

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

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To: Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

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Subject: Amendment to Meeks Plumbing, Inc. Contract, RFP 2023007

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 the IRCDUS sewer network. On December 20, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) awarded Request for Proposal (RFP) 2023007, North County Water and Sewer System Phase 2 Customer Side Connections, to Meeks Plumbing, Inc. (Meeks). On January 31, 2023, the BCC approved RFP 2023007, which authorized Meeks to perform sewer customer connections in the following S2S projects: North County Phase 2 West Wabasso Phase 3A and West Wabasso Phase 3B.

North County Water and Sewer System Phase 2 consists of approximately 200 total parcels, involving properties on Roseland Road between 128th Court and 135th Lane, portions of Ercildoune Heights, and Ruffner Lane. West Wabasso Phase 3B consists of approximately 34 parcels along 59th Avenue and 58th Court, directly south of County Road 510 (85th Street). West Wabasso Phase 3A consists of approximately 29 parcels on 61st Drive, directly north of County Road 510.

Meeks has completed North County Water and Sewer System Phase 2 and will soon transition to West Wabasso Phase 3B.

Discussion:

Upon completion of the North County Water and Sewer System Phase 2 project, IRCDUS staff evaluated the implementation performance to identify opportunities for the subsequent West Wabasso Phase 3B project. Based on the evaluation, staff conducted a review and negotiation with Meeks regarding unit prices for two (2) items: sod replacement, and electrician fee associated with grinder pump installation. Both items were originally included in the not-to-exceed 25% variance cost (contingency) listed in the Meeks-Indian River County contract, and were found to be repetitive, thus making them more suitable as unit prices (rather than included as contingency).

Based on the review and negotiations with staff, Meeks has proposed new unit prices. These unit prices include \$3.50 per square foot for sod replacement and \$2,100 electrician fee per home requiring lift station installation. Meeks' new proposed unit prices are deemed reasonable, and approximately equates to 15% of the original 25% variance cost. To make the items more quantifiable, IRCDUS desires to include the new unit prices and reduce the variance cost from 25% to 10%. A not-to-exceed 10% variance cost is typical to cover contingencies on projects of this nature.

The new unit prices and variance/contingency are listed in the attached "Amended Exhibit 1 to the Agreement - Pricing".

Funding:

There is no change to funding for the Meeks-Indian River County contract.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve the Amended Exhibit 1 to the Agreement – Pricing for the Meeks-Indian River County contract. Upon satisfactory completion of the customer connections in West Wabasso Phase 3A and 3B sewer connections, staff is directed to make final payment and release any retainage to Meeks Plumbing, Inc., after review and approval by the Purchasing Manager and the County Attorney's Office.

Attachments:

- Amended Exhibit 1 to the Agreement - Pricing