

**Indian River County, Florida
Department of Utility Services
Board Memorandum**

Date: February 16, 2024

To: Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

Through: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Sean C. Lieske, Director of Utility Services

From: Howard G. Richards, PE, Manager, Capital Projects

Prepared by: Robert J. Tobar, EI, Utility Design Engineer

Subject: North Sebastian Phase II Water and Sewer Project
FDEP Cost-Share Funding Agreement (LPQ 0019) Amendment No. 4
Project IDs: 21.17.513A and 21.17.513B

Background:

The Indian River County Department of Utility Services (IRCDUS) is undertaking a multi-phase Septic to Sewer (S2S) program to convert residential and commercial properties on septic systems to connect with the IRCDUS sewer network.

The North Sebastian Phase II Water and Sewer Project is a current project in this S2S program, consisting of approximately 200 parcels. It involves installing centralized water and sewer to certain properties off Roseland Road between 128th Court and 135th Lane, portions of Ercildoune Heights, and properties along Ruffner Lane.

In 2020, IRCDUS submitted a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Water Protection grant application for the North Sebastian Phase II Water and Sewer project. On May 19, 2020, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved Agreement No. LPQ0019 between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Indian River County. The agreement was for a grant amount of \$2,500,000, which was executed on July 2, 2020. Amendment No. 1 was subsequently executed that added \$750,000, increasing the amount of the award to \$3,250,000. On September 30, 2022, Amendment No. 2 was executed, to include revisions to the scope of work and reallocation of the budget for the project. On July 11, 2023, Amendment No. 3 was executed, granting a no-cost extension for completion of the project.

Agreement No. LPQ0019 contained a requirement to provide photographs of on-going work during construction of the project. This requirement was partially satisfied, as IRCDUS provided photographs for the construction of the water and sewer mains. However, the plumbing contractor for the private side connections did not provide photographs.

Discussion:

FDEP provided Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. LPQ0019. Amendment No. 4 removes the requirement to provide photographs for the construction of the water and sewer mains, and extends the expiration date of the agreement, among other less restrictive changes. There is no cost change in Amendment No. 4 grant funding.

By executing Amendment No. 4, IRCDUS will have satisfied all requirements of the grant, and FDEP will release final reimbursement to the County.

Funding:

No funding is required for this item.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners authorize the Director of Utility Services to execute the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Grant Agreement LPQ0019 Amendment No. 4 and all necessary documents to effectuate the amendment.

Attachments:

Amendment No.4 to Agreement No. LPQ0019