

**Montana Transportation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**August 8, 2022**

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The Montana Transportation Commission met via Zoom on August 8<sup>th</sup> the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Frazier at 3:05 p.m. with the following participants:

Tammi Fisher, Commissioner (District 1) - Excused  
Shane Sanders, Commissioner (District 2)  
Loran Frazier, Commissioner (District 3)  
Noel Sansaver, Commissioner (District 4) – Excused  
Scott Aspenlieder, Commissioner (District 5)  
Malcolm Long, MDT  
Jake Goettle, MDT  
Darin Reynolds, MDT  
Miki Lloyd, MDT  
Chris Nygren, MDT  
Lori Ryan, MDT  
Paul Johnson, MDT  
Meghan Strahan, MDT  
Rod Nelson, MDT

Awards: Jake Goettle presented information regarding the staff recommendations for the following projects:

**Design Build – Red Lodge Flood Repairs**

**BACKGROUND:**

MDT has initiated a Design-Build project intended to reconstruct portions of Broadway Avenue (US-212, RP 68.50 - 69.30) in Red Lodge damaged by flooding from Rock Creek. Work will include bank stabilization activities and restoration of retaining walls, roadways, sidewalks, curb & gutter, guardrail, storm drains, signs and other miscellaneous damaged roadway features.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) package for the subject project was advertised on July 6, 2022. Statement of Qualification (SOQ) responses were received from three design-build teams (Firms) on July 13, 2022. A Technical Review Committee (TRC) consisting of five MDT staff members independently evaluated and scored the SOQ submittals from the three Firms based on the established Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Guide. The TRC produced a short-list of three Firms that were invited to submit Proposals. Request for Proposal (RFP) packages were issued to the three short-listed Firms on July 20, 2022.

**PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

The following is a summary of the proposal evaluation process.

Two Technical Proposals were received on July 27. The Riverside Contracting / DOWL team had chosen not to submit, due to a large portion of the work (retaining wall) having to be subcontracted. The Technical Review Committee evaluated proposals and discussed the evaluation criteria during a scoring review meeting on July 28. Bid Price

Proposals were received on August 4 and were publicly opened at 11:00 AM. Proposals were received from the following Firms:

- **Lawrence Construction / KLJ Engineering**
- **Wadsworth Brothers Construction / Wilson & Company**

The Technical Proposal Score provided 75% of the maximum score available and the Bid Price Proposal provided 25% of the maximum score available. The following formulas are used to calculate the Best Value. The Firm with the highest Total Points is considered the Best Value.

1. 75 points – Technical Proposal  

$$\frac{\text{Firms Technical Proposal Score}}{\text{Awarded Points Total Points Available}} * 75 = \text{Technical Proposal}$$
2. 25 points – Bid Price Proposal  

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Responsive Total Cost}}{\text{Cost}} * 25 = \text{Cost Proposal Awarded Points Firms Total Cost}$$
3. Technical Proposal Awarded Points + Cost Proposal Awarded Points = Total Points

The Selection Committee reviewed and approved the Bid Price Proposals and Technical Proposal evaluation and scoring information provided by the TRC. The following is a summary of the scoring results.

**The Engineer’s Estimate for this project was \$5,564,116.**

<b>FIRM</b>	<b>TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SCORE</b>	<b>BID PRICE PROPOSAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>BEST VALUE TOTAL POINTS</b>
Lawrence Construction	41,690	\$7,814,550.00	81.41
Wadsworth Brothers Const.	42,995	\$5,900,044.07	89.49

Based on the above scoring information, the Selection Committee recommends the following:

1. ***Recommend the unsuccessful responsive Firm receive the stipend payment of \$20,000.***
2. ***Award the contract to the Wadsworth Brothers Construction / Wilson & Company Design-Build Team, with the highest Total Points, considered the Best Value for MDT, in the amount of \$5,900,044.07. Significant points to support this recommendation are:***
  - ***This recommendation follows the process established in the Design Build Guidance Document.***
  - ***The Wadsworth/Wilson team had not only the highest technical score, but also the lowest bid price.***
  - ***The Wadsworth/Wilson team was within 6% of the engineer's estimate***

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to approve the Design Build Red Lodge Area Flood Repairs Project and stipend as staff recommended. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.