Resolution 23-045

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PREPARATION OF ARCHAELOGICAL MONITORING PROTOCOL

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2022, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") notified the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority ("RVRSA") that upon its review of the proposed project "Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement – Boonton" – Contract 43, it was determined that the siphon inlet chamber is located within the Morris Canal Historic District, which is listed on the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places and additionally located in the Boonton Ironworks Historic District, which is eligible for listing on the Registers; and

WHEREAS, Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. of 259 Prospect Plains Road, Building D, Cranbury, New Jersey ("RGA") completed the Stage IA Cultural Resources Survey, to determine if the project may impact historic resources, which was thereafter submitted to NJDEP for review; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 2, 2023, NJDEP advised RVRSA that archaeological monitoring during construction is required within a portion of Grace Lorde Park in the footprint of the Morris Canal historic property, necessitating the preparation of an archaeological monitoring protocol that must be reviewed and approved by NJDEP and New Jersey Historic Preservation Office ("NJHPO"); and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law requires cultural resources review as a component of obtaining financing from the New Jersey I-Bank Program; and

WHEREAS, Alice Domm, Chief Executive Officer of RGA has submitted a proposal entitled "Proposal, Meeting/Consultation, Archaeological Monitoring, Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project, Town of Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey", for the performance of professional archaeological services, dated March 6, 2023 ("RGA Proposal"), attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Authority proposes the execution of a contract for Task 1, Preparation of a Monitoring Protocol document, as set forth in the attached RGA Proposal, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq.) authorizes contracts for the provision of "Professional Services," which may be awarded without public advertising and competitive bidding therefore, provided a brief notice of the nature, duration, service, and amount of contract is published, and that the Resolution and contract are kept on file and available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in budget line item EIT-043

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

 The Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority recognizes that Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. has an established reputation in the field of cultural resource work and that they possess the specialized abilities and resources to provide expert cultural resource services

necessary to meet the Authority's needs.

2. That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement between Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., and the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, for Task 1 – Preparation of an Archaeological Monitoring Protocol in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 without further authorization, as more specifically set forth in the letter proposal from Alice Domm, CEO, dated March 6, 2023.

 This agreement is awarded based on a non-fair and open process and is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40:11-5.

4. Notice of the within action shall be provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) and the Executive Director is directed to publish a brief notice of the nature, duration, service and amount of contract and a copy of this resolution shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the RVRSA at 99 Green Bank Road, Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Morris County, New Jersey.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority held on March 9, 2023.

On motion of Commissioner Andes

Seconded by Commissioner Howarth

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Potter, Schorno,

NAYS: (0) None

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ABSTAINED: (0) None

ABSENT: (0) None

Donald Farrell Board Secretary