



WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

319 W. Fourth Street
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Dr. Priscilla Canales, Superintendent

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting:	Special Meeting
Place:	WISD Board Room
Location:	319 W. Fourth Street
Date:	February 21, 2019
Time:	5:42 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order by Isidoro Nieto, Board President.
- II. A quorum was established. The following board members were present.

Isidoro Nieto, President
Armando Cuellar, Trustee
Patrick Kennedy, Trustee
Dr. Jaime Rodriguez, Trustee

Dr. Richard Rivera, Andrew Gonzalez, and Erasmo Lopez were absent.

- III. Discussion and Possible Action for the Board to Approve the Administration's Recommendation to Hire an Independent Architect Firm to Evaluate the Proposals to be Received, and Oversee the Construction, for the Replacement of the Fueling Station (Fuel Pumps and Fuel Tanks) at the Transportation Department Project

The district has a project in the works for the replacement of the Fueling Station (Fuel Pumps and Fuel Tanks) at the Transportation Department. The following two companies submitted proposals for this project:

- Excell Fueling Systems – Buda, Texas
- Petroleum Solutions Inc. – McAllen, Texas

Mr. Andres Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, stated that the Board had approved the Design-Build method of construction for this project back in November 2018. As required by law, the district will need to hire an architect or engineer to assist the district in evaluating the proposals to be received, and oversee the construction of this project. District staff will need assistance in understanding what the company is going to do, and to ensure they are doing the work correctly.

Of the five (5) firms the district has hired to design new construction or renovations of existing buildings, the administration recommended ERO Architects because of their experience and knowledge in designing projects that include installation of fuel pumps and fuel tanks. Their proposal includes the services of a structural engineer (in-house), but they would have to contract out for a civil and mechanical engineer for this project. Therefore, the proposal will also include the services from M Garcia Engineering and Trinity MEP Engineering. The expected cost for this service is \$18,950, unless additional services are requested by the district. The cost of this service will be paid from the Local Maintenance Funds fund balance assigned for facilities or other needs.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the Administration's recommendation to hire ERO Architects to act as the Independent Architect to assist the district to evaluate the proposals to be received, and oversee the construction, for the replacement of the fueling station (fuel pumps and fuel tanks) at the Transportation Department Project.

Patrick Kennedy made the motion to approve Administration's recommendation to hire ERO Architects to act as the Independent Architect to assist the district to evaluate the proposals to be received, and oversee the construction, for the replacement of the fueling station (fuel pumps and fuel tanks) at the Transportation Department Project. Armando Cuellar seconded the motion.

According to Mr. Sanchez, the tanks are close to 25 years old and need to be replaced. Staff would like to increase the number of pumps as well; however, the current system in place is old and is not able to keep track of the fuel consumption. Therefore, this project will consist of tanks, fuel pumps, and a new software system.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion made by Patrick Kennedy and seconded by Armando Cuellar to approve the Administration's recommendation to hire ERO Architects to act as the Independent Architect to assist the district to evaluate the proposals to be received, and oversee the construction, for the replacement of the fueling station (fuel pumps and fuel tanks) at the Transportation Department Project.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.