

Buffalo Lake P & R District Board Minutes
Thursday, April 18, 2019 8:00am
Packwaukee Town Hall

Pledge

Meeting called to order at 8:00am

Roll Call: Present: Judy, Larry, Vikki, Bill, Ro Quorum met

Absent: Jon Sheller, Kelly Cosgrove

Transporter Bid Award

Ro asked if there was any discussion about awarding the transporter bid. Bill stated that this was the first time that the District has compared apple to apples. Going down the line and comparing the specs, Bill stated that his concern from the previous bid that that Inland's barge was smaller and shorter although they were \$11,000 cheaper. Larry stated that the people that work on them are concerned with the drive system for the paddlewheels. Larry stated that he didn't know how often the drive system broke down. He thought that it was \$1800.00 to repair the paddle wheel motors on the Inland as opposed to the \$400.00 on the Aquarius. Inland stated that the life expectancy on the paddle wheel motors are about 7 years and that there are some that have never been replaced and there are some that are 20 years old. It really comes down to the maintenance program. Inland stated that it is something that is not expected to fail.

Gary Kershaw asked to make a statement before the Board made a decision, he stated that Inland could supply parts for our Aquarius machines, the 15% discount that Aquarius is offering should not be considered as that was not a bid requirement. The grant money, thanks to much effort from Joe Dion, is not supposed to be used on volume but for frugal purchases. We need to remember that we are spending tax payer money. So why would we spend more grant money and more Lake District Money to purchase a transporter. The change in the Inland bond to a realistic bond would also change the price of the transporter and extend the warranty on the one machine.

Ro stated that legally we can't consider the extras that Aquarius has offered as it was not in the original bid request. Ro clarified with Bill what he stated earlier about the Inland barge being smaller. Bill stated that the picture showed the barge being smaller, but the specs showed that the barge size requirements were met. Dave Burton asked if the stability calculations were comparable between the two. Larry stated that the seeing how the barrages are about the same size one would think that the stability would be the same. There was discussion on the hoses, Inland uses rubber hoses, Aquarius uses stainless steel.

Vikki asked Judy about taking the lowest bid and asked Joe Dion his interpretation on taking the lowest bid. Joe stated per statute 33.26.1 it does state the lowest responsible bidder. Joe stated he had a chance to go back and look at both bid packages, we have 2 companies that have been in business for a number of years, they both provided the proper bonding and property warranty as noted in the bid package there where are some noted deviations. Vikki stated that we have 2 responsible parties. Aquarius stated that they submitted everything and asked if Inland had submitted their stability calculations. Inland stated that they would submit the stability calculations once the bid was accepted. Vikki asked Judy at this level of money was the District required to accept the lowest bid. Judy answered that she didn't know at this level of money.

Gary asked if the attorney was contacted. Ro stated that the attorney mentioned that the lowest bid is what he would recommend providing that it was the most responsible bid. Aquarius stated that they bought everything to the table and if the District issues the bid to Inland, Aquarius is going to issue something back to the District. Ro stated that we could do one of two things, we could not accept any bids, or we could have a closed session meeting with the attorney to discuss the bids.

It was determined that time was getting of the essence and that the District has a responsibility to make a decision. There was discussion that both machines are comparable.

Judy asked if the attorney had looked at what was submitted. Ro stated that the attorney had looked at the bid form and bid spec but did not go through each and every piece of paper from each company.

Linda Huggett made a comment that who ever gets the bid, the District would be going out for bid on other equipment in the future and that there would be another opportunity to do this again. She stated that both companies are very trust worthy and hope that would could have a good future relationship with both companies.

Larry made a motion to accept the bid from Inland, Bill seconded, no discussion 4 in favor, 1 opposed

Larry motion to adjourn, Jon seconded all in favor. 8:32am