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MEMO

Date: August 20, 2021
To: City Council
From: Peter Brixius
Subject: Yampa River Corridor Project (YRCP) CO#1

Dear Council:

Earlier this year the Craig City Council awarded a contract to Riverwise Engineering for the performance of Architectural/Engineering work to be completed in 2021 and in the amount of \$237,455. The original budget for the A&E work was determined to be about \$439,000 based on our Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) prepared for the solicitation on the bid and the EDA grant. This work as described in the RFP which was presented by the City of Craig and solicited to Riverwise, was positioned to provide the necessary design/engineering, upland design and continuing wetlands mitigation work and agency consultations leading to permitting that are necessary to secure the EDA grant and prepare for the construction of the YRCP in 2022. Construction for the project would be contingent on receiving an EDA grant in the fall of 2021.

Two of the areas proposed by Riverwise Engineering in their original bid included the oversight of the upland design work with Riverwise providing the necessary engineering and the oversight of the mitigation plan work for the project.

I must say that we were pleasantly surprised by the bid estimate received from Riverwise which we initially understood to comprehensively include the upland work and the mitigation work. However, Riverwise's intent in their proposal was to have the City of Craig contract the work for some of these areas directly, and with the assistance of Riverwise Engineering, support these efforts. In later conversations, and due to the City's lack of experience in these areas, we would ask Riverwise to act as the GC for these 2 areas of subcontracting and coordinate activities as necessary with the City, to include all necessary oversight for the work product. City staff have opted to ask Riverwise to comprehensively coordinate all work for the upland design work and the mitigation planning, consultation and permitting. Therefore, we are asking the City Council to provide approval of the Riverwise Change Order #1 in the amount of \$36,740.00 for the Upland Design work for the whitewater park and to some extent, the boat ramp upland design revisions.



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The City will still be expecting further planning work for the wetland mitigation study/planning within the boat ramp planning area as well. Wetland mitigation planning for the whitewater park area will also require substantial effort. The mitigation work and negotiations with the various regulatory agencies is difficult to predict, in terms of cost as the agencies may include the need for unforeseen studies, consultations and data collections.

City staff recommends that we proceed with the approval of the subcontractor bid provided to Riverwise in the amount of \$36,470 for the upland design work needed for the whitewater park and the boat ramp upland revisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Brixius