

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC)  
FEBRUARY 29, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBER VOTING  
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE CALL**

This special meeting was called to order virtually by Chairman Lampert via TEAMS at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time).

Council Members: **Executive Voting Members:** Mayor Mac Pooler, City of Kellogg; Commissioner Kevin Renfrow, South Latah Highway District; Commissioner Phil Lampert, Benewah County

**Attended:** Councilmember Kari Peterson, City of Fruitland; Neal Gier, Buhl Highway District

LHTAC Staff: Nancy Ziebarth, Mike Cram, Ken Kanownik, Megan Kautz, Scott Wood, Laila Kral

**New Business**

**Leading Idaho Local Bridge Contracts**

Ken Kanownik reported that proposal 23790-14 was for the removal of existing bridges, construction of new bridges and associated roadway work at two different sites in Blaine County. Two bids were received for the bid opening on February 22, 2024. Knife River Corp-Mountain West in the amount of \$3,096,862.00 and Coldwater Group, Inc in the amount of \$3,328,758.00. The Engineer's Estimate was \$2,117,015.35. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, Knife River Corp-Mountain West. Three of their bid items account for \$909K of the \$979K of overages. The difference across bids is on construction of the abutments. This bid item can be difficult to estimate due to various means and methods a contractor can elect to use.

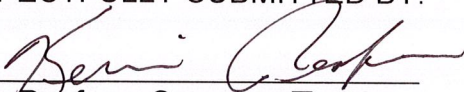
Discussion: Discussion on trends, why the Engineer's Estimate is lower and what can be done to get the numbers closer. Council requested more of a narrative on the bridge, such as what type of material it will be, how long of a bridge, etc. for staff reports for future council approval of bids.


**STAFF ACTION**

**Motion by Member Pooler. Motion: To approve awarding the bid to Knife River Corp-Mountain West as presented. Seconded by Member Renfrow. A roll call vote was taken Member Pooler-yes; Member Renfrow-yes, Member Lampert-no. Motion passes**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. (Mountain Time)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

  
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Kevin Renfrow, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Phil Lampert, Chairman

March 14, 2024