



Title: Six Mile Marsh Prairie Trail and Interpretation Construction Bid Outcome

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Purpose: To provide the Board of Managers information regarding the bid results for the construction of the Six Mile Marsh Prairie trail and interpretive elements and to lead a discussion which will inform next steps.

Summary: Following a five-month design process to develop plans for the construction of a pedestrian trail and interpretive elements at the Six Mile Marsh Prairie property in Minnetrista, on September 23, 2021, the Board of Managers authorized solicitation of construction bids based on a construction estimate of \$294,970. The estimate, which was developed by Damon Farber, the District's design team, was approximately \$16,000 over the project construction budget of \$279,400. As such, the construction of the trail and trailhead signage were solicited as base bid items, and the four interpretive elements were bid as alternates as a means of exercising some cost control over the final project.

Bids were solicited on October 7, 2021, and a pre-bid meeting was held on October 12, 2021. Seven companies were represented at the pre-bid meeting, however at the close of the bid period on October 27, 2021, only two bids were submitted. Both bids exceed the construction estimate. The bid tabulation, including the construction estimate, will be provided via email to the Board of Managers on Monday, November 1, 2021 as all information other than bidders' names and their total bid remains not-public under the Data Practices Act.

Staff is working to compile information regarding the basis for the bid outcome and the lower construction estimate as well as factors currently affecting bid prices. This information will inform a Board discussion of available options. Staff will facilitate a discussion of possible next steps by detailing the benefits and risks associated with each option at the Board of Managers' meeting on November 4, 2021.