



**SULPHUR PARKS AND RECREATION (SPAR)
Special Board of Commissioners Meeting
Held at the SPAR Recreation and Aquatic Center Multipurpose Room
933 W. Parish Road Sulphur, LA 70663
Thursday, July 25, 2019 5:30 PM**

The Board of Commissioners of Sulphur Parks and Recreation met at 5:30 pm on Thursday, July 25, 2019 in the multipurpose room at SPAR Recreation and Aquatic Center in Sulphur, Louisiana for a specially called meeting. The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken. Board members present were: Doug Como, Mitch Bowers, David Couvillon, Johnny Stanley; Tina Brown was absent.

The staff provided an overview and recommendation to the board on the public bids received and opened on July 3, 2019 for the Infield Artificial Turf project. Staff recommended that the board reject the low public bid received from GeoSurfaces, Inc. for failing to follow the bid instructions provided in the bid documents in regards to material substitution. Staff recommended the acceptance of the low qualified bid submitted and received from FieldTurf USA, Inc. for a base bid of \$708,390 plus: alternate #1 for \$184,596, alternate #2 for \$177,903, and alternate #3 for \$184,749 for a total of \$1,255,638. The project is a 2019 budget funded item with an estimated approximate cost of \$1,250,000 plus applicable architect fees. The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury awarded and entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with SPAR to provide reimbursable grant funding up to \$500,000 for this project. Completion of project is estimated to be by year end 2019. The director presented the advice of legal counsel to reject the bid due to failure to comply with bid instructions, specifically the instructions for substitution of materials. The board asked if the potentially rejected bidder had been contacted. The director invited Mr. Vincent to address the board in reference to their questions about the bid process and communication with the bidders. It was stated that the bidder had been invited to speak with Mr. Kleinschmidt but had yet to do so. The board asks if the proposed product was investigated at all. A cut sheet was submitted but the actual turf product was not reviewed due to failure to submit in accordance with the bid instructions. If SPAR were to choose to reject all bids, the project would have to wait a minimum of one year before being able to put out for bid again. The board discussed the risk of litigation from either the low bidder that may be rejected or from the second bidder who had followed all bid instructions, and it was stated that the language used in the bid instructions mirrors that used by the Parish and the state for similar construction projects. On a motion by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Stanley, and carried, the board rejected the bid from GeoSurfaces, Inc. for failure to comply with bid instructions and awarded the turf project to FieldTurf USA, Inc. Public bids received as outlined below:

Bid Date: 7-3-2019

[] = low qualified Bid

BIDDER	License No.	Base Bid	Alt. #1 (Add) <i>Fld. 41-Install New Turf on infield and track</i>	Alt. #2 (Add) <i>Fld 40-Install New Turf on infield and track</i>	Alt. #3 (Add) <i>Install shock pad at all fields</i>	TOTAL BID (Base + Alt #1, #2, #3)
B&P Enterprises of Avoyelles Parish	61735	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
T3 Global Projects	56016	\$825,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$170,000	\$1,325,000
GeoSurfaces, Inc. <i>(Disqualified failure to follow Bid Instruction in regards to material substitution)</i>	67614	\$638,000	\$165,000	\$159,000	\$131,000	\$1,093,000
FieldTurf USA, Inc.	45097	[\$708,390]	[\$184,596]	[\$177,903]	[\$184,749]	[\$1,255,638]

The staff requested and was granted permission for the director to issue and execute change orders as necessary not to exceed 15% greater than the public bid received and awarded by the board to FieldTurf USA, Inc. for the Infield Artificial Turf project, on a motion by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Como, and carried.


On a motion by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Como, and carried, the director was granted permission to enter into contract with Vincent and Shows, Architects for the Infield Artificial Turf project. Architect service fees are not to exceed 7.5% of the awarded contract amount plus reimbursable expenses.

All business taken care of, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Bowers, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm



Approved (Board Member)



Attested