

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bob Heeke, Sr. Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects

THRU Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: October 2, 2020

RE: Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Engineering and Design of Hydrologic Restoration Opportunities

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Task Work Assignment with Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc for an amount not to exceed \$390,000.

BACKGROUND

In March 2020, the Governing Board approved entering into an agreement with United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to cooperate on the engineering and design phase of the hydrologic restoration of the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). The project consists of reviewing roads in the Levy and Dixie counties portions of the Refuge (see attached map) to determine their impact on surface water flows to Suwannee Sound and determine alternatives and costs to rectify the impacts while maintaining current uses. The Refuge is coordinating with Dixie County on the Dixie Mainline Road to maintain or improve service on this critical infrastructure. The USFWS is providing all funds for this project.

Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc is currently under a general engineering contract with the District. Staff reviewed the scoring of the engineering firms that submitted for modeling and also engineering design since this project includes both disciplines. Wood was the highest-ranking firm that submitted for both disciplines.

Staff from the District and Refuge have reviewed Wood's proposal and find it to meet the terms and goals of the project and therefore make this recommendation for authorization.

This TWA is funded through a grant provided by the USFWS. The grant is also paying for staff time involved in the project.

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Attachment