



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Contract with Kats Excavating LLC for the Prairie Vista Dr NW Drainage Improvements - Project No. J6745

MEETING DATE:

May 4, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Public Works

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Aaron Luckstein

Action Requested:

Adopting a Resolution approving a contract with Kats Excavating LLC in the amount of \$71,738.96 for the Prairie Vista Dr NW Drainage Improvements - Project No. J6745.

Report Narrative:

Storm water discharge from a pond associated with Menards Self Storage, located at 6751 Prairie Vista Dr NW, flows onto private property before entering the Prairie Vista Dr NW right-of-way (ROW) within the western ditch. Although the discharge meets City engineering standards, consistently saturated conditions persist in the ROW and adjacent properties immediately north of the site. These issues are caused by prolonged discharge and the flat grade of the Prairie Vista Dr NW ROW ditch. The consistently saturated conditions have been a nuisance for the impacted property owners.

To address the nuisance conditions, a project has been proposed that will extend the storm sewer from the Menards Self Storage pond to the east under Prairie Vista Dr NW into the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) ROW located between Prairie Vista Dr NW and southbound Trunk Highway 52, where the existing ditch is designed for extended discharges and concentrated flows. All stormwater discharges up to the 10-year rainfall event will be conveyed to MnDOT ROW; larger events will be discharged to both MnDOT ROW and the Prairie Vista Dr NW ROW ditch. This project will also include the replacement of bituminous pavement within Prairie Vista Dr NW for the installation of the storm sewer. All approvals from MnDOT have been received and the proposed project has been coordinated with Cascade Township.

The proposed project was projected to be under \$175,000, so it was sent out to contractors for quotes. The following quotes were received on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026:

Bidder	Bid Total
Evans Companies	\$103,508.46
Kats Excavating	\$71,738.96
Engineer's Estimate	\$115,553.25

Public Works recommends awarding the contract to Kats Excavating, the apparent low bidder.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Public Safety

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The proposed project is consistent with City policies, maintenance requirements, and design standards related to stormwater conveyance.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

There are no prior legislative actions related to this project. All affected residents and business owners adjoining the project were engaged throughout the development and design of this project. Future coordination will be necessary with the affected residents and greater public with respect to construction impacts.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

The proposed Menards Drainage Improvement Project - Project No. J6745, will be funded from the 2026-2031 Storm Water Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Map 1, Annual Program: Funding for Addressing Historical Drainage Issues – J6505. The funding is sourced from retained earnings of the Storm Water Utility Enterprise Fund.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative actions are suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

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[Project Map - Prairie Vista Dr NW Drainage Improvements - Project No. J6745](#)

[Standard Form of Contract - Prairie Vista Dr NW Drainage Improvements - Project No. J6745.pdf](#)

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