

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szyrka P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Keith McCully, P.E., Stormwater Engineer *MM*

SUBJECT: Approval of Work Order No. 2 with GK Environmental, Inc. for Shallow Marsh #2 Landscaping Services at Osprey Acres Floway and Nature Preserve

DATE: October 12, 2018

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

On April 5, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners directed Public Works Stormwater Division to begin grant applications and fast-track project design for Osprey Acres Floway and Nature Preserve, located on approximately 83.14 acres of County property. This work was completed and a construction contract (the primary construction contract) was awarded to West Construction, Inc. of Lantana, Florida on July 18, 2017. Three construction grants totaling \$3,634,536 were obtained for the primary construction contract.

Because the Project's design was performed at an accelerated pace in order to receive a St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Cost-Share Grant, landscaping for the Shallow Marsh 2 area (formerly a thick Brazilian pepper forest) was not included in the construction bid. Likewise, planting of the two treatment filter marshes was not included in the bid. Rather than allocate this additional work to West Construction through a change order, staff believes the County will be much better served by awarding the landscaping and planting services to GK Environmental, Inc. (GKE). GKE is very familiar with the Project, having performed environmental services during design and subsequent additional Brazilian pepper eradication services. GKE also assisted staff with the proposed Shallow Marsh landscaping design. GKE also provided and installed landscaping for the adjacent Osprey Marsh Algal Turf Scrubber project, which resulted in a beautiful, low maintenance site. GKE's proposed fee for furnishing, installing and maintaining the landscaping, and providing exotic species control within Shallow Marsh 2; and for furnishing and installing plantings in the two filter marshes is \$125,119.12. As a result of RFQ 2017053, GKE was awarded a Continuing Contract Agreement with Indian River County for Environmental and Biological Support Services on October 10, 2017, thereby waiving the necessity of the bid process.

FUNDING

Funding of the proposed Work Order will be provided from Optional Sales Tax/Public Works/Osprey Acres Stormwater- Acct# 31524338-066510-16022

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board Approve Work Order No. GKE OA2, executed by GK Environmental, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute it on behalf of the County.

ATTACHMENTS

Work Order No. 2, GKE OA2

DISTRIBUTION

Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Division
Kristin Daniels, Budget Department
William K. DeBral, Deputy County Attorney

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR OCTOBER 23, 2018