MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County Water & Sewer District was held at Lancaster County Water & Sewer District's Administrative Office in the Conference Center Board Room at 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, after due notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

Members Present: Gerald White, Robert Barr, Doc Steele, Jimmy Deaton, Mike Williams, Robert Harris, Larry Hammond, RJ Clyburn and Stephen White.

Members Absent: None

In addition, there were present: Brad Bucy, District Manager; Wes Carter, Operations Manager; Amanda Threatt, Administrative Assistant; Susan Driscoll and Jim Sheedy, District Legal Counsel.

Gerald White called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and chaired the meeting.

Public Comment as Necessary

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Gerald asked if there were any questions or proposed changes to the February 11, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes. There were none. Robert Harris made a motion to approve the February minutes. Larry Hammond seconded. All approved.

Approval of Regional Water Transmission Main Riverside Road Bid

LCWSD received bids for the Regional Water Transmission Main Riverside Road Project on Thursday, February 18, 2025. Bids were received properly from nine (9) bidders. The low bid was from State Utility Contractors, Inc. of Monroe, NC in the amount of \$7,227,718.00. This bid was within the Engineer's estimate. The attached Engineer's recommendation letter from Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. identifies State Utility as the low, responsive and responsible bidder. Brad reviewed the current overall project estimate with the Board. The project is currently under budget.

Robert Barr made a motion to approve the State Utility Contractors, Inc.'s bid in the amount of \$7,227,718.00 in accordance with the attached Engineer's recommendation letter and contingent upon the approval from SC RIA. Stephen White seconded. All approved.

Approval of Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. Engineering Amendment #2 for Construction Observation and Administration of Riverside Road Project

Engineering Amendment #1 from Wiedeman & Singleton was previously approved to a new contract amount of \$624,974. The first amendment included additional contracted land acquisition services. Amendment #2 in the amount of \$222,240 for Construction Observation and Administration of the Riverside Road Project is within the original and current project budgets.

Doc Steele made a motion to approve Wiedeman & Singleton, Inc. Engineering Amendment #2 in the amount of \$222,240. RJ Clyburn seconded. All approved.

Approval of RNF Construction, LLC Change Order 1

RNF Construction, LLC has completed the Hwy 521 20-inch Transmission Main #3. The final change order is a line item adjusting deduct to the project in the amount of \$43,002.09. It also includes 139 additional days to substantial completion and 324 additional days to final payment. There were considerable delays caused due to Duke Energy performing work at the same time in the Hwy 521 corridor and due to an existing gas line resulting in a re-alignment of the subject water transmission main. The relocation behind the gas line led to a great deal of extra time for clean-up work after substantial completion. Staff recommends the approval of Change Order 1 to RNF Construction, LLC.

Stephen White made a motion to approve RNF Construction, LLC Change Order 1 for a contract deduct of \$43,002.09 and additional days outlined above. Doc Steele seconded. All approved.

Approval of Caldwell Tanks, Inc. Change Order 1

Caldwell Tanks, Inc. is approximately 60% complete with construction. Caldwell is on-schedule to complete in the third quarter of this year. LCWSD plans to perform demolition of the existing State Line tank in fourth quarter of this year. Staff recommends approval of Change Order 1 to Caldwell Tanks, Inc.

Robert Harris made a motion to approve Caldwell Tanks, Inc. Change Order 1 for an increase of \$1,750. RJ Clyburn seconded. All approved.

Approval of CRWSP Conservation Easements for Reservoir Project

There are two Conservation Easements required at CRWSP in order to close out the Reservoir Project. The Katawba Valley Land Trust will be the holder of both of these Easements. One of the Easements is 24.41 acres dedicated to the protection of a Watershed of an Unnamed Tributary below the dam and required by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The other Easement is 23.972 acres of source water protection around the perimeter of the Reservoir as required by SC Department of Environmental Services (SC DES). There have been approximately \$50,000 in surveying, legal, and stewardship fees associated with these Easements. These fees will be split with 50% of the funding to be paid by Union County and the other 50% to be paid by LCWSD.

Stephen White made a motion to approve the CRWSP Conservation Easements pending the approval from Union County. Robert Harris seconded. All approved.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice on Pending Litigation, Contractual Agreement and/or Personnel Issue

There was no executive session.

Adjourn

Larry Hammond made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm. Mike Williams seconded. All approved.

Robert L. Barr, Secretary

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Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail

Mr. Brad Bucy, P.E.

Lancaster County Water and Sewer District

District Manager

1400 Pageland Highway Lancaster, SC 29720

Re:

Regional Water Transmission Riverside

Road Project

SCIIP Grant #A-23-C115

Lancaster County Water and Sewer District

Dear Mr. Bucy:

Bids were received, opened, and read in public on Thursday, February 18, 2025 for the Regional Water Transmission Riverside Road Project. Bids were properly received from nine (9) bidders. The submitted bids received are as follows:

Bidder	Total	
State Utility Contractors, Inc. Monroe, NC	\$7,227,718.00	
Dellinger, Inc. Monroe, NC	\$7,323,771.00	
Double R Utilities, Inc. Gaffney, SC	\$7,392,544.71	
Elite Infrastructure Group, LLC Monroe, NC	\$7,499,937.00	
Timberline Construction Group, LLC Pelham, AL	\$7,995,000.00	
Legacy Water Group, LLC Covington, GA	\$8,589,927.25	
Chandler Construction Service, Inc. Ninety-Six, SC	\$9,430,295.00	
Thompson Turner Construction Sumter, SC	\$9,581,403.00	
Propst Construction Co., Inc. Concord, NC	\$9,673,430.00	

A certified tabulation of the bids received is attached. Also, a copy of the tabulation will be provided to each bidder and posted on our company's website at www.wiedeman.com.

The bid submitted by State Utility Contractors, Inc. included a 5% bid bond, the bid was executed, and all three (3) addenda were acknowledged. State Utility Contractors Inc. was responsive, responsible and qualified in that the bid included a properly completed bid form, a completed Certification regarding Lobbying, a completed Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension and the qualification information requested in the Instructions to Bidders.

Additionally, the amount bid by State Utility Contractors, Inc. was less than the Engineer's Opinion of Cost that was prepared by Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. In our opinion, the price submitted by State Utility Contractors, Inc. is reasonable, and the bid is the low, responsive and responsible bid. As such, we recommend Lancaster County Water and Sewer District award the project to State Utility Contractors, Inc. of Monroe, North Carolina in the amount of SEVEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$7,227,718.00). The award should be contingent on the approval of the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA).

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

WIEDEMAN AND SINGLETON, INC.

Troy A. Began, P.E.

Cc: Mr. Wes Carter, P.E. Susan Driscoll, Esq.