

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak, and Christmann
Steve Kahl, Interim Executive Secretary
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From: Dean K. Moos and Shawn Nixon

Date: June 6, 2019

Subject: Contract for AML's 2019 Morton County Phase 2 Project, Case No. AM-19-80

In early March, the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the 2019 Morton County Phase II AML Project. This project involves the elimination of approximately 1800 feet of highwalls at five abandoned surface mines in Morton County. About 147,000 cubic yards of spoil material will be used to backfill the highwalls and about 30 acres will be reclaimed at the two sites.

Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The public bid opening was held on April 18th and six bids were received. The low bid was received from Logan Valley, Inc. of Minot for \$314,071. The other five bids ranged from \$314,207 to \$423,723. The AML Division's cost estimate for this project was \$331,725.

A Notice of Intent to Award a contract to Logan Valley, Inc. was issued on April 18. No protests were received within seven days. On May 23, the contract was sent to Logan Valley, Inc. to sign. The signed contract has been returned and we have received performance and payment bonds, a certificate of liability insurance and other requested materials. The contract is ready for execution by the Commission.

I recommend the Commission execute the contract with Logan Valley Inc. in the amount of \$314,071 for construction services at the 2019 Morton County Phase 2 AML Project. Attached is a motion for the June 12th Commission meeting.

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