



Aitkin
County

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 5-10-22

Title of Item: County Ditch 5 Repair

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>

Submitted by: John Welle	Department: Highway
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Presenter (Name and Title): John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer	Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes
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Summary of Issue:
For many years we have been exploring options to repair the portion of County Ditch 5 from State Highway 65 to State Highway 210, as the severe blockage in this 7000-foot segment of ditch is restricting the flow of water in County Ditch 5. Water elevation surveys over the years have continuously shown a difference of three to four feet in water surface elevation from the west end of the segment to the east end.

We have recently been successful in getting the required permits to use a "cookie cutter" floating machine to attempt to cut away the vegetation that's blocking this ditch. We have solicited and received the attached quote from Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal in Orr, MN to have them utilize their machine to remove the vegetation in this ditch for an estimated cost of \$30,227.92. With no other known companies with a similar machine in the area, only this single quote was obtained.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Request motion to authorize expenditure of \$30,227.92.

Financial Impact:
Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No
What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$
Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

Although not specifically budgeted, this ditch repair expenditure is proposed to be paid from county development funds as is typically done with various ditch repair expenditures throughout the year.

Proposal for BID Aitkin County

LAKES AQUATIC WEED REMOVAL AGREEMENT TO PERFORM SERVICES

This agreement sets out the terms and conditions under which Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal, Po Box 274 , Orr, Minnesota 55771, hereinafter referred to as "LAWR" will provide certain services to Aitkin County. Hereinafter referred to as "AC."

I. Services to be Performed

- A. Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal will provide labor and equipment necessary to cut and widen channels in ditch areas. LAWR will transport (1) Lantana Cookie Cutter and other necessary equipment to an appropriate landing at the ditch system. Cutter Machine will be launched into the water body and access channels will be cut with some debris being thrown on shore from the machine and other left in the channel.
 - i. **Inclement Weather**, LAWR reserves the right, to postpone scheduled work if inclement weather starts negatively affecting harvesting production.
- B. (AC) will, to the best of their ability, designate and mark the area in a manner agreed to by both parties and provide LAWR with information necessary to perform the services in the area intended to be cleared.
- C. (AC) will, to the best of their ability, remove most of the downed trees in the channel that the cookie cutter won't be able to cut through.

II. Compensation

A. In consideration of the services to be performed by LAWR, the client shall pay LAWR the sum calculated as set out below within 30 days after the vegetation has been removed as agreed upon by both parties. If AC decides to cancel the contract before the harvest occurs a 20% Cancellation Fee will be applied.

B. Compensation shall be calculated as per ft follows:

Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal

PO Box 274
 Orr, MN 55771
 (218) 780-5270

Quote

4/22/2022

Quote for	Payable to
Aitkin County Ditch 5	Lakes Aquatic
John Welle	Weed Removal
	Project
	Cattail Cutting

Description	Total price
Cookie Cutter (Mobilization/Decontamination)	\$2,500.00
Cookie Cutter	\$3.89 per ft
Ditch 5	1.35 miles
	7,128.00
	\$27,727.92
Notes: Additional charge if crane is needed to be removed from channel	Subtotal
	\$30,227.92
Cutting width 8-12	

Received By: Jacob Holman Quote Price Total **\$30,227.92**

III. Insurance

- A. LAWR has acquired and will maintain commercial liability and motor vehicle insurance coverage for damages or injuries to persons and property arising from performance of the services.

IV. Permits/Vegetation

- A. Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal will use best practices to prevent the introduction of harmful plants or animals into the water body of AC.
- B. AC will, at their own expense obtain any permits or approvals required by any governmental entity to perform the services and travel of trucks down any roads. AC will provide to LAWR copies of any permits or approvals obtained. The Client will hold LAWR harmless from and defend against any claims of any person or entity arising from an allegation that a permit was required but not obtained.

V. Spill Control

- A. LAWR will have a spill control kit on site during the entire project. Re-fueling activities shall not purposefully result in fuel spillage into any waterway or on land. In the event of a hazardous material spill, LAWR shall use the spill kit available or call the proper authorities if it can not be contained, immediately followed by a call to the Project Manager.
- B. The Mechanical Cutter uses a ECO Friendly biodegradable hydraulic fluid in its reservoir and hydraulic lines. We take pride in keeping our equipment in great shape while keeping harmful chemicals out of the waterways.

VI. Disclaimer of Warranty

- A. LAWR does not warrant or represent that the removal of vegetation from the specified area will be permanent. The Client understands and agrees that the removal of the existing vegetation may result in growth of other vegetation, including undesirable and/or invasive species, and LAWR has no control over future variability in vegetation species and growth patterns.

