Resolution 2013-221

Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to Blackstone Contractors, LLC, in the Amount of $688,680.12 for the Brownie Lake Trail Improvement Project, O.P No 7806, Pending Approval by the Civil Rights Office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Authorizing Administrative Use of a 6% Construction Contingency Up to $42,208.00 for Necessary Construction Change Orders that May Arise with the Contract

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is authorized to contract with public and private entities in the performance of its functions;

Whereas, The MPRB has allocated funding for improvements to Brownie Lake, a component of the Chain of Lakes Regional Park, as part of the Regional Park Capital Improvement Program;

Whereas, The MPRB publicly solicited and received six bids on May 16, 2013 for O.P.#7806 for the Brownie Lake Trail Improvement Project;

Whereas, The bids received have been reviewed and tabulated with the apparent low bid provided by Blackstone Contractors, LCC in the amount of $688,680.12;

Whereas, The bid is under review by the Civil Rights Office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation for approval and certification;

Whereas, The total of the contract award is within MPRB-allocated funding; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Recreation that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of community”;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners award a construction contract to Blackstone Contractors, LLC, in the amount of $688,680.12 for the Brownie Lake Trail Improvement Project, O.P No 7806, pending approval by the Civil Rights Office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and authorize administrative use of a 6% construction contingency up to $42,208 for necessary construction change orders that may arise with the contract; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning

DATE: June 5, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract to Blackstone Contractors, LLC, in the Amount of $688,680.12 for the Brownie Lake Trail Improvement Project, O.P No 7806, Pending Approval by the Civil Rights Office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Authorizing Administrative Use of a 6% Construction Contingency Up to $42,208.00 for Necessary Construction Change Orders that May Arise with the Contract

BACKGROUND

On May 16, 2013, after publicly soliciting bids, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board received six (6) bids for the Brownie Lake Trail Improvements Project. This resolution awards the apparent low bid as submitted by Blackstone Contractors, LLC in the amount of $688,680.12, plus a 6% construction contingency of $42,208, pending approval by the Civil Rights Office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Eighty percent (80%) of the cost to construct improvements along the east rim of Brownie Lake is funded by a federal TEA-21 grant which requires a local match of 20% (from the 2013 Regional Park O&M Fund). The scope of work in the base bid widens, realigns, and replaces the bituminous bicycle trail along Cedar Lake Parkway above the lake. Other improvements on the east rim of the park that qualify for the federal transportation enhancement funding include fencing and guardrail replacement, parkway lighting, and improved pedestrian access to the northeast corner of the park. Improvements to access and recreation trails into or within the park were excluded from the scope of federal transportation enhancement grant.

The construction of the bicycle trail, which is part of the Grand Rounds, will be somewhat complicated by Minneapolis Public Works' replacement of the sanitary sewer lift station on the east side of Brownie Lake. A permanent path from Wayzata Boulevard to the east side of the lake will give Minneapolis Public Works (MPW) the access required to maintain the lift station. To mitigate tree loss in the basin as a result of the lift station work, MPW will be providing 75 trees to Blackstone Contractors to plant in the basin.

The Parks and Trails Legacy Amendment will fund improvements below the rim of the park. A pedestrian bridge at the south end of the park will cross the channel to Cedar Lake, completing a trail loop around the lake and discouraging pedestrian trespass on adjacent railroad property. Trails will be re-graded at the north end of the park to eliminate erosion. Outlet structures and

the existing canoe landing will be improved.

The three alternates - two additional stairways into the park and a fishing dock – were not accepted due to funding constraints.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS

5/22/13	Resolution 2013-209 approving Agency Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation
2/20/13	Resolution 2013-139 approving MOU with MORC and MOCA for trails in Wirth and Brownie Lake
3/14/12	Resolution 2012/141 approving the Community Advisory Committee recommendations for Brownie Lake Area Plan
10/5/11	Resolution 2011-181 retaining SRF as consultants for $169,951
6/16/10	Planning Committee approves charge and composition for Citizens Advisory Committee for Brownie Lake Area Plan

FUNDING / COST SUMMARY

Sources		**$1,018,603**
Parks Trails Legacy Amendment Grant (Met Council SG-2010-078)	$600,000	
Federal Hwy TE Funds	$293,603	*(80% construction costs only)*
2013 O & M match	$125,000	
Uses		**$1,018,603**
survey costs	$ 16,299	
design and engineering consulting	$169,951	
communication and publicity costs	$ 5,515	
MPRB Planning	$ 32,770	
Buckthorn treatment and removal	$ 38,180	
Power pole removal cost share	$ 25,000	
Construction costs- base bid	$688,680	
Construction contingency (@6%)	$ 42,208	
Balance		**$0**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends award of a construction contract to Blackstone Contractors, LLC, in the amount of $688,680.12 for the Brownie Lake Trail Improvement project, O.P No 7806, pending approval by the Civil Rights Office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and authorizing administrative use of a 6% construction contingency up to $42,208 for necessary construction change orders that may arise with the contract.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Vision Theme 2	Recreation that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of community.
Goal:	Residents, visitors, and workers enjoy opportunities to improve health and fitness.
Goal:	People connect through parks and recreation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Brownie Lake Bid Tab (PDF)

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