



TOWN OF
LOWELL
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DATE: August 26, 2025
TO: Lowell Stormwater Board
FROM: Craig Hendrix
SUBJECT: McConnell Pond Reconstruction Project Bid Recommendation

On August 22 we received quotes to restore the McConnell Pond. This pond serves the commercial areas along McConnell Avenue. The pond is currently full of vegetation and sediment that needs to be removed and restored. Since the project was anticipated to cost less than \$150,000, quotes were solicited rather than formal bids. Bids were solicited from Ziese and Sons Excavating, V&H Excavating, Austgen Equipment and R&R Sewer Water and Excavating. The engineer's estimated cost for the work was \$75,000. All these contractors were local and known to perform the work required to complete the project.

Quotes were received from:

Austgen Equipment - \$75,860
V&H Excavating - \$95,000

The Town Council referred this project to the Stormwater Board for consideration utilizing the stormwater bond funds recently received. The Board would provide funding, construction observation and contract management. I recommend awarding the project to Austgen Equipment as it is the most responsive and responsible quoter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Regards