



November 4, 2021

Mr. David Gifford
Rattlesnake Ridge Water District
P.O. Box 475
Grayson, Kentucky 41143

RE: Phase 12 – Water System Improvements (Contracts 1 and 2)

Dear Mr. Gifford,

Pursuant to your request, I will attempt to provide you with an historical schedule of the above referenced project for your review and use. Please note that while many in the industry were relegated to working from home during Covid, Bluegrass Engineering continued to work on your project throughout the pandemic. Please see the following:

- January, 2020 - Request for SOQ's and Intent to File (RD) Application
- February, 2020 – Selection of Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC
- March, 2020 – Initial Application for Federal Assistance
- May, 2020 – Executed Agreement for Engineering Services
- June, 2020 – Public Meeting and ARC Pre-Application
- July, 2020 – Environmental Report Submitted
- July, 2020 thru January, 2021 – Easements, Clearinghouse Comments, Design, Permits, Plans/Specifications and Rural Development check list items completed
- January, 2021 – Division of Water Approval and Summary Addendum submittal
- August, 2021 – RD Letter of Conditions received by RRWD

Please note that in January of this year we were basically ready to proceed with the advertisement of this project however, in order to attempt to keep rates as low as possible, we were trying to get RRWD a \$1,000,000 Community Development Block Grant; and a \$500,000 ARC grant. These processes for CDBG and ARC were started in January and June of 2020, respectively. In September of 2021, Judge Malone received a preliminary approval letter for the CDBG grant and at the same time we were requested to submit the ARC application. As of the date of this letter Bluegrass Engineering has not heard when the funding for both CDBG and ARC will be available. Once these funds are approved, it will be our intent to proceed with the advertisement for bids of the project.

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It must also be understood that when the project scope was set (reducing system wide water loss and providing water to first time customers) in February, 2020 a budget was formulated based on the project approved by RRWD. Since that time, prices have skyrocketed to heights unforeseen and our 2020 budget is not reflective of late 2021 prices. It is my suggestion that once the project is bid, the RRWD board will need to make a decision on either requesting additional loan monies from RD or cutting parts of the project, or a combination of both.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Riley Sumner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Riley Sumner
Project Manager

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