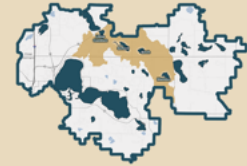




MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: June 1, 2026
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Heath Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Contract Award



Little Comfort Lake
Management District

Background/Discussion:

The CLFLWD Board of Managers ordered the Heath Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Project at the [January 23, 2025, regular board meeting](#). The Board authorized bid solicitation at the [March 12, 2026 regular board meeting](#).

Bid opening occurred on April 14th. The District received 11 bids ranging from \$1,245,099.64 to \$1,899,749.90. Emmons & Olivier Resources has prepared a contract award memorandum finding that the bid from D&D Contracting, LLC, is the low bid, that it is responsive, and that D&D Contracting is a responsible bidder and recommending the award to D&D Contracting. Staff join this recommendation.

Recommended Motion:

Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to adopt resolution 26-05-01 Awarding Contract for the Heath Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Project. Seconded by Manager _____.

Attached

Resolution 26-05-01

Engineer's Recommendation for Award

**COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

RESOLUTION 26-06-01

**AWARDING CONTRACT for the
HEATH IRON ENHANCED SAND FILTER PROJECT**

Manager _____ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager _____:

WHEREAS the District has adopted a watershed management plan (WMP) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.231, that in project 5225C identified the need for best management practices, such as iron enhanced sand filtration, to reduce nutrient loading from the Heath Avenue subwatershed to Little Comfort Lake (hereafter the "Project");

WHEREAS the Project consists of a pumped iron-enhanced sand filter located on District property in the City of Wyoming within the lakeshed of Little Comfort Lake;

WHEREAS a feasibility report prepared by the District engineer, dated January 15, 2025, finds that the Project will reduce phosphorus loading into Little Comfort Lake by about 75-86 pounds per year;

WHEREAS the District applied for and has been awarded a Clean Water Fund grant from the State of Minnesota, in the amount of \$1,499,000, for the Project;

WHEREAS on January 23, 2025, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.251, the Board, after public notice and hearing, established and ordered the Project;

WHEREAS on March 12, 2026, the Board approved the engineer's 90 percent construction plans and directed that sealed bids be solicited for Project construction;

WHEREAS the District duly advertised and solicited bids for Project construction, and 11 bids were submitted and reviewed by the District engineer;

WHEREAS in a memorandum dated June 1, 2026, the District engineer finds that the bid of D&D Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$1,245,099.64 is the low bid, that the bid is responsive, and that D&D Contracting, LLC is a responsible contractor, and recommends the award to D&D Contracting, LLC.

WHEREAS the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the District engineer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- a. D&D Contracting, LLC is awarded the Heath Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Project contract for the price of \$1,245,099.64;
- b. The District administrator is authorized to sign and transmit the notice of award, sign the construction agreement, and issue the notice to proceed on advice of counsel and when all prerequisites for issuance have been met by the contractor; and
- c. The District administrator is authorized, in his discretion and on advice of counsel, to approve work changes increasing the contract price in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$62,254.98 (5% of the contract amount).

The question was on the adoption of the above resolution and there were ___ ayes and ___ nays as follows:

Manager	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Jim Schottmuller				
Dave Bakke				
Doug Toavs				
Stephen Schmaltz				
Jackie Anderson				

The President declared the resolution adopted.

Dated: June 11, 2026

Dave Bakke, Secretary

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I, Dave Bakke, Secretary of the Comfort Lake–Forest Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct transcription of an action of the Board taken on the date above indicated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ___ day of _____ 2026.

Dave Bakke, Secretary

Project Name | Heath Avenue Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter
To | Board of Managers, CLFLWD
 Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Cc | Blayne Eineichner, District Project Manager
From | Erik Megow, PE, Project Engineer
Regarding | Recommendation for Award of Contract

Date | June 1, 2026

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a recommendation for selecting a Contractor to construct the Heath Avenue Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter project.

Bid Summary

The Request for Bids was posted on QuestCDN on March 16, 2026, and within local newspapers over the following week. Bids were due on April 14, 2026, at 2:00pm with a formal bid opening at the same time via Zoom; contractors were invited to attend virtually.

For us to formulate our recommendation, we compared the Total Bid values for each of the contractors. There were no Add Alternates for this project.

A total of 11 bids were received with two bids coming in below the engineer’s estimate of \$1,333,919.50. The low bid came from D&D Contracting, LLC, as shown in the table below. EOR reviewed the D&D submittal and finds it to be responsive. EOR and CLFLWD Staff also requested and reviewed additional information from D&D and Peterson Companies, the second-lowest bidder, as to company capacity, experience and references.

After a review of D&D Contracting’s recent project examples, references for recent projects, and related submittals, EOR finds D&D Contracting to be a responsible bidder. The bid solicitation required bidders to identify any subcontractor it proposes to use for vegetative restoration work. The D&D submittal identified Traverse des Sioux Garden Center as its subcontractor and provided requested information on the subcontractor's project experience. EOR finds the subcontractor to be satisfactory.

COMPANY	BID SECURITY INCLUDED	REQUIRED BID DOCUMENTS	TOTAL BID
D&D Contracting, LLC	✓	✓	\$1,245,099.64
Peterson Companies	✓	✓	\$1,266,828.63
Engineer’s Estimate	N/A	N/A	\$1,333,919.50
Gustafson Excavating, Inc	✓	✓	\$1,333,920.90
RE Peterson, Inc.	✓	✓	\$1,393,026.00
JR Ferche, Inc.	✓	✓	\$1,446,929.56
Meyer Contracting	✓	✓	\$1,465,238.47
US SiteWork, Inc.	✓	✓	\$1,472,416.00
Sunram Construction, Inc.	✓	✓	\$1,506,864.00

COMPANY	BID SECURITY INCLUDED	REQUIRED BID DOCUMENTS	TOTAL BID
Pember Companies	✓	✓	\$1,577,522.00
Dresel Contracting	✓	✓	\$1,693,012.59
McLafferty Contracting Group, LLC	✓	✓	\$1,899,749.90

Recommendation

D&D Contracting LLC is a reputable contractor that, along with its subcontractors, has the capabilities and experience to complete the construction of the Heath Avenue Iron-enhanced Sand Filter. Following our review of their project experience, feedback from their references, initial bid package, and the additional information that it provided we are recommending approval of the Total Bid and award of the contract to the low responsive bidder, D&D Contracting LLC, in the amount of **\$1,245,099.64**.

In addition, it is recommended, to prevent construction delay or associated cost, that the Board authorize the District Administrator to execute change orders, if necessary, in an amount not to exceed (in total) 5% of the construction contract price.