

JOINT DRAINAGE MEETING
DISTRICTS BOONE #28-STORY #1 & BOONE-STORY #4
APRIL 15, 2020

The Boone and Story County Drainage District Trustees met in a teleconference in the Public Meeting Room of the Story County Administration Building in Nevada, IA to consider awarding contracts (see attached bid tabulations) for repair projects in Joint Drainage Districts Boone #28-Story #1 and Boone-Story #4, both Boone County controlling. Members present were Stephen Duffy, chair, Bill Zinnel, and Chad Behn of Boone County and Linda Murken, Lisa Heddens, and Lauris Olson of Story County. Also present were Boone County Engineer Scott Kruse, Auditor Phil Meier, and Drainage Clerk Kaitlynn Moran, Story County Drainage Clerk Scott Wall, engineers Kent Rode and Tyler Conley of Bolton & Menk, Inc., and a representative of KWGB News.

Duffy called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Olson questioned there being different call-in instructions on the Story County agenda from the ones the trustees were given yesterday. She was concerned that members of the public in Story County would have no way to participate in the meeting.

Wall said he had posted the agendas two weeks ago using the directions for dialing in to Story County Board of Supervisor meetings. He had only received the Boone County dial-in information yesterday afternoon.

Murken and Wall set up the conference phone in the Public Meeting Room to accept calls per the Story County call-in instructions and used Murken's cell phone to join the meeting using the Boone County instructions so the meeting could proceed.

Duffy read the sole bid for the Boone #28-Story #1 project. It was significantly higher than the engineer's estimate of cost and Duffy asked Rode to elaborate on his recommendation to reject the bid and rebid the project.

Rode said Keller Excavating, Inc. was the sole bidder on the Boone #28-Story #1 project and their bid was 46% higher than the estimated project cost. Two items on the bid were significantly above the estimated cost for those items. Rode spoke with Keller and they did not have a good reason why those two items were bid so high. Rode spoke to other contractors who had been notified of the project but had not submitted bids. They felt the estimated project cost was not out of line. They had not bid on the project because they were booked with work already and did not believe they could complete this project in the time available.

Rode recommended that the project be rebid with a completion date in November or December of 2021 instead of April of 2021. Bids would be due on May 14 with a contract to be awarded on May 20. Notice to bidders would have to be published twice in local newspapers. He can revise the bid documents and bring them to the joint trustees for approval next Wednesday, April 22.

Moran said there had not been adequate time to publish notice for the last bid opening in the Boone Republican because it is only published once a week so notice had only run in the Ames Tribune. The dates Rode suggested will give her time to publish in the Boone paper as well.

Olson said the Story County Supervisors publish in three newspapers in Story County. Should drainage notices be published in more than one paper?

Wall and Rode said the requirements for publication for drainage districts in the Iowa Code are separate from Board of Supervisor publication requirements.

Murken moved, seconded by Zinnel, to reject all bids on the Boone #28-Story #1 project based on the recommendation of the drainage engineer as too few bids were received to have a competitive process. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Rode requested that the trustees move to direct the engineer to revise the bid documents to extend the project completion date.

Heddens asked if Rode needed a specific completion date or just a motion to extend the date.

Rode said a broader motion to extend the date will suffice. The exact date can be set when the trustees accept the revised bid dates or we can set a date now if the trustees prefer.

Heddens said she preferred a later completion deadline.

Rode agreed and said December 15, 2021 would be appropriate though October, November, or December of 2021 would all be far enough away to get more interest from bidders.

Zinnel moved, seconded by Olson, to direct Bolton & Menk to revise the project documents for Boone #28-Story #1 such that the project will be rebid on May 14 with a contract to be awarded on May 20 and project completion to be by December 15, 2021, said revisions to be brought before the trustees for approval on April 22. MCU.

Duffy turned to the bid consideration for Boone-Story #4. Four bids had been received but one bidder, Gehrke, Inc. had only bid on using reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) while the bid notice required that bidders also submit a bid using high performance polypropylene (HPPP). Does that negate the validity of Gehrke's bid?

Moran said the trustees can still consider Gehrke's bid for Alternate 1 using RCP.

Rode said it was up to the trustees whether or not to include Gehrke's bid for consideration but he felt it was valid to include it. Gehrke would simply not be eligible for consideration for Alternate 2 using HPPP.

Zinnel asked Rode if he had a preference for RCP or HPPP.

Rode said RCP has a proven record of performance for over 100 years and, given the small difference (\$386) between Gehrke's low bid for RCP and Iowa Pipe and Grading's low bid for HPPP he would recommend the RCP.

Olson asked if RCP was more environmentally friendly than HPPP.

Rode said he had not seen any studies on this issue and could not answer Olson's question.

Murken said there is an issue with micro plastics in the environment and HPPP is a petroleum (plastic) product. The trustees should be mindful of materials used in drainage projects. Her preference is for RCP.

Kruse asked if Rode had prior experience with any of the bidders.

Rode said he had worked with Gehrke on Joint Drainage District Marshall-Story #1 a few years ago and had no qualms about selecting them. He did not recall having worked with the other three bidders.

Heddens said she preferred that the project use RCP.

Olson also preferred the RCP. She thinks the trustees have a responsibility to the landowners to consider the environmental impact of any project they approve. Olson moved, seconded by Zinnel, to award the contract for the Boone-Story #4 project to Gehrke, Inc. for their \$111,015.00 bid on Alternate 1, reinforced concrete pipe. MCU.

Heddens moved, seconded by Zinnel, to adjourn. MCU. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott T. Wall

**Boone and Story County Supervisor's
Meeting as Trustees of Joint Drainage District Boone 28 Story 1
April 15, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

Members present at the meeting were Steve Duffy, Bill Zinnel and Chad Behn; Boone County Board, Katie Moran; Boone County Drainage Clerk, Phil Meier; Boone County Auditor, Scott Kruse; Boone County Engineer, (the following present by Zoom Meeting) Lauris Olson, Lisa Heddens and Linda Murken; Story County Board, Kent Rode and Tyler Conley; Bolton and Menk, Scott Wall; Story County Drainage Clerk, and KWBG Radio.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15a.m. to discuss and consider award of contract for Joint Drainage District Boone 28 Story 1, Boone County controlling. There was one bid received for this district from Keller Excavating for \$250,643.00 on April 9th, 2020.

Kent Rode stated that the engineer's estimate was \$171,500.00. He explained that the only bid submitted was 46% higher and had a few items that were priced higher than the engineer's estimate, he reached out to a few contractor's who agreed with the amounts on the engineer's estimate. Bolton and Menk recommends to reject the bid received from Keller Excavating.

Rode explained that this can be sent out to re-bid once the Plans are re-filed on April 22nd, 2020 with a new completion date of December 15th, 2021. The notice to bidders will again need to be published once for two consecutive weeks before bids are due on May 14th, 2020 with consideration of such on May 20th, 2020.

Murken moved to reject all bids for Joint Drainage District Boone 28 Story 1, seconded by Zinnel. MCU.

Zinnel moved to direct engineer to submit revised plans with new completion date, seconded by Olson. MCU.

The Joint Boards moved onto the 9:30 a.m. scheduled meeting which was adjourned at 9:43, moved by Heddens, seconded by Zinnel. MCU.



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April 15, 2020

Boone & Story Counties Drainage District Trustees (via email)
Boone County Courthouse
201 State Street
Boone, Iowa 50036

RE: Joint Drainage District Nos. 28 & 1
Main Open Ditch Repair
Boone & Story Counties, Iowa
BMI Project No.: P13.117404

Dear Boone & Story Counties Drainage District Trustees:

At 10:00 a.m. on April 9, 2020, bids were received for the Boone & Story Counties, Joint Drainage District Nos. 28 & 1, Main Open Ditch Repair project. The Engineer's Estimate for the base bid of the project was \$171,500.00. One responsive bid was received. The bid is summarized as follows:

Bidder	City	Total Amount Bid
Keller Excavating, Inc.	Boone, IA	\$250,643.00

The bid received from LOW BIDDER was 46% above the engineer's estimate for the project. Bolton & Menk, Inc. has reviewed the bid documents submitted.

Therefore, Bolton & Menk, Inc. recommends rejection of the bid for Boone & Story Counties, Joint Drainage District Nos. 28 & 1, Main Open Ditch Repair project to Keller Excavating, Inc., for the bid amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$250,643.00) due to the lack of bidders and the amount of the bid compared to the engineer's estimate.

The bid tabulation is attached for your use.

Feel free to contact me should there be any questions related to this project.

Sincerely,

Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Kent L. Rode, P.E.

Senior Project Manager

Encl: Bid Tabulation

Cc: Scott Kruse, Boone County Engineer
Darren Moon, Story County Engineer

**Boone and Story County Supervisor's
Meeting as Trustees of Joint Drainage District Boone 93B Story 4
April 15, 2020
9:30 a.m.**

Members present at the meeting were Steve Duffy, Bill Zinnel and Chad Behn; Boone County Board, Katie Moran; Boone County Drainage Clerk, Phil Meier; Boone County Auditor, Scott Kruse; Boone County Engineer, (the following present by Zoom Meeting) Lauris Olson, Lisa Heddens and Linda Murken; Story County Board, Kent Rode and Tyler Conley; Bolton and Menk, Scott Wall; Story County Drainage Clerk, and KWBG Radio.

The meeting was to discuss and consider award of contract for Joint Drainage District Boone 93B Story 4, Boone Controlling. There were bids received from four bidders:

Bidder	City	Total Alternate 1 Reinforced Concrete Pipe	Total Alternate 2 High Performance Polypropylene
Gehrke, Inc.	Eldora, IA	\$111,015.00	NO BID
Iowa Pipe and Grading, LLC	Ogden, IA	\$121,539.00	\$110,629.00
Keller Excavating, Inc.	Boone, IA	\$134,098.00	\$142,070.00
On Track Construction, LLC	Nevada, IA	\$152,625.80	\$151,960.80

The low bid for Reinforced Concrete Pipe was from Gehrke, Inc. for \$111,015.00 and for High Performance Polypropylene was from Iowa Pipe and Grading, LLC for \$110,629.00.

Kent stated that he would recommend reinforced concrete pipe being it is a tried and true product that has withstood the test of time. The Story County Trustee's would prefer concrete as it is more environmentally friendly. The Boone County Trustee's did not have a preference in material.

Moran clarified that the Board's could choose to accept the bid from Gehrke, Inc. even though they did not bid on Alternate 2. Rode confirmed this was up to the joint boards.

Boone and Story County were in agreeance that it was okay to accept the bid from Gehrke, Inc.

Olson moved to award contract to Gehrke, Inc. for Reinforced Concrete Pipe in the amount of \$111,015.00 for Joint Drainage District Boone 93B Story 4, seconded by Zinnel. MCU.

Heddens moved to adjourn joint meeting at 9:43 a.m., Zinnel seconded motion. MCU.



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Boone & Story Counties Drainage District Trustees (via email)
Boone County Courthouse
201 State Street
Boone, Iowa 50036

RE: Joint Drainage District Nos. 4
Main Tile Repair
Boone & Story Counties, Iowa
BMI Project No.: P13.119134

Dear Boone & Story Counties Drainage District Trustees:

At 10:30 a.m. on April 9, 2020, bids were received for the Boone & Story Counties, Iowa Joint Drainage District No. 4, Main Tile Repair project. The Engineer's Estimate for the base bid of the project was \$108,000.00. Four bids were received with all bidders being responsive. The bids are summarized as follows:

Bidder	City	Total Alternate 1 Reinforced Concrete Pipe	Total Alternate 2 High Performance Polypropylene
Gehrke, Inc.	Eldora, IA	\$111,015.00	No Bid
Iowa Pipe and Grading, LLC	Ogden, IA	\$121,539.00	\$110,629.00
Keller Excavating, Inc.	Boone, IA	\$134,098.00	\$142,070.00
On Track Construction, LLC	Nevada, IA	\$152,625.80	\$151,960.80

The low bid for Alternate 1 – Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) was \$111,015.00 and the low bid for Alternate 2 – High Performance Polypropylene (HPPP) was \$110,629.00 for a difference between alternates of \$386.00

The bid tabulation is attached for your use.

Feel free to contact me should there be any questions related to this project.

Sincerely,

Bolton & Menk, Inc.

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