



TO: Mayor Tom Ross
Members of the City Council

FROM: Chris Plank, NDR Grant Manager

DATE: 5/6/2024

SUBJECT: NDSWC COST-SHARE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

City staff recommend the Council to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement City of Minot 23-25 Biennium Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project Contract

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

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III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Souris River Joint Board (SRJB) (Sponsor) is requesting cost-share for construction and acquisition costs for their 2023-2025 Biennium Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project. During the 2023 legislative session, \$76.1 million was appropriated for the Mouse River Flood Control Project through Senate Bill 2020, Section 14. The Project is located in the City of Minot, North Dakota, as well as rural areas in the Mouse River Valley. As in previous requests, Sponsor has been completing acquisition activities associated with future project phases and requests approval of reimbursement for those costs that have been incurred.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

The acquisition of property is essential to the construction of future flood protection. This contract meets the requirements of the Water Commission's cost-share policy. It provides 75% of eligible costs for acquisitions, including acquisition costs previously incurred.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

Continuous eminent domain service coverage is important to ensure property acquisitions proceed in a timely manner. Failing to do so may cause delays in flood control projects.

C. Fiscal Impact: Cost Share Funding Summary

Project	Agreement	Cost-Share	Request	Recommend
Acquisitions – inside Minot	City	75%	\$9,750,000 – inside Minot	\$9,750,000 – inside Minot
Total			\$9.75 million	\$9.75 million

V. **CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS**

Approving the Recommended Action would meet the City Council's aspiration of being resilient and prepared.

VI. **ALTERNATIVES**

ALT 1 – City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the contract allowing construction to begin/continue

Alt 2 – City Council could deny the request. This would stop all current and future activities.

VII. **Documents**

A. *Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement Agreement*