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July 2021 Board Meeting

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The JCSUD Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

The Board of Directors awarded Day Services, LLC the contract for the CR 206 CIP Master Plan Project. This project consists of 1,615 LF of 8-inch waterline. CR 206 project was categorized as a health & safety, high priority project for the 2021 CIP Master Plan. Per the 2021 Water Master Plan, this project was listed as a redline for pressure at 1.2 GPM due to high headloss. The bid opening was held June 15th at 2:00 pm, a total of five bids were received. Day Services, LLC came in with the lowest bid of $101,807.50.

The Board of Directors approved a proposal from CivicPlus for a new JCSUD website. CivicPlus is an integrated technology platform for local government that connects employees and Board members with the citizens they represent and serve with the simplicity, versatility, and power of an integrated portfolio of solutions and cyber security. Each department will control their own updates, making it easy to get content to customers, developers, contractors, consultants, and staff. CivicPlus will provide the capability to share live videos of meetings and events with interested citizens not able to attend in person, and then post the recording for citizens to watch at their convenience. The new user-friendly JCSUD website is expected to "go-live" in February 2022.

Jeremiah Bihl, P.E., presented a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for on-call engineering services. The current size of the District and the amount of future work the District expects to have warrants the use multiple engineering consultants. The RFQ and agreement will allow the District to create its own pool of engineering consultants and utilize them as projects arise. The pool of consultants will be chosen from an RFQ process and includes consultants with different strengths and areas of expertise. JCSUD and the consultants will negotiate fees and enter an agreement for a set number of years with an option to extend the agreement term. The Board of Directors approved the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for on-call engineering services.

The Board of Directors approved a resolution authorizing application to TCEQ for Plant 8 - 1M elevated project and issuance of bonds. Texas Water Code requires the District to seek approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to issue bonds to finance a project. The TCEQ determines whether the project to be financed by the bonds is feasible and issue an order either approving or disapproving, as appropriate, the issuance of the bonds. The not-to-exceed amount in the previously approved Board resolution was changed to $8,040,000.00. The TCEQ also has certain required percentages for cost components. Therefore, the following adjustments were made; cost components were changed to conform with their percentages, a TCEQ application submittal fee of $20,100.00 was added, and the Debt Service Reserve Fund was added back into the borrowing amount. This is the biggest change in the numbers from before – increase of $902,500.00. JCSUD plans to purchase a Surety Bond for this requirement to reduce the borrowing costs. Per the project team members, the changes were prudent and necessary for obtaining TCEQ approval.

General Manager, Pete Kampfer reported that the JCSUD Department Managers increased their effort in the recruitment of budgeted staff, inclusive in the Operations and Customer Service Departments. Still under review are hiring incentives, additional recruitment venues, and advertisements.

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