



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department
Conservation Lands Division

Date: February 21, 2024
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director
From: Wendy Swindell, Conservation Lands Manager
Subject: Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. Work Order Number 3, RFQ 2023015
– Indian River Lagoon Greenway Boardwalk

BACKGROUND:

The Indian River Lagoon Greenway is a 37.5-acre tract located northeast of the intersection of Indian River Boulevard and 12th Street, in Vero Beach. The property was purchased in 2008 with Cost-Share funding from the St. John's River Water Management District and the Florida Inland Navigation District. The property contains a small parking area, trails through coastal hammock and mangrove habitats, and an observation pier along the Indian River Lagoon (IRL).

As part of the initial improvements to the site, a boardwalk was constructed through the mangroves. Higher water levels and generally wetter conditions along the IRL have resulted in a portion of the trail to the west of the boardwalk becoming seasonally wet and difficult for pedestrians to traverse. For the past few years, the County has worked with the Indian River Land Trust to place mulch along wetter portions of the trail, however, this temporary remedy no longer resolves the issue. These wet conditions pose a safety concern and affect the enjoyable experience for trail walkers. A western extension of the current boardwalk would resolve the issue of the wet trail.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

On April 18, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners approved Continuing Consulting Engineering Services Agreements for RFQ 2023015. Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. was approved to provide Infrastructure, Site/Civil, and Utilities services. Bowman has provided staff with Work Order Number 3 – Continuing Consulting Engineering Services RFQ 2023015 to provide design, bid assistance and construction administration services for the proposed boardwalk extension. Staff will be completing the environmental permitting for the project in-house. Staff is respectfully requesting that Bowman Work Order Number 3 be approved to authorize completion of the proposed services.

FUNDING:

Funding for Work Order Number 3 - Continuing Services RFQ 2023015 is budgeted and available in the Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Lagoon Greenway Boardwalk account, number 31521072-066510-20039, in the amount of \$43,105.00.

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Lagoon Greenway Boardwalk	31521072-066510-20039	\$43,105.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. Work Order Number 3 – Continuing Consulting Engineering Services RFQ 2023-015 for the Indian River Lagoon Greenway Boardwalk and authorize the Chairman to execute Work Order Number 3 after review and approval by the County Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bowman Consulting Group Work Order Number 3 – Continuing Engineering Services RFQ 2023015, Indian River Lagoon Greenway Boardwalk.

DISTRIBUTION:

Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR MARCH 5, 2024