

COMMISSION FILE NO: 25-047-4 **DATE INTRODUCED:** April 14, 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Director (Signature on File in the Office of the Commission)

REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO: Operations Committee

RELATING TO: Change Order Request, Contract W98008C09, 2024-2025
Watercourse Maintenance Contract – Southeast Area

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute a change order to Contract W98008C09, 2024-2025 Watercourse Maintenance Contract – Southeast Area, with Nature Systems, Inc., (Nature Systems) in the amount of \$160,243.

The District owns many watercourse assets, including approximately 350 acres of land, 129 miles of jurisdictional streams, retaining walls and headwalls, culverts, and trash racks. Jurisdictional streams include enclosed and open concrete-lined channels and non-concrete-lined natural streams.

The District uses contracted maintenance services to maintain District-owned watercourse channels and riparian properties. Typically, the District contracts for the services using one- to two-year duration contracts with individual contracts focused on four different geographic areas. Maintenance activities under the contracts include mowing, natural vegetation maintenance, snow removal, and debris and woody vegetation removal.

In January 2024, the District advertised and publicly bid Contract W98008C09, Watercourse Maintenance Contract – Southeast Area, for maintenance services. This contract is for general maintenance of various watercourse channels and riparian properties primarily on District-owned parcels in the southeast area of Milwaukee County. Generally, the southeast area is located south of West Lincoln Avenue and east of South 60th Street. The contract scope includes turf grass maintenance, vegetation maintenance, walkway snow removal, debris removal, and woody vegetation removal.

ATTACHMENTS: **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒

FISCAL NOTE ☒ **S/W/MBE** ☐ **OTHER** ☐ _____

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SUMMARY (Cont'd)

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The bid included separate bid prices for two years; the first year covers from spring 2024 through winter 2025, and the second year covers spring 2025 through winter 2026. The low bidder was selected based on the total bid for the two years. Nature Systems was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder between two bids received, and their bid was \$160,243 for each year of the contract. The bid documents stated that the District will award the contract for year one. If contractor performance during the first year is satisfactory, then the District and contractor may amend the contract to include the second year.

The Executive Director executed Contract W98008C09 with Nature Systems in the amount of \$160,243. District staff have found Nature Systems' performance to be satisfactory and now proposes to amend the contract to include the second year.

CONTRACT COST CHANGES

	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER ORIGINAL CONTRACT	AUTHORIZED BY	SWMBE
Original Contract	\$160,243		Executive Director	100%
Requested Change Order	\$160,243	100%	Request of Commission	100%
Total Change Orders	\$160,243	100%		100%
TOTAL	\$320,486			100%

RESOLUTION

Change Order Request, Contract W98008C09, 2024-2025 Watercourse Maintenance
Contract – Southeast Area

RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a change order to Contract W98008C09, 2024-2025 Watercourse Maintenance Contract – Southeast Area, with Nature Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$160,243.