead representing SEH, Inc., presented the status of the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Expansion Project, an update on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) that is currently in process, and an update on funding opportunities for the project. SEH ended the update by proposing a 30% design of the WWTF Expansion project based on the recommended alternative in the approved Facility Plan. This proposed fee for the 30% design is part of the overall estimated project cost included in the Facility Plan approved by Council on February 14, 2024. After the 30% design is complete, SEH will assist the City in selecting a delivery method for the project.

During the workshop meeting on 9/25/24, the City Council directed staff to move forward with the proposed 30% design of the WWTF Expansion Project through a Professional Services Contract with SEH, Inc. Pre-design services that will begin prior to the winter season include topographic survey, geotechnical investigation, and hazardous assessment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated lump sum fee for the proposed scope of work for SEH to complete 30% of the design phase is \$1,077,200. The fees would be paid out of Sewer CIP Fund 499.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Professional Services Contract with SEH, Inc. for 30% design services to begin immediately.

ATTACHMENTS

Professional Services Agreement with SEH, Inc. for 30% Design Services for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project.

Agreement for Professional Services

This Agreement is effective as of October 9, 2024, between City of Big Lake (Client) and Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (Consultant).

This Agreement authorizes and describes the scope, schedule, and payment conditions for Consultant's work on the Project described as: **Big Lake WWTF Expansion Project**

Client's Authorized Representative: Paul Knier
Address: 160 Lake St N, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309, United States
Telephone: 612.817.6758 **email:** pknier@biglakemn.org

Project Manager: Jessica Hedin
Address: 2351 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 300, Sartell, Minnesota 56377
Telephone: 612.247.2768 **email:** jhedin@sehinc.com

Scope: The Basic Services to be provided by Consultant as set forth herein are provided subject to the attached General Conditions of the Agreement for Professional Services (General Conditions Rev. 05.15.22), which is incorporated by reference herein and subject to Exhibits attached to this Agreement.

Refer to Exhibit 1 Scope of Work and Schedule for defined scope of work.

Schedule: Refer to Exhibit 1 Scope of Work and Schedule for anticipated project schedule

Payment:

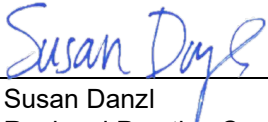
The lump sum fee is \$1,077,200.00 including expenses and equipment.

The payment method, basis, frequency and other special conditions are set forth in attached Exhibit A-2.

This Agreement for Professional Services, attached General Conditions, Exhibits and any Attachments (collectively referred to as the "Agreement") supersedes all prior contemporaneous oral or written agreements and represents the entire understanding between Client and Consultant with respect to the services to be provided by Consultant hereunder. In the event of a conflict between the documents, this document and the attached General Conditions shall take precedence over all other Exhibits unless noted below under "Other Terms and Conditions". The Agreement for Professional Services and the General Conditions (including scope, schedule, fee and signatures) shall take precedence over attached Exhibits. This Agreement may not be amended except by written agreement signed by the authorized representatives of each party.

Other Terms and Conditions: Other or additional terms contrary to the General Conditions that apply solely to this project as specifically agreed to by signature of the Parties and set forth herein:
None.

Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

By: 
Full Name: Susan Danzl
Title: Regional Practice Center Leader - WW

City of Big Lake

By: _____
Full Name: Paul Knier
Title: Mayor

Exhibit A-2
to Agreement for Professional Services
Between City of Big Lake (Client)
and
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (Consultant)
Dated September 25, 2024

Payments to Consultant for Services and Expenses
Using the Lump Sum Basis Option

The Agreement for Professional Services is amended and supplemented to include the following agreement of the parties:

A. Lump Sum Basis Option

The Client and Consultant select the Lump Sum Basis for Payment for services provided by Consultant. During the course of providing its services, Consultant shall be paid monthly based on Consultant's estimate of the percentage of the work completed. Necessary expenses and equipment are provided as a part of Consultant's services and are included in the initial Lump Sum amount for the agreed upon Scope of Work. Total payments to Consultant for work covered by the Lump Sum Agreement shall not exceed the Lump Sum amount without written authorization from the Client.

The Lump Sum amount includes compensation for Consultant's services and the services of Consultant's Consultants, if any for the agreed upon Scope of Work. Appropriate amounts have been incorporated in the initial Lump Sum to account for labor, overhead, profit, expenses and equipment charges. The Client agrees to pay for other additional services, equipment, and expenses that may become necessary by amendment to complete Consultant's services at their normal charge out rates as published by Consultant or as available commercially.

B. Expenses Not Included in the Lump Sum

The following items involve expenditures made by Consultant employees or professional consultants on behalf of the Client and shall be paid for as described in this Agreement.

1. Expense of overtime work requiring higher than regular rates, if authorized in advance by the Client.
2. Other special expenses required in connection with the Project.
3. The cost of special consultants or technical services as required. The cost of subconsultant services shall include actual expenditure plus 10% markup for the cost of administration and insurance.

The Client shall pay Consultant monthly for expenses not included in the Lump Sum amount.

General Conditions of the Agreement for Professional Services

SECTION I – SERVICES OF CONSULTANT

A. General

1. Consultant agrees to perform professional services as set forth in the Agreement for Professional Services or Supplemental Letter Agreement ("Services"). Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the Client or the Consultant. The Consultant's services under this Agreement are being performed solely for the Client's benefit, and no other party or entity shall have any claim against the Consultant because of this Agreement or the performance or nonperformance of services hereunder.

B. Schedule

1. Unless specific periods of time or dates for providing services are specified, Consultant's obligation to render Services hereunder will be for a period which may reasonably be required for the completion of said Services.
2. If Client has requested changes in the scope, extent, or character of the Project or the Services to be provided by Consultant, the time of performance and compensation for the Services shall be adjusted equitably. The Client agrees that Consultant is not responsible for damages arising directly or indirectly from delays beyond Consultant's control. If the delays resulting from such causes increase the cost or the time required by Consultant to perform the Services in accordance with professional skill and care, then Consultant shall be entitled to a equitable adjustment in schedule and compensation.

C. Additional Services

1. If Consultant determines that any services it has been directed or requested to perform are beyond the scope as set forth in the Agreement or that, due to changed conditions or changes in the method or manner of administration of the Project, Consultant's effort required to perform its services under this Agreement exceeds the stated fee for the Services, then Consultant shall promptly notify the Client regarding the need for additional Services. Upon notification and in the absence of a written objection, Consultant shall be entitled to additional compensation for the additional Services and to an extension of time for completion of additional Services absent written objection by Client.
2. Additional Services, including delivery of documents, CAD files, or information not expressly included as deliverables, shall be billed in accord with agreed upon rates, or if not addressed, then at Consultant's standard rates.

D. Suspension and Termination

1. If Consultant's services are delayed or suspended in whole or in part by Client, or if Consultant's services are delayed by actions or inactions of others for more than 60 days through no fault of Consultant, then Consultant shall be entitled to either terminate its agreement upon seven days written notice or, at its option, accept an equitable adjustment of compensation provided for elsewhere in this Agreement to reflect costs incurred by Consultant.
2. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven days written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with its terms through no fault of the party initiating the termination.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty days' written notice without cause. All provisions of this Agreement allocating responsibility or liability between the Client and Consultant shall survive the completion of the Services hereunder and/or the termination of this Agreement.
4. In the event of termination, Consultant shall be compensated for Services performed prior to termination date, including charges for expenses and equipment costs then due and all termination expenses.

SECTION II – CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

A. General

1. The Client shall, in proper time and sequence and where appropriate to the Project, at no expense to Consultant, provide full information as to Client's requirements for the Services provided by Consultant and access to all public and private lands required for Consultant to perform its Services.

2. The Consultant is not a municipal advisor and therefore Client shall provide its own legal, accounting, financial and insurance counseling, and other special services as may be required for the Project. Client shall provide to Consultant all data (and professional interpretations thereof) prepared by or services performed by others pertinent to Consultant's Services, such as previous reports; sub-surface explorations; laboratory tests and inspection of samples; environmental assessment and impact statements, surveys, property descriptions; zoning; deed; and other land use restrictions; as-built drawings; and electronic data base and maps. The costs associated with correcting, creating or recreating any data that is provided by the Client that contains inaccurate or unusable information shall be the responsibility of the Client.
3. Client shall provide prompt written notice to Consultant whenever the Client observes or otherwise becomes aware of any changes in the Project or any defect in Consultant's Services. Client shall promptly examine all studies, reports, sketches, opinions of construction costs, specifications, drawings, proposals, change orders, supplemental agreements, and other documents presented by Consultant and render the necessary decisions and instructions so that Consultant may provide Services in a timely manner.
4. Client shall require all utilities with facilities within the Project site to locate and mark said utilities upon request, relocate and/or protect said utilities to accommodate work of the Project, submit a schedule of the necessary relocation/protection activities to the Client for review, and comply with agreed upon schedule. Consultant shall not be liable for damages which arise out of Consultant's reasonable reliance on the information or services furnished by utilities to Client or others hired by Client.
5. Consultant shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of information or services furnished by the Client or others employed by the Client and shall not be liable for damages arising from reasonable reliance on such materials. Consultant shall promptly notify the Client if Consultant discovers that any information or services furnished by the Client is in error or is inadequate for its purpose.
6. Client agrees to reasonably cooperate, when requested, to assist Consultant with the investigation and addressing of any complaints made by Consultant's employees related to inappropriate or unwelcomed actions by Client or Client's employees or agents. This shall include, but not be limited to, providing access to Client's employees for Consultant's investigation, attendance at hearings, responding to inquiries and providing full access to Client files and information related to Consultant's employees, if any. Client agrees that Consultant retains the absolute right to remove any of its employees from Client's facilities if Consultant, in its sole discretion, determines such removal is advisable. Consultant, likewise, agrees to reasonably cooperate with Client with respect to the foregoing in connection with any complaints made by Client's employees.
7. Client acknowledges that Consultant has expended significant effort and expense in training and developing Consultant's employees. Therefore, during the term of this Agreement and for a period of two years after the termination of this Agreement or the completion of the Services under this Agreement, whichever is longer, Client shall not directly or indirectly: (1) hire, solicit or encourage any employee of Consultant to leave the employ of Consultant; (2) hire, solicit or encourage any consultant or independent contractor to cease work with Consultant; or (3) circumvent Consultant by conducting business directly with its employees. The two-year period set forth in this section shall be extended commensurately with any amount of time during which Client has violated its terms.

SECTION III – PAYMENTS

A. Invoices

1. Undisputed portions of invoices are due and payable within 30 days. Client must notify Consultant in writing of any disputed items within 15 days from receipt of invoice. Amounts due Consultant will be increased at the rate of 1.0% per month (or the maximum rate of interest permitted by law, if less) for invoices 30 days past due. Consultant reserves the right to retain Services or deliverables until all invoices are paid in full. Consultant will not be liable for any claims of loss, delay, or damage by Client for reason of withholding Services, deliverables, or Instruments of Service until all invoices are paid in full. Consultant shall be entitled to recover all reasonable

- costs and disbursements, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in connection with collecting amounts owed by Client.
- Should taxes, fees or costs be imposed, they shall be in addition to Consultant's agreed upon compensation.
 - Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Consultant may pursue collection of past due invoices without the necessity of any mediation proceedings.

SECTION IV – GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Standards of Performance

- The standard of care for all professional engineering and related services performed or furnished by Consultant under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of Consultant's profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. Consultant makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with its Services.
- Consultant neither guarantees the performance of any Contractor nor assumes responsibility for any Contractor's failure to furnish and perform the work in accordance with its construction contract or the construction documents prepared by Consultant. Client acknowledges Consultant will not direct, supervise or control the work of construction contractors or their subcontractors at the site or otherwise. Consultant shall have no authority over or responsibility for the contractor's acts or omissions, nor for its means, methods, or procedures of construction. Consultant's Services do not include review or evaluation of the Client's, contractor's or subcontractor's safety measures, or job site safety or furnishing or performing any of the Contractor's work.
- Consultant's Opinions of Probable Construction Cost are provided if agreed upon in writing and made on the basis of Consultant's experience and qualifications. Consultant has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or service furnished by others, or over the Contractor's methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions. Consultant cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual construction cost will not vary from Opinions of Probable Construction Cost prepared by Consultant. If Client wishes greater assurance as to construction costs, Client shall employ an independent cost estimator.

B. Indemnity for Environmental Issues

- Consultant is not a user, generator, handler, operator, arranger, storer, transporter, or disposer of hazardous or toxic substances. Therefore the Client agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Consultant and Consultant's officers, directors, subconsultant(s), employees and agents from and against any and all claims; losses; damages; liability; and costs, including but not limited to costs of defense, arising out of or in any way connected with, the presence, discharge, release, or escape of hazardous or toxic substances, pollutants or contaminants of any kind at the site.

C. Limitations on Liability

- The Client hereby agrees that to the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant's total liability to the Client for all injuries, claims, losses, expenses, or damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to the Project or this Agreement from any cause or causes including, but not limited to, Consultant's negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, breach of contract or breach of warranty shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). In the event Client desires limits of liability in excess of those provided in this paragraph, Client shall advise Consultant in writing and agree that Consultant's fee shall increase by 1% for each additional five hundred thousand dollars of liability limits, up to a maximum limit of liability of five million dollars (\$5,000,000).
- Neither Party shall be liable to the other for consequential damages, including without limitation lost rentals; increased rental expenses; loss of use; loss of income; lost profit, financing, business, or reputation; and loss of management or employee productivity, incurred by one another or their subsidiaries or successors, regardless of whether such damages are foreseeable and are caused by breach of contract, willful misconduct, negligent act or omission, or other wrongful act of either of them. Consultant expressly disclaims any duty to defend Client for any alleged actions or damages.
- It is intended by the parties to this Agreement that Consultant's Services shall not subject Consultant's employees, officers or directors to any personal legal exposure for the risks associated with this Agreement. The Client agrees that as the Client's sole and exclusive remedy, any claim, demand or suit shall be directed and/or

asserted only against Consultant, and not against any of Consultant's individual employees, officers or directors, and Client knowingly waives all such claims against Consultant individual employees, officers or directors.

- Causes of action between the parties to this Agreement pertaining to acts or failures to act shall be deemed to have accrued, and the applicable statutes of limitations shall commence to run, not later than either the date of Substantial Completion for acts or failures to act occurring prior to substantial completion or the date of issuance of the final invoice for acts or failures to act occurring after Substantial Completion. In no event shall such statutes of limitations commence to run any later than the date when the Services are substantially completed.

D. Assignment

- Neither party to this Agreement shall transfer, sublet or assign any rights under, or interests in, this Agreement or claims based on this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Any assignment in violation of this subsection shall be null and void.

E. Dispute Resolution

- Any dispute between Client and Consultant arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the Services (except for unpaid invoices which are governed by Section III) shall be submitted to mediation as a precondition to litigation unless the parties mutually agree otherwise. Mediation shall occur within 60 days of a written demand for mediation unless Consultant and Client mutually agree otherwise.
- Any dispute not settled through mediation shall be settled through litigation in the state and county where the Project at issue is located.

SECTION V – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

A. Proprietary Information

- All documents, including reports, drawings, calculations, specifications, CAD materials, computers software or hardware or other work product prepared by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are Consultant's Instruments of Service ("Instruments of Service"). Consultant retains all ownership interests in Instruments of Service, including all available copyrights.
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Consultant shall retain all of its rights in its proprietary information including without limitation its methodologies and methods of analysis, ideas, concepts, expressions, inventions, know how, methods, techniques, skills, knowledge, and experience possessed by Consultant prior to, or acquired by Consultant during, the performance of this Agreement and the same shall not be deemed to be work product or work for hire and Consultant shall not be restricted in any way with respect thereto. Consultant shall retain full rights to electronic data and the drawings, specifications, including those in electronic form, prepared by Consultant and its subconsultants and the right to reuse component information contained in them in the normal course of Consultant's professional activities.

B. Client Use of Instruments of Service

- Provided that Consultant has been paid in full for its Services, Client shall have the right in the form of a nonexclusive license to use Instruments of Service delivered to Client exclusively for purposes of constructing, using, maintaining, altering and adding to the Project. Consultant shall be deemed to be the author of such Instruments of Service, electronic data or documents, and shall be given appropriate credit in any public display of such Instruments of Service.
- Records requests or requests for additional copies of Instruments of Services outside of the scope of Services, including subpoenas directed from or on behalf of Client are available to Client subject to Consultant's current rate schedule. Consultant shall not be required to provide CAD files or documents unless specifically agreed to in writing as part of this Agreement.

C. Reuse of Documents

- All Instruments of Service prepared by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by the Client or others on extensions of the Project or on any other Project. Any reuse of the Instruments of Service without written consent or adaptation by Consultant for the specific purpose intended will be at the Client's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Consultant; and the Client shall release Consultant from all claims arising from such use. Client shall also defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Consultant from all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorneys' fees arising out of or resulting from reuse of Consultant documents without written consent.



EXHIBIT 1 - SCOPE OF WORK AND SCHEDULE

September 2, 2024

RE: City of Big Lake, Minnesota
WWTF Expansion Project
SEH No. BIGLK 167307 14.00

Mr. Paul Knier
Mayor
City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear Mr. Knier:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal for professional services to the City of Big Lake (City) for the expansion and improvements at the City's municipal wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). This letter serves as our understanding of the scope, schedule, and fee.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is at capacity and the projected growth in the community is contributing to an increase in flow and load demand which current facilities will be unable to meet. There are also treatment units for which age and condition are limiting the operation and performance of the facility. SEH prepared a Facility Plan, submitted to the MPCA in February 2024, which evaluated alternatives and provided recommended improvements to address additional treatment capacity and aging infrastructure. A detailed list of the recommended improvements can be found in Exhibit 1 at the end of this proposal. The Facility Plan received preliminary approval by MPCA on June 28, 2024.

The next step towards construction of these improvements is design. Typically projects follow a traditional design-bid-build delivery method where a project design is completed, the project is publicly bid, and the lowest responsible bidder is awarded the project. However, on August 1, 2023 the Minnesota Legislature authorized municipalities to use the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process for construction projects over \$175,000. The CMAR process places the construction manager in essentially the same position as a general contractor because the construction manager is responsible for all subcontractors and for the price, schedule, and workmanship of the project. Since August 1 there have been several large water and wastewater projects utilizing CMAR in Minnesota and it is expected that more will follow. CMAR is an approach to get more bidders as recent large (greater than \$50 million) water and wastewater projects have received one or no bidders with traditional design-bid-build delivery.

Whether a traditional design-bid-build or CMAR delivery method is used, an engineer must prepare a 30% design. If traditional design-bid-build is used, the engineer will continue the design to 100% so that it can be publicly bid. If CMAR delivery is used, the 30% design is used in the Request for Qualifications

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to select the CMAR. After the CMAR is selected, the engineer collaborates with the CMAR to design the project to 100% and CMAR provides the City with a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the project.

Because the City has not made any decisions on which delivery method to proceed with, SEH is providing this proposal for 30% design. The benefits to the City for doing 30% design now include:

- Keeps the project moving – the aging infrastructure issues at the WWTF could result in failures of equipment or structures as time passes
- Continues to advance the design to reduce construction cost escalation
- Gives the City time to learn more about CMAR and have further discussions about which delivery method is best suited for this project
- Gets the project closer to being “shovel ready” which could help leverage funding requests

After 30% design the City will select a delivery method for the project and SEH will provide a proposal for the remaining design work. The scope of the proposal for the remaining design will vary depending on the selected delivery method.

SCOPE OF SEH SERVICES

SEH proposes the following work scope for 30% design of the WWTF Expansion project based on the recommended alternative in the approved Facility Plan.

Task 1: Project Management

SEH will provide ongoing management, administration, and coordination of the 30% design effort, keeping the City fully informed of the project status for the length of the project and providing quality assurance/quality control for the project deliverable. The following responsibilities are assumed:

1. Develop a project management plan as necessary to convey the requirements of the project design to the design team.
2. Establish and maintain effective project communications with City, design staff, and review agencies.
3. Coordinate the work of design team members.
4. Coordinate design meetings, both internal and with the City.
5. Prepare a memo regarding a recommendation for a delivery method (traditional design-bid-build or CMAR) in collaboration with the City.

Task 2: Pre-Design Work

Pre-design work includes those activities that are needed by other design team members to perform design work. These activities include the following:

1. Plant Site Visits – this provides the opportunity for City staff and the engineer to visit up to three (3) wastewater treatment facilities to see proposed equipment and interact with staff currently operating the equipment. One of the visits will be to the Winona WWTF to see the Nuvoda system they are currently piloting. The Nuvoda system is the recommended alternative for secondary treatment at the Big Lake WWTF. The other two visits can be selected based on City staff preferences for what equipment they want to see. This proposal assumes the facilities visited are within 100-200 miles of Big Lake.

2. Biological Modeling – SEH will develop a biological model of the proposed system which can help understand how to maximize biological phosphorus removal and other treatment efficiencies. It will also help consider improvements needed for future regulations like nitrogen so we can set up the design to more easily accommodate other improvements needed in the future. The biological modeling will require the City to perform some sampling and the results will be used in the model. A sample plan will be prepared and provided to the City.
3. 3-D Scanning – SEH will use a 3-D scanner to model all existing structures which are proposed to be modified or reused in some way in the project, including:
 - a. Biosolids Processing Building
 - b. Pretreatment Building
 - c. Administration Building
 - d. Biosolids Control Building

The 3-D scanning allows us to build our design models on accurate data rather than relying solely on record drawings which may not be accurate, available, or complete. The data allows us to view those buildings and see everything in them. This helps us during design to avoid conflicts and even allow us to take measurements if needed without having to travel to the site.

4. Topographic Survey – SEH will prepare a topographic survey of all project sites, including the WWTF site, the old lift station site, the new lift station site, and the forcemain route. The topographic survey includes:
 - a. Elevations of contours, structures, inverts, soil boring locations, and other objects on the site.
 - b. Location of marked utilities to be included
 - c. Boundary work to determine property lines and right-of-way (ROW)
 - d. Set benchmarks on site for use during construction
 - e. Develop the survey for use in the design
5. Asbestos Inspection and Regulated Materials Assessment – The WWTF Expansion project includes demolition and modification of existing buildings and structures. Due to the age of some of those buildings and structures it is necessary to remove any regulated materials before work starts in those areas. This includes the old lift station, the new lift station, and the WWTF.
 - a. SEH will provide certified Asbestos Inspectors to collect up to 200 bulk samples from areas that are anticipated to be disturbed during renovations. Structures that contain asbestos will be identified and the asbestos content quantified for future abatement prior to starting work in those areas.
 - b. SEH will complete a walk-through and inspect structures to determine the presence and location of regulated materials on site or contained within the building materials. A list of equipment to be removed or replaced will be based on information provided in the 30% design documents. This assessment includes fluorescent bulbs/ballasts, mercury containing switches and other equipment, CFCs, containers, etc. Limited lead-based paint testing within the areas proposed for renovation or demolition will also be conducted. The testing will be conducted by Environmental Health Testing Services as a subcontractor to SEH. This proposal also includes collection of ten (10) caulk samples for analyses for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

- c. Limitations of Assessment
 - i. Some areas may be inaccessible. The inspection will attempt to identify hazardous material in inaccessible areas, however, it may not be feasible to inspect 100 percent of these areas. SEH cannot be held responsible for the presence of any such hidden materials.
 - ii. Sampling of materials for asbestos may cause some damage. However, every effort will be made to limit cuts and holes to discreet locations. SEH will not be responsible for repairing material damaged during sampling.
 - iii. Roofing material on the old lift station that will be demolished will be sampled and temporary patches will be placed in the core locations. We recommend that a professional and qualified roofer repair the locations to maintain roof integrity.
 - iv. In order to maintain integrity of existing buildings that will be reused, no roofing materials will be sampled. For the purpose of this inspection, roofing and flashing materials on these buildings will be assumed to contain asbestos until proven otherwise by sampling and analysis, likely during construction.
- d. Environmental Monitoring
 - i. During collection of soil borings at the old lift station site SEH will conduct environmental monitoring and sampling to assess if a petroleum release has occurred where a fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) is present. Soil samples will be screened for organic vapors, up to two soil samples will be collected from the soil boring for chemical analysis, and a groundwater sample will be collected and analyzed.
- e. Deliverable
 - i. Following receipt of analytical testing results, SEH will prepare a report presenting the data collected in the filed investigation. The report will include figures, tables, boring logs, laboratory reports, conclusions, and recommendations.
- 6. Geotechnical Site Exploration and Report – SEH will coordinate soil borings and laboratory testing, prepare a geotechnical report to evaluate the subsurface profile and groundwater conditions, and perform engineering analyses related to structure design.
 - a. The soil borings will be performed by a drilling and testing subcontractor under subcontract to SEH. The owner must grant SEH and its drilling subcontractor access to all of the sites identified.
 - b. SEH will mark the proposed boring locations prior to the drillers mobilizing on site.
 - c. The subcontractor will clear public utilities using Gopher State One Call (GSOC). If there are private utilities, i.e. those not marked by GSOC locates, the City must notify SEH so proper locates can be arranged.
 - d. The following field subsurface investigation is proposed:

- i. Old Lift Station: Two (2) standard penetration test (SPT) borings will be performed to a depth of about 20 feet and 90 for evaluation of the removal of the old lift station.
 - ii. Main Lift Station: Seven (7) SPT borings to a depth of about 20 feet each will be completed along the new forcemain alignment from the Main Lift Station to the WWTF. These borings will help estimate soil parameters, subgrade and backfill recommendations.
 - iii. Wastewater Plant Site: Fourteen (14) SPT borings will be completed at depths ranging from about 20 to 50 feet for the various building improvements.
- e. Samples retrieved during drilling will be reviewed, classified and logged under the direction of a geotechnical engineer. Select samples may be set aside for laboratory testing. SEH has assumed 50 moisture content tests and 10 gradations for this proposal. These tests will help guide our recommendations for structure design.
- f. Data obtained from the borings and laboratory tests will be used to evaluate the subsurface profile and groundwater conditions, perform engineering analyses related to structure design and prepare a report, including:
 - i. A soil boring location figure showing approximate soil boring locations.
 - ii. Logs of the borings describing the materials encountered and presenting the results of groundwater measurements and laboratory tests.
 - iii. A summary of the subsurface soil profile and groundwater conditions.
 - iv. Discussion identifying the site conditions and the potential impact on the proposed structures qualifying the nature of their impact and outlining alternatives for mitigating their impact.
 - v. Providing an estimated allowable soil bearing pressure for spread footing design and an estimated settlement under assumed or given structural loads.
 - vi. Discussion regarding the reuse of on-site materials during construction and the impact of groundwater on construction.
 - vii. Recommendations for preparing structure subgrades, including excavation support, dewatering and the selection, placement and compaction of backfill and structural fill.
 - viii. Recommendations for the design of spread footings.
- 7. Miscellaneous Coordination
 - a. Preliminary stormwater coordination to determine if there are any special requirements by local watershed authorities.
 - b. Preliminary coordination with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) or the County to determine any special requirements for the forcemain crossing near the WWTF site.

Task 3: 30% Design

The 30% design documents will consist of plan sheets only for the recommended improvements detailed in Exhibit 1 at the end of this proposal. These plan sheets, coupled with the Facility Plan, will be the basis for either continuing the design for a traditional design-bid-build or a Request for Qualifications

(RFQ) for selection of a CMAR. Plan sheets will be prepared by the following disciplines: Wastewater (Process), Structural, Civil, Architectural, Geotechnical, Mechanical, Electrical, and Instrumentation & Controls (I&C).

1. The 30% plans will generally show the following:
 - a. Discipline General sheets
 - b. Plant Preliminary Hydraulic Profile
 - c. Process Schematic
 - d. General layout of site improvements such sidewalks, pavement, stormwater ponds
 - e. General piping layouts – pipe and structures will be identified but will not include details such as size, locations, or inverts
 - f. Standard details
 - g. Basic sheet notes to indicate major components
 - h. Selective demolition of major components – includes structures and equipment
 - i. Preliminary foundation design
 - j. General location of major structural accessories such as hatches
 - k. Basic interior building layouts with major equipment, doors, windows, etc.
 - l. Preliminary wall sections and exterior elevations of new structures
 - m. Major wastewater process equipment
 - n. Process piping larger than 4" with flow direction
 - o. Major mechanical equipment for HVAC
 - p. Preliminary layout for ductwork
 - q. Preliminary potable water, plant water, drains, and natural gas piping
 - r. Preliminary lighting plans
 - s. Basic power and instrumentation plan showing major equipment
 - t. Preliminary one-line diagrams for major equipment
 - u. Preliminary process flow diagrams as the basis for future Process and Instrumentation Diagrams (PIDs)
2. NPDES Permit Major Modification application
 - a. For anticipated construction projects all WWTF must apply for permit modifications to include construction activities and the proposed changes to the WWTF.
 - b. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has indicated that the permit modification should be done early in the process due to length of time needed for preparing the modified permit, Environmental Protection agency (EPA) review, and for public notice. Please note that the EPA review time may be longer than typical due to the City's request to expand capacity and their review of the Antidegradation Review that was prepared to justify certain permit limits for an expanding facility.
 - c. SEH will assist the City in preparing the application for the permit major modification near the end of the 30% design effort.
 - d. This proposal does not include services related to responding to a contested permit or any design changes for the recommended improvements based on comments received from EPA on the permit or the Antidegradation Review. Those services would be considered Additional.
3. The following items will not be included in the 30% design:

- a. Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost – if the 30% design is used to select a CMAR, the latest cost estimate from the Facility Plan will be used to identify a range for project costs to be used in the RFQ.
- b. Specifications or contract documents.

Task 4: Meetings and Site Visits

Meetings are necessary to keep everyone informed, make design decisions, and coordinate all the disciplines necessary to prepare a 30% design. The following meetings are included in this proposal:

1. Kickoff Meeting between the City and SEH – this meeting will be in person.
2. Internal Design Kickoff Meeting with SEH design team (internal SEH only).
3. Discipline Site Visits – each discipline will visit the site once with two team members to aid in their design efforts; these visits will be coordinated with Dan Childs.
4. Monthly design team meetings for discussion and coordination (internal SEH only).
5. Design check-in meetings with the City – this proposal includes three in-person meetings and three virtual meetings to update the City on the design progress and discuss design decisions or questions.
6. 30% Design meeting between the City and SEH to review and discuss the 30% plans – this meeting will be in person.
7. 30% Design meeting for SEH design team to review comments provided by the City.
8. Final meeting between City and SEH to discuss the delivery method for the project (traditional design-bid-build or CMAR) – this meeting will be in person.

Excluded Tasks:

The following tasks are not included in the Scope of Work:

1. Evaluate and comment on any contested issues related to the City's NPDES Permit modification.
2. Permit costs. SEH will coordinate with permitting agencies, but the City is responsible for permitting costs.
3. Laboratory costs for wastewater samples needed for biological modeling. SEH will identify samples needed for the model, but the City will be responsible for collecting the samples, transporting them to the laboratory, and the cost for analyzing the samples.
4. Assistance with any pilot studies including Nuvoda or dissolved air flotation (DAF) for sludge thickening. If the City desires to pilot a system and it's determined to be applicable, SEH can develop a proposal to assist with coordination of the pilot. Because the treatment processes will be changing it may not make sense to pilot technology on the current processes as results may not apply to the proposed processes.
5. Engineering services for design of the project beyond 30% as described in the scope above.
6. Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost. If the City chooses to proceed with CMAR as the delivery method, the CMAR will develop the project cost estimate.
7. Additional services due to significant changes in the general scope of the Project, including, but not limited to, change in size, complexity, or character or caused by revisions to regulations or code requirements administered by MPCA, EPA, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), or other entities based on revisions that occur after the project commences.
8. Review of and assistance with ordinances, industrial permits, or rate studies.

9. Arranging additional locates for private utilities not covered by GSOC.
10. Preparation of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or Request for Proposals (RFP) for selecting a CMAR. This has not been included at this time because the City has not decided to proceed with CMAR as the delivery method.
11. Additional meetings beyond those identified in Task 4 above.

City Participation:

City staff participation in the 30% design phase is essential for the exchange of information/data, review of evaluation results, and discussion of preferences. The design improvements must provide appropriate treatment, but also meet the needs of the operation staff for operation and maintenance. Good communication between the City staff and SEH will help provide a product that meets the City's needs.

The following identifies the anticipated level of City participation:

1. Communication of needs and questions.
2. Assist SEH by placing all available information pertinent to the Project at SEH's disposal
3. Guarantee access to and make all provisions for SEH and our subcontractors to enter upon lands required for SEH to perform the work under this agreement including the old lift station site, new lift station, forcemain route, and WWTF site.
4. Pay all City costs related to technology/equipment site visits.
5. Provide timely review of design deliverables and feedback.
6. Collect samples needed for biological modeling, coordinate with a testing laboratory, and share results received from laboratory.

Estimate of Effort:

The estimated lump sum fee for the scope described is \$1,077,200 as summarized below.

<u>TASK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Task 1: Project Management	\$82,300
Task 2: Pre-Design	\$130,500
Task 3: 30% Design	\$781,800
Task 4: Meetings & Site Visits	\$82,600
TOTAL	\$1,077,200

The breakdown of fees is to be considered transferrable between tasks as may be needed to complete the project scope in its entirety as described herein.

Schedule:

Assuming the City Council will consider and approve a contract with SEH during the second meeting in September, a kick-off meeting will be scheduled within three weeks and many of the pre-design tasks will be scheduled to occur before November 30. Please note that many of the pre-design tasks such soil borings, 3D scanning, topographic survey, and even the hazardous assessment are best suited to occur prior to the start of winter and should be scheduled as soon as possible. The following are the major milestones for the anticipated schedule.

Notice to Proceed
Kick-off Meeting (City, SEH)
Pre-Design
30% Design

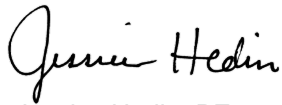
September 25, 2024
by October 11, 2024
completed by November 30, 2024
completed by May 31, 2024

Summary:

We look forward to working with you on this very important project for the City of Big Lake. If you have any questions regarding the scope, schedule, or fee presented in this letter, please feel free to contact me at 612.247.2768 or jhedin@sehinc.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC.



Jessica Hedin, PE
Project Manager
(Lic. MN, SD)

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Attachment – Exhibit 1 Detailed List of Recommended Improvements

c: Dan Childs, City of Big Lake
Hanna Klimmek, City of Big Lake
Deb Wegeleben, City of Big Lake
Jeff Ledin, SEH

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EXHIBIT 1 – DETAILED LIST OF RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

Project: Big Lake WWTF Expansion Project
Project Manager: Jessica Hedin, SEH

Detailed List of Recommended Improvements:

Main Lift Station (Existing, Rehabilitation)

- Demolish existing old main lift station (separate site from existing main lift station).
- Replace existing 20 HP submersible pumps with 50 HP pumps.
- Replace existing 50 HP high flow submersible pumps with 100 HP pumps.
- Add coarse bubble aerator to wetwell and regenerative blower to drywell.
- Replace existing isolation valves, relief valves, piping, and accessories.
- Existing Forcemains:
 - 8-inch: Replace isolation valves, relief valves along existing alignment.
 - 12-inch: Replace isolation valves, relief valves along existing alignment.
- New Forcemain (approx. 1 mile):
 - New 18-inch HDPE forcemain with relief structures and crossing for county road 14.
 - Assume need to provide utility easement adjacent to existing forcemain.
- Replace existing automatic controls including programmable logic controllers (PLCs) with human machine interface (HMI) displays for remote control and monitoring.
- Add new automatic transfer switch for backup generator (125 kW) - Assume new generator required with pump replacement.
- Replace Existing interior process piping, equipment, and architectural coatings.

Preliminary Treatment (Existing, Rehabilitation)

- Replace influent screens, washers, and compactors with system suitable for recommended secondary treatment alternative.
- Add redundant grit pump.
- Replace grit classify and washer cyclone.
- Add recirculation submersible pump after flow measurement to a sample chamber on wall in screen room opposite automatic sampler.
- Add online pH meter after flow measurement.
- Replace existing electric unit heaters.
- Replace existing Makeup air unit.
- Replace existing plumbing piping, fittings, hangers, and accessories.
- Replace existing interior process piping, equipment, and architectural coatings.

- Replace existing automatic controls including programmable logic controllers (PLCs) with human machine interface (HMI) displays for remote control and monitoring.
- Replace existing automatic sampler.
- Replace existing influent flow measurement instrumentation.
- Replace existing exterior personnel and overhead doors.

Selector Basins

- Repair existing concrete spalling on concrete cover.
- Replace process piping, flow control gates, and baffle walls.
- Replace electrical, controls, and instrumentation.
- Add instrumentation to monitor oxidation reduction potential (ORP).
- Replace existing cover-mounted mechanical mixers with submersible mixers. Add remote controls and communication to SCADA.
- Apply interior coatings from 1 foot below normal water elevation to top of sidewall and underside of concrete cover slab.
- Construct of a third selector cell adjacent to the existing selector tanks. Approximately 27'-0" x 25'-0" with common wall to existing selector tanks. 12'-0" NWL.

Activated Sludge Basins 1, 2, and 3 (Existing, Rehabilitation)

- Convert existing oxidation ditches to Mobile Organic Biofilm (MOB) Activated Sludge
 - Remove oxidation ditch 1 aerator and aerator building.
 - Remove oxidation ditch 2 and 3 brush aerator and enclosures.
 - Add mobile fixed-film media at 1.25% fill in each oxidation ditch.
 - Fine-bubble diffused aeration equipment installed in each oxidation ditch.
 - Construct new Blower Building.
- Replace current chemical feed equipment and dosing locations with equipment at new Disinfection and Pumping Building.
- Remove all equipment from existing chemical feed building.
- Automatic controls from PLC in Blower Building.
- Apply interior coatings from 1 foot below normal water elevation to top of sidewall and underside of concrete cover slab.

Blower Building (New)

- New precast concrete building, precast plank roof, cast-in-place concrete foundation with water-retaining wetwells and basement area of pumps.
- HVAC and controls to ventilate to derate.
- Main Level (dry side):
 - WAS drum screen.
 - Blowers, controls, and piping for each converted oxidation ditch.
- Lower Level (dry side):
 - Screened WAS pumps to DAF Feed Storage/DAF or Aerobic Digesters.
 - Retained WAS media pumps to Selector Basins.

- Lower Level (wet side):
 - Screened WAS wetwell.
 - Retained WAS media wetwell.
- Automatic controls including programmable logic controllers (PLCs) with human machine interface (HMI) displays for remote control and monitoring.
- Add new existing interior process piping, equipment, and architectural coatings.

Final Clarifiers (New)

- Existing (3) 34' DIA final clarifiers:
 - Remove existing clarifier mechanisms, domes, doors, and HVAC equipment.
 - New aluminum dome covers for each tank.
 - Convert existing clarifiers to holding tanks.
 - (2) Tanks for DAF influent storage.
 - (1) Tank for DAF underflow (clear water) storage.
 - Add compressed air mixing diffusers and control equipment for mixing -compressors located in Biosolids Control Building.
 - Remove existing sludge pumping and control structures.
 - Remove existing splitter structure.
- Construct two new 60' diameter final clarifier tanks.
 - Suction header removal mechanism.
 - Aluminum dome covers.
 - Ventilation upon entry (primary point of settling).
 - Add ultrasonic sludge level transducers with wipers to each tank for monitoring sludge blanket depth.
 - Coatings from 1 foot below normal water elevation across top of tank wall, including all of the concrete launderer.
 - New splitter structure. Approximately 24'-0" x 16'-0" and 10'-0" deep with process slide gates.
- Replace current RAS/WAS pumping with equipment at new Disinfection and Pumping Building.
- Automatic controls from PLC in Disinfection and Pumping Building.

Disinfection and Pumping Building (New)

- New precast concrete building, precast plank roof, cast-in-place concrete foundation with water-retaining wetwells and basement area of pumps.
 - Approximately 40'-0" x 70'-0". Main level and lower level. Assume wall height at main level of 16'-0". Assume wall height of lower level at 16'-0".
- HVAC and controls to ventilate to derate.
- Coagulant Storage
 - Design chemical is ferric chloride (assume storage volume of 8,000 gallons)
 - Ventilation, wet-sprinkled, containment (similar approach as Winona is likely)
- Disinfection

- In-channel UV disinfection (no UVT meter). Two trains in series (1 duty 1 standby at AWW, 2 duty as PHWW).
 - Effluent flow meter (weir with radar level indicator post disinfection).
 - Discharge to existing outfall piping.
 - Adjacent storage area for lamps. Davit or overhead monorail for rake removal from channels.
- RAS/WAS pumping
 - (3) WAS pumps from new final clarifiers to blower building.
 - (3) RAS pumps from new final clarifiers to selector basins.
- DAF Pumping and Equipment
 - (2) Air compressors
 - (1) Saturation tank
 - (2) Recirculation pumps (DAF through saturation, back to DAF)
 - (2) DAF Feed pumps (DAF Feed Storage to DAF)
 - (2) DAF Thickened Sludge Pumps (DAF to Aerobic Digester)
 - (2) Underflow Storage Pumps (Underflow Storage to Selector Tanks)
 - (1) polymer blending and feed system with polymer storage area (assume space for (8) IBC totes - 2,200 gallons).
- Sludge Receiving Pumping and Equipment
 - (2) waste sludge pumps with grinders to pump from sludge receiving to DAF to digesters.
- Plant Effluent Pumps
 - Wet-well or other water-retaining structure after UV disinfection. Reuse water for:
 - Influent screens in preliminary treatment building
 - Retained WAS media wetwell of blower building
 - WAS Screen in blower building
 - DAF Thickener (shutdown wash water)
 - Site yard hydrants
 - Skid-mounted plant water booster pumps and expansion tank.
 - 100 psi design pressure.
- Electrical “building”
 - New site service with ATS to new generator.
 - New generator for south side of plant (Does not include the main lift station, preliminary treatment, or biosolids processing facility).
- Automatic controls including programmable logic controllers (PLCs) with human machine interface (HMI) displays for remote control and monitoring.

Dissolved Air Thickener (New)

- New 12' diameter cast-in-place concrete DAF tank with float tank and underflow tank (overflow tank may passively overflow to underflow tank).
- Mechanism, bridge, aluminum dome cover, ventilation.
- Class I Division 1.

- Pumping, aeration, and controls at new Disinfection and Pumping Building.
- Automatic controls from PLC in Disinfection and Pumping Building.
- Add new interior process piping and equipment coatings.

Sludge Receiving (Existing, Rehabilitation)

- Convert existing waste sludge storage to sludge hauling and receiving tank. Add piping for sludge truck discharge.
- Add compressed air mixing diffusers and control equipment for mixing -compressors located in Biosolids Control Building.
- New transfer pumps at Disinfection and Pumping Building.
- Automatic controls from PLC in administration building.
- Replace existing interior process piping and equipment coatings.

Biosolids Control Building and Aerobic Digesters (Existing, Rehabilitation)

- Biosolids Control Building:
 - Replace existing roof of control.
 - Replace existing HVAC equipment.
 - Replace existing electrical, controls, and instrumentation.
 - Remove existing coarse bubble diffused aeration equipment (Blowers and piping).
 - Remove boiler and recirculation pumps for heating aerobic digester are not used.
 - Replace existing exterior personnel doors.
 - Replace existing interior process piping, equipment, and architectural coatings.
 - Add new fine-bubble diffused aeration blowers for aerobic digesters.
 - Add new compressors and receivers for compressed air mixing at underflow storage, DAF feed storage, sludge receiving, aerobic digesters, selector tanks, activated sludge basins.
- Existing Primary Aerobic Digester:
 - Remove existing coarse bubble diffused aeration equipment (Piping and diffusers).
 - Add new fine-bubble diffuser aeration piping and diffusers (blowers in biosolids control building).
 - Add new compressed air mixing piping and diffusers (compressors in biosolids control building).
 - Replace existing roof of aerobic.
 - Minor concrete repair is likely required on interior walls of aerobic digester.
 - Cut-in sump for new drain/transfer sludge pump to aerobic digester.
 - Replace existing level indicators for tank.
 - Add new ORP and DO instrumentation.
 - Replace existing interior process piping and equipment coatings.
- Existing Secondary Aerobic Digester:
 - Convert to primary aerobic digester.
 - Add aluminum cover.
 - Remove existing coarse bubble diffused aeration equipment (Piping and diffusers).

- Add new fine-bubble diffuser aeration piping and diffusers (blowers in biosolids control building).
- Add new compressed air mixing piping and diffusers (compressors in biosolids control building).
- Cut-in sump for new drain/transfer sludge pump to liquid sludge storage.
- Replace existing level indicators for each treatment tank.
- Add new ORP and DO instrumentation.
- Replace existing interior process piping and equipment coatings.
- New Primary Aerobic Digester:
 - Construct new second primary aerobic digester with pipe gallery between existing primary aerobic digester. Cast-in-place concrete walls and foundation with precast plank roof and membrane roofing system (similar to existing).
 - Identical in size to existing primary digester, plus sump and gallery.
 - 54'-8" x 35'-6" interior, 16'-0" NWL.
 - Add new fine-bubble diffuser aeration piping and diffusers (blowers in biosolids control building).
 - Add new compressed air mixing piping and diffusers (compressors in biosolids control building).
 - Add new level indicators for tank.
 - Add new ORP and DO instrumentation.
 - Add new existing interior process piping and equipment coatings.

Biosolids Processing Building (Existing, Rehabilitation)

- Replace existing air conditioning unit for the electrical room.
- Replace existing radiant heat boiler controls.
- Replace existing PLC panel and controls.
- Replace existing centrifuge liquid sludge feed pumps.
- Replace existing centrifuge PLC panels and VFD drive for centrifuge #1.
- Replace existing central odor control system and relocate outside to not obstruct service of process equipment.
- Add new chemical eyewash and shower for the polymer chemical feed equipment.
- Add new shower for staff in the lavatory.
- Replace existing alternate cake loadout to reduce spillage of cake between load out.
- Add new water heater for polymer dilution water.

Cake Storage Building (New)

- Cast-in-place concrete pad with channel drain.
- 8-foot push walls and be 60-feet by 200-feet.
- The approximate storage volume for design would be 3,600 cubic yards. The concrete storage would be covered using a pre-engineered steel frame and 28 oz PVC fabric roof system.
- New roofing system would include ice breaker cleats and the steel frame system would be galvanized.

Administration Building (Existing, Rehabilitation)

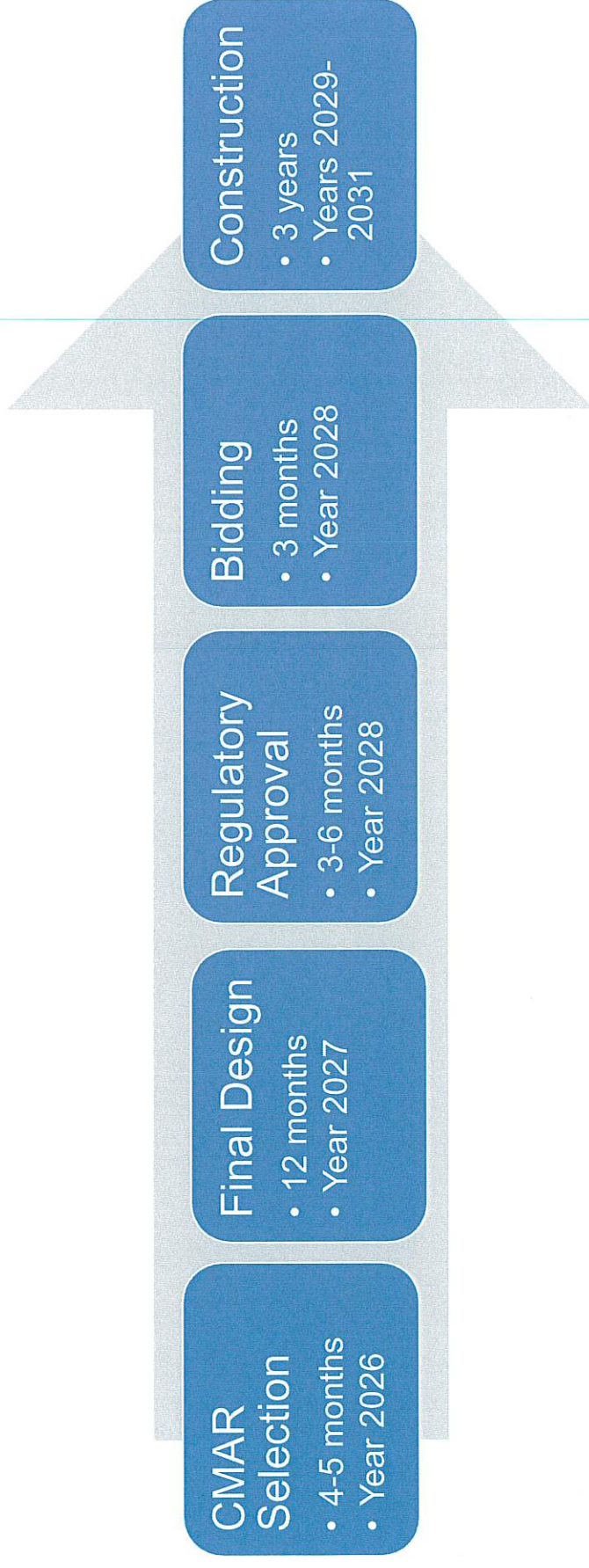
- Demolish and infill lower level of process room in Administration Building.
- Pour at-grade floor with trench drain and flammable waste interceptor for:
 - Maintenance garage,
 - Functional bathroom group, and
 - Separate shower facilities.
- Add new destratification exhaust fans and gas detection equipment.
- Remove exterior wall for overhead garage door.
- Replace Roof with fully adhered EPDM.
- Repair exterior CMU.
- Replace interior architectural coatings.
- Replace exterior architectural coatings.
- Remove existing boiler, replace with forced air furnace, and air conditioning.
- Replace existing PLC and SCADA system.
- Remove and route sanitary drain to intermediate plant lift station.
- Replace (6) existing 36" wide and (1) 72" wide double-leaf exterior hollow metal doors with new aluminum doors.
- Replace existing interior process piping, equipment, and architectural coatings.

Site Improvements

- New fiber communications.
- Generator with sufficiently sized unit in all-weather enclosure - ATS located at Disinfection and Pumping Building.
- Remove, replace, and add new site lighting.
- Remove, replace, and add new site asphalt.
- Remove, replace, and add new site 6'-0" chain-link fence.
- Remove and replace site stormwater system as needed (need to determine if a stormwater pond is necessary - it may be).
- Add new concrete walk.
- Replace front gate with motor-operated gate, card scanner (software by City), and camera (software by City).
- Remove existing and relocate septage receiving.
 - Cast-in-place concrete structure with controls gates.
 - Approximately 30'-0" x 40'-0" with control structure. Depth to frost as needed 1'-0" above grade with guardrail.
 - Add new interior process piping and equipment coatings.

ATTACHMENT C
Estimated Schedule for CMAR Delivery Method

Estimated Schedule – CMAR Delivery Method





WORKSHOP ITEM

Big Lake City Council

Prepared By: Layne Otteson P.E. City Engineer ENG26-020	Meeting Date: 4/15/2023	Item No. 4D
Item Description: Street Patching and Sealcoat Discussion	Reviewed By: Hanna Klimmek, City Administrator	
	Reviewed By: Deb Wegeleben, Finance Director	

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Staff requests Council provide direction regarding pavement repairs and preservation investment for 2026.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Pavement repairs and preservation lengthen the service life of streets and allow for more consistent scheduling of annual resurfacing. Investing in pavement preservation to extend the life of pavements so they can be resurfaced in 4 to 7 years. This will also include some spot patching repairs prior to sealcoating. Currently, there is a concentration of streets approaching the typical time to perform resurfacing and sealcoating will delay the need to resurface selected streets. Extending the target year for resurfacing provides longer pavement lifecycle and will spread out the work more evenly. This will also benefit the City in 20 to 25 years when the streets are due for resurfacing again and work is spread out

Street Patching Needs

Several pavement areas around the City are deteriorating at an accelerated pace. In most locations, it is isolated but growing. The number and size of the areas observed this spring exceed Public Works capabilities. This work volume is large enough to hire a paving contractor with a milling machine and hot-mix paver. The patches will extend the service life of the whole street to better fit with future resurfacing schedule. Staff estimates and proposes \$40,000 in patching city wide unrelated to proposed sealcoat areas.

2026 Sealcoating

The City performed annual sealcoating on its streets from 2000 to 2014 and again in 2023. Seal coating and other pavement preservation activities are a common preventive maintenance activity in Minnesota performed by most cities, counties and rural Mn/DOT districts. City Engineer Otteson and Public Works Superintendent Michels support pavement preservation work to protect existing pavements and extend the useful life before resurfacing is required. Staff estimates and proposes up to \$210,000 in sealcoating south of US 10 in residential neighborhoods.

Points of Interest

- Staff is seeing accelerated deterioration of pavement in isolated areas on collector streets that are 22 to 25 years old. Some areas are experiencing the top 2" turning to gravel this spring. Staff is continuing to monitor.
- Areas with poor drainage have the most severe pavement deterioration. This typically can be corrected during resurfacing to meet minimum engineering slopes.

- Curbing on Lakeshore Drive and Hiawatha Avenue has significant deterioration at many of the joints. A field survey shows about 10% of curb joints having a poor rating and should be repaired. This repair adds approximately \$250,000 to the resurfacing project.
- There was significant residential and commercial growth in the City between 1998 and 2007. Those streets range from 19 to 28 years old and are reaching the typical age for resurfacing.
- Staff consensus recognizes that sealcoat provides benefit by preserving pavement and extending the pavement life.
- Funding the Pavement Management Plan requires a strategy to utilize State Aid funding, General Fund, bonding and possible grants to minimize the budget impact. Large projects may require State Aid funding advances.

Minnesota Avenue Funding Impact

City CIP fund 196 needs to fund the construction of Minnesota Avenue at a cost of about \$800,000 (est.).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of street work is very sensitive to oil price fluctuations and supply chain issues. The work will be programmed in a responsible and cost-effective manner. Funding for a 2026 sealcoating project is budgeted and the goal would be to utilize approximately \$250,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends moving forward with 2026 patching and sealcoat planning and further develop project for approval at the May 20 Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

None



WORKSHOP ITEM

Big Lake City Council

Prepared By: <i>Norman Michels, Streets/Parks/Fleet Superintendent</i>	Meeting Date: <i>4/15/2026</i>	Item No. 4E
Item Description: <i>Discuss Water Meter Exchange Program - Water Service Shut offs</i>	Reviewed By: <i>Hanna Klimmek, City Administrator</i>	
	Reviewed By: <i>Deb Wegeleben, Finance Director</i>	

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Council is asked to discuss and provide direction on shutting water services off due to lack of compliance with the water meter exchange program.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City started the water meter exchange program in the spring of 2024 to replace aging water meters citywide. The City contracted with Core and Main and HydroCorp to replace all water meters throughout the city. These new meters provide immediate up to date water usage data that is used for utility billing purposes, and has assisted in trouble shooting high water usage issues occurring at a property.

At the beginning of the project, there were over 3,900 water meters to be switched out. The contractor has fulfilled the requirements of the contract, and in the summer of 2025 we were informed that the program was being turned over the city for the remaining meters to be changed out. At the time the project was turned over to the city, the remaining water meters that needed to be replaced was over 450. Public Works staff along with City Hall staff have worked diligently trying to schedule the replacement of the remaining water meters. Currently, there are approximately 90 meters left to be changed out. Staff has tried contacting residents though multiple different methods including door knockers, phone messages and notices attached to utility bills.

Due to the limited number of remaining old style water meters, we can expect that the City's current meter read company, RMR, will cease to provide meter reading services. When this happens, Public Works staff will have to take on the task of reading any remaining old style meters monthly.

As the City has provided a substantial amount of notifications to remaining old style metered households, the only other recourse to get the meters updated, is to begin the process of shutting off water service to these remaining properties. The City would provide one last notification to property owners that their old water meter equipment must be scheduled for replacement immediately or their water service will be shut off by a specific date. Water service would then be turned off until the new water meter equipment is installed by Public Works. Upon installation, Public Works will reinstate water service as soon as possible.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Per the City Fee Schedule, the fee for shutting off water service is \$60, and the fee for turning the service back on is an additional \$60. Staff does not have the authority to waive these fees. It is up to the Council's discretion to waive fees listed in the City Fee Schedule. It should be noted all of these property owners have received multiple notices that they need to schedule their water meter replacement, and have not done so.

All property owners have been notified by Public Works a minimum of four times, in addition to notices processed by HydroCorp.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council authorize shutting off water services to specific properties due to lack of compliance with the water meter exchange program.

ATTACHMENTS

None



WORKSHOP ITEM

Big Lake City Council

Prepared By: Layne Otteson P.E., City Engineer ENG26-021	Meeting Date: 4/15/2025	Item No. 4F
Item Description: 2029 & 2030 US 10 Construction Project Update	Reviewed By: Hanna Klimmek, City Administrator	
	Reviewed By: N/A	

COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

No direction requested. Information only.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

2029 Reconstruction

MnDOT has identified a reconstruction project for US 10 from the promenade area along Big Lake to Phyllis Street. Termini are subject to adjustment as it is early in the process. MnDOT has provided very little information other than it is full reconstruction and all intersections are being studied. Staff has provided preliminary information and safety concerns along the corridor to MnDOT. Staff will next meet with MnDOT when they have further developed preliminary concepts and layouts. MnDOT is inquiring if the City has interest in lighting upgrades and streetscaping. Streetscaping includes aesthetic upgrades that will be shared with pictures during Workshop.

2030 Resurfacing and Intersection Upgrades

MNDOT has indicated that new J-turns configurations at 166th Street, 172nd Street and 176th Street are likely. This segment is from Phyllis Street to the Sherburne County Courthouse area in Elk River. However, recent discussions include designs that limit some of the expected turns as previously shared. Further explanation and schematic will be shared at Workshop.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A