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**MEMO** 

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers

FROM: Erica Sniegowski, NMCWD

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DATE: July 10, 2019

RE: Nonprofit Project Quotes

## Background

On Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, quotes were opened for the 2019 Non-Profit BMP Retrofits project. Unfortunately, quotes came in very high. The engineer's estimate was based on the last several years of similar BMP construction projects (raingardens of similar size and scale at church sites and elementary schools) in other watershed districts. The estimate for total construction costs was \$118,019.

Six quotes were received with the low quote submitted being \$163,892, well above the engineer's estimate and the 10% allowance for the District Administrator approving the contract as per previous Board action. Barr Engineering staff reached out to contractors and confirmed that the construction climate for this scale of project currently is extremely tight, with work crews running well past capacity due to the wet spring.

It is Barr Engineering and District staff's recommendation that the quotes be rejected. Staff are continuing to discuss next steps to ensure an appropriate value for the construction of these projects, including the option of re-issuing the RFQ this fall or next spring. Staff will have additional information for discussion at the July board meeting.

## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Managers reject the quotes that came in for the project.