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**COUNTY BOARD - PROPOSED ADDENDUM
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017**

- 8. Administration Presentation – Tom Johnson**
 - 8.3** Resolution 201734 – Professional Service Agreement with Houston Engineering Inc. to develop Missouri Watershed One Watershed One Plan *(Action)*

FIRST DISTRICT
Justin Ahlers

SECOND DISTRICT
Gene Metz

THIRD DISTRICT
Matt Widboom

FOURTH DISTRICT
Robert Demuth Jr.

FIFTH DISTRICT
Donald Linssen

3. The County shall provide the awarded abatement payment following payment of due real estate taxes annually. One single payment shall be made to the owner of record by December 30th of that calendar year.
4. The tax abatement shall be for the residential capital improvements only. Land values and the current base value are not eligible and will not be abated.
5. The abatement shall be null and void if construction is not commenced within 6 months of the approval of this resolution or if real estate taxes are not paid on or before the respective payment deadlines annually.

Mr. Algadi informed the Commissioners he anticipates an additional 3 applications for the Nobles Home Initiative in the coming weeks.

Wayne Smith, Environmental Services Director, presented the Board with information and recommendations in the areas of the 2016 Annual Feedlot Report & Performance Credit Report, the 2017 Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement, a One Watershed One Plan Grant Agreement and an agreement for legal services for the Reading MN Sewer Project.

On a motion by Robert Demuth and seconded by Justin Ahlers, it was duly passed to approve the 2016 Annual County Feedlot Officer Report and Performance Credit Report.

On a motion by Gene Metz and seconded by Robert Demuth Jr., it was duly passed to designate the MPCA County Feedlot Program to Kathy Henderschiedt; and further, to authorize the County Board Chair to sign the 2017 Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement. A copy of the Agreement was before the Board and is made part of this resolution by reference.

On a motion by Justin Ahlers and seconded by Matt Widboom, it was duly passed to authorize the County Administrator to sign, on behalf of Nobles County, the One Watershed One Plan Grant Agreement in the amount of \$231,028.00. A copy of the Grant Agreement was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

Commissioner Metz added that the purpose of the grant money is to hire a consultant to put the plan together.

On a motion by Matt Widboom and seconded by Donald Linszen, it was to duly passed to approve hiring Rinke Noonan to provide the county with legal services for the Reading Sewer Project. A copy of the Agreement for Legal Services was before the Board and is made a part of this resolution by reference.

Stephen Schnieder, Public Works Director/County Engineer, presented the Board with the 2016 Annual report and a brief overview of the activities from the past year. Mr. Schnieder thanked Cheryl Thiner, Office Manager/Accountant, for gathering the information throughout the year to create the report. Mr. Schnieder also spoke of the transition in management at Public Works over the last few years due to retirements.

Mr. Schnieder addressed questions of the Board regarding money coming from the State on road projects that is waiting on bonding from legislature, the status of the School Zone Speed Study request at the Worthington Middle School which is being performed later this week, pothole patching/crack filling and the 911 address signs.

Tom Johnson, County Administrator, presented the Board with information and recommendations in the areas of Capital Improvement Plan bond projects, a hut for Lismore Telephone Company on County property, a citizen appointment, a comment request from the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources and collaborative planning.

Mr. Johnson advised the Board that proposals were received by two firms for design services for the Government Center foundation water intrusion repair and a revision was received from one of the firms April 13th since the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership was hired for the project management.

The Board asked Mr. Johnson if Falls Architecture had seen INSPEC's quote and Mr. Johnson confirmed they had not and that it was unsolicited. The Board held discussion if the entire proposal process should be started over to receive a fair bid and reviewed the timeline that the work needed to be completed in order to accommodate use of the Government Center grounds for the International Festival and Turkey Day celebration. The consensus of the Board was to direct the Administrator to have both firms requote the project.



FY 2017 STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF WATER and SOIL RESOURCES
CLEAN WATER FUND ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN PROGRAM
GRANT AGREEMENT

Vendor:	0000197336	VN#:			
PQ#:	3000007892	Date Paid:			

This grant agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) and **Nobles County, Auditor/Treasurer Worthington Minnesota 56187** (Grantee).

<i>This grant is for the following Grant Programs :</i>		
P17-4145	2017 - One Watershed One Plan (Nobles County)	\$231,028
Total Grant Awarded: \$231,028		

Recitals

1. The Laws of Minnesota 2015, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 7(j), provide Clean Water Funds (CWF) to the Board for local government watershed approach planning.
2. Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subd. 9 (1), and 103B.3369, authorize the Board to award this grant.
3. The Board has adopted the One Watershed, One Plan, FY '16 Planning Grants resolution #16-64 that authorizes this Grant.
4. The Grantee has submitted a BWSR approved Work Plan for this Program which is incorporated into this agreement by reference.
5. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant agreement to the satisfaction of the State.
6. As a condition of the grant, Grantee agrees to minimize administration costs.

Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representative is Julie Westerlund, One Watershed One Plan Coordinator, BWSR, 520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155, 651-297-5617, or her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services and performance provided under this grant agreement.

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is

Tom Johnson, Nobles County Administrator
315 10th Street, PO Box 757
Worthington MN 56187
507-295-5201

If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant contract, the Grantee must immediately notify the Board.

Grant Agreement

1. Term of Grant Agreement

- 1.1. **Effective date:** The date the Board obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd.5. **The State's Authorized Representative will notify the Grantee when this grant agreement has been executed. The Grantee must not begin work under this grant agreement until it is executed.**

- 1.2. **Expiration date:** December 31, 2019, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever comes first.
- 1.3. **Survival of Terms:** The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this Agreement: 7. Liability; 8. State Audits; 9. Government Data Practices; 11. Publicity and Endorsement; 12. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; 14. Data Disclosure; and 18. Intellectual Property Rights.

2. Grantee's Duties

The Grantee is responsible for the specific duties for the Program as follows:

- 2.1. **Implementation:** The Grantee will implement the One Watershed, One Plan Work Plan, which is incorporated into this Agreement by reference.
- 2.2. **Reporting:** All data and information provided in a Grantee's report shall be considered public.
 - 2.2.1. The Grantee will submit an annual progress report to the Board by February 1st of each year on the status of program implementation by the Grantee. Information provided must conform to the requirements and formats set by the Board.
 - 2.2.2. The Grantee will display on its website the previous calendar year's detailed information on the expenditure of these State grant funds and measurable outcomes as a result of the expenditure of these State grant funds according to the format specified by the BWSR, by March 15 of each year.
 - 2.2.3. The Grantee will submit a final progress report to the Board by February 1, 2020, or within 30 days of completion of the Project, whichever occurs sooner. Information provided must conform to the requirements and formats set by the Board.

3. Time

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this Grant Agreement. In the performance of this Grant Agreement, time is of the essence.

4. Terms of Payment

- 4.1. Grant funds will be distributed in three installments: 1) The first payment of 50% will be distributed after the execution of the Grant Agreement. 2) The second payment of 40% will be distributed after the first payment of 50% has been expended and reporting requirements have been met. An eLINK Interim Financial Report that summarizes expenditures of the first 50% must be signed by the Grantee and approved by BWSR. Selected grantees may be required at this point to submit documentation of the expenditures reported on the Interim Financial Report for verification. 3) The third payment of 10% will be distributed after the grant has been fully expended and reporting requirements are met. The final, 10% payment must be requested within 30 days of the expiration date of the grant agreement. An eLINK Final Financial Report that summarizes final expenditures for the grant must be signed by the grantee and approved by BWSR.
- 4.2. All costs must be incurred within the grant period.
- 4.3. All incurred costs must be paid before the amount of unspent grant funds is determined. Unspent grant funds must be returned within 30 days of the expiration date of the grant agreement.
- 4.4. The obligation of the State under this Grant Agreement will not exceed the amount stated above.
- 4.5. This grant includes an advance payment of 50 percent of the grant's total amount. Advance payments allow the grantee to have adequate operating capital for start-up costs, ensure their financial commitment to landowners and contractors, and to better schedule work into the future.
- 4.6. Contracting and Bidding Requirements per Minn. Stat. §471.345, Grantees that are municipalities as defined in Subd. 1 must do the following if contracting funds from this grant contract agreement for any supplies, materials, equipment or the rental thereof, or the construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of real or personal property.
 - 4.6.1. If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$100,000, a formal notice and bidding process must be conducted in which sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice. Municipalities may, as a best value alternative, award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in Minn. Stat. §16C.28, Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2).
 - 4.6.2. If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$25,000 but not \$100,000, the contract may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more quotations for the purchase or sale when possible, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof. Municipalities may, as a best value alternative, award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in Minn. Stat. §16C.28, Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2) and paragraph (c).

- 4.6.3. If the amount of the contract is estimated to be \$25,000 or less, the contract may be made either upon quotation or in the open market, in the discretion of the governing body. If the contract is made upon quotation, it shall be based, so far as practicable, on at least two quotations which shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after their receipt. Alternatively, municipalities may award a contract for construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance work to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as described in Minn. Stat. §16C.28, Subd. 1, paragraph (a), clause (2).
- 4.6.4. Support documentation of the bidding process utilized to contract services must be included in the Grantee's financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable.
- 4.6.5. For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per Minn. Stat. §§177.41 through 177.44. Consequently, the bid request must state the project is subject to prevailing wage. These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole. A prevailing wage form should accompany these bid submittals.

5. Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this Grant Agreement must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as set forth in this Agreement and in the BWSR approved work plan for this program. Compliance will be determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, policies, ordinances, rules, FY 2017 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants Policy, and regulations. All Grantees must follow the Grants Administration Manual policy. Minnesota Statutes §103C.401 (2014) establishes BWSR's obligation to assure program compliance. If the noncompliance is severe, or if work under the grant agreement is found by BWSR to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law, BWSR has the authority to require the repayment of grant funds, or an additional penalty. Penalties can be assessed at a rate up to 150% of the grant agreement.

The Minnesota Department of Administration's Office of Grants Management Policy on Grant Closeout Evaluation (Policy 08 – 13) requires the Board to consider a grant applicant's past performance before awarding subsequent grants to them. The Board must consider a grant applicant's performance on prior grants before making a new grant award of over \$5,000. The Board may withhold payment on this and grants from other programs if the Grantee is not in compliance with all Board reporting requirements.

6. Assignment, Amendments, and Waiver

- 6.1. **Assignment.** The Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant agreement without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant agreement, or their successors in office.
- 6.2. **Amendments.** Any amendment to this grant agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant agreement, or their successors in office. Amendments must be executed prior to the expiration of the original agreement or any amendments thereto.
- 6.3. **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.

7. Liability

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this Grant Agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Grant Agreement.

8. State Audits

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, subd. 8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this Grant Agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the Board and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this Grant Agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all State and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

- 8.1. The books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee and its designated local units of government and contractors relevant to this grant, may be examined at any time by the Board or Board's designee and are subject to verification. The Grantee or delegated local unit of government will maintain records relating to the

receipt and expenditure of grant funds.

- 8.2. The Grantee or designated local unit of government implementing this Agreement will provide for an audit that meets the standards of the Office of State Auditor. The audit must cover the duration of the Agreement Period and be performed within one year after the end of the Agreement Period or when routinely audited, whichever occurs first. Copies of the audit report must be provided to the Board if requested.

9. Government Data Practices

The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this Grant Agreement. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State. If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

10. Workers' Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

11. Publicity and Endorsement

11.1. **Publicity.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant contract must identify the Board as the sponsoring agency. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract.

11.2. **Endorsement.** The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

12. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this Grant Agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate State or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

13. Termination

13.1. The State may cancel this Grant Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

13.2. In the event of a lawsuit, an appropriation from a Clean Water Fund is canceled to the extent that a court determines that the appropriation unconstitutionally substitutes for a traditional source of funding.

14. Data Disclosure

Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and State tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file State tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

15. Prevailing Wage

It is the responsibility of the Grantee or contractor to pay prevailing wages on construction projects to which State prevailing wage laws apply (Minn. Stat. 177.42 – 177.44). All laborers and mechanics employed by grant recipients and subcontractors funded in whole or in part with these State funds shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality.

16. Constitutional Compliance

It is the responsibility of the Grantee to comply with requirements of the Minnesota Constitution regarding use of Clean Water Funds to supplement traditional sources of funding.

17. Signage

It is the responsibility of the Grantee to comply with requirements for project signage, as provided in, Minnesota Laws 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5 (b) for Clean Water Fund projects.

18. Intellectual Property Rights

The State owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the Works and Documents *created and paid for under this grant*. Works means all inventions, improvements, discoveries (whether or not patentable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created or originated by the Grantee, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of this grant. Works includes "Documents." Documents are the originals of any databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by the Grantee, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, in the performance of this grant. The Documents will be the exclusive property of the State and all such Documents must be immediately returned to the State by the Grantee upon completion or cancellation of this grant at the State's request. To the extent possible, those Works eligible for copyright protection under the United States Copyright Act will be deemed to be "works made for hire." The Grantee assigns all right, title, and interest it may have in the Works and the Documents to the State. The Grantee must, at the request of the State, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record the State's ownership interest in the Works and Documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Grant Agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

Approved:

Nobles County

Board Of Water and Soil Resources

By : 

By : _____

Title: Nobles County Administrator

Title: Assistant Section Manager

Date: April 18, 2017

Date: _____