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Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:00 AM

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AGENDA

a. Award contracts for the Private Well Treatment in Southeast Minnesota Project

**OLMSTED COUNTY,
MINNESOTA**

Request for Action

AGENDA DATE: September 3, 2024

COUNTY BOARD DATE: September 3, 2024

REQUEST BY: Caitlin Meyer, Soil and Water Conservation District; Skip Langer, Soil and Water Conservation District

STATE ITEM OF BUSINESS: Award contracts for the Private Well Treatment in Southeast Minnesota Project.

BACKGROUND: This item was reviewed by the Physical Development Committee on September 3, 2024. On November 3, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) (collectively "the agencies") develop a coordinated and comprehensive work plan to address nitrate contamination of drinking water in eight southeastern Minnesota counties. The eight counties include Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona. In January 2024, the agencies developed a work plan to address nitrate contamination in southeast Minnesota and submitted it to EPA. The work plan detailed specific actions the agencies would take to address the nitrate in drinking water in southeast Minnesota including an immediate response of providing alternate water to vulnerable populations and additional funding for water treatment as a long-term mitigation strategy.

Previous work conducted by the MDA in these eight counties identified over 1,000 wells with nitrate concentrations at or above 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) (the State of MN Health Risk Limit). To protect sources of drinking water (private wells) for residents located in the eight southeastern Minnesota counties identified above, water treatment installation will be offered to those participants to mitigate elevated nitrate and pesticide levels.

MDA contracted with Olmsted SWCD to provide water treatment installation and coordination between the eight counties identified. Bid specifications to solicit a contractor(s) across the eight-county region to install water treatment systems were posted to the website on July 10, 2024. A pre-bid meeting was held, and bids were opened on August 6, 2024. The following bids were received.

	Superior Mechanical	Valor Mechanical, Inc	Culligan of Greater Rochester (B&K Water LLC)	Countryside Culligan Water (Countryside Management Inc)	Culligan Water Treatment of Red Wing (Bluff Country Water Corporation)
Description					
Olmsted County Total	\$1,140.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,099.00	\$1,719.00	\$5,500.00
Dodge County Total	\$1,185.00	\$1,540.00	\$1,099.00	\$2,325.00	\$5,500.00
Fillmore County Total	\$1,185.00	\$1,540.00	\$2,099.00	\$1,719.00	\$5,500.00
Goodhue County Total	\$1,225.00	\$1,738.00	\$2,099.00	\$3,325.00	\$1,721.50
Houston County Total	\$1,275.00	\$1,863.00	\$2,399.00	\$1,719.00	\$5,500.00
Mower County Total	\$1,220.00	\$1,397.00	\$1,299.00	\$2,350.00	\$5,500.00
Wabasha County Total	\$1,180.00	\$1,540.00	\$2,099.00	\$3,325.00	\$1,721.50
Winona County Total	\$1,230.00	\$1,665.00	\$2,099.00	\$1,719.00	\$5,500.00

Staff recommends that the Board approve contracts with Superior Mechanical and Culligan of Greater Rochester, for the Private Well Treatment in Southeast Minnesota Project, contract 2024-141, based on their unit pricing, but not to exceed a total project expense above the grant funding.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Award contracts to Superior Mechanical and Culligan of Greater Rochester, based on their unit prices per county, for the Private Well Treatment in Southeast Minnesota project, contract 2024-141, and approve the following resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution Private Well Treatment in SE MN

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WHEREAS, the Olmsted County Soil and Water Division received funding from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture that will provide funding for this project; and

WHEREAS, specifications for the Private Well Treatment in Southeast Minnesota project, contract #2024-141, were prepared and solicited for competitive bids by the Soil and Water Conservation District and Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the apparent lowest, responsive, responsible, bidders are Superior Mechanical and Culligan of Greater Rochester; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends approval of Superior Mechanical to service Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Wabasha and Winona counties and Culligan of Greater Rochester to service Olmsted and Dodge counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners do hereby award contract 2024-141 for the Private Well Treatment in Southeastern Minnesota project to Superior Mechanical and Culligan of Greater Rochester, based on the unit prices for each county.

Dated at Rochester, Minnesota this 3rd day of September, 2024.

OLMSTED COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sheila Kiscaden, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lisa Morris-Helmstetler, Deputy Clerk to the County Board