



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 23-00215

Agenda Date: 6/13/2023

Agenda Item Name:

Contract 13812 with Southern Dirt Works, Inc., for the Lochloosa Slough Preserve Fiscal Year 23 (FY) Road Improvement Projects, for Environmental Protection.

Presenter:

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Description:

Contract 13812 with Southern Dirt Works, Inc., for the Lochloosa Slough Preserve Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Road Improvement Projects, in the amount not to exceed \$105,256.78, for Environmental Protection.

Recommended Action:

Approve Contract 13812 with Southern Dirt Works, Inc., for the Lochloosa Slough Preserve FY23 Road Improvement Projects, in the amount not to exceed \$105,256.78, for Environmental Protection, and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Prior Board Motions:

April 25, 2023, Board of County Commission (Board) approved the award of BID 23-398 Lochloosa Slough Preserve FY23 Road Improvement Projects. Item 23-0653.

Fiscal Note:

Sufficient funds exist in the Environmental Protection Department budget to cover this expense.

Wild Spaces Public Places - Account: 021.41.4160.537.46.00, Project #6214104 Land Management-Lochloosa Slough Preserve – Maintenance

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

The work to be completed through this project includes road maintenance and repairs to facilitate preserve management. Also, installing hardened low water stream crossings to facilitate access throughout the preserve and to protect the stream channels with road crossings to reduce erosion and sedimentation.

The 5,797.5-acre Lochloosa Slough Preserve, located south of Hawthorne, and east of Highway 301, was acquired by Alachua County Forever program through two acquisitions. The

first on December 12th, 2019, for 1,861.1 acres, and the second on January 24th, 2022, for 3,936.3 acres; both funded through Wild Spaces and Public Places surtax funds. Management goals for the preserve include restoring diverse longleaf pine habitat through re-planting harvested areas, prescribed burning, and invasive plant management, protecting the diverse and numerous wetlands on the preserve, and providing public recreational access once the management planning process is completed.

BID 23-398 Lochloosa Slough Preserve FY23 Road Improvement Projects was released on January 25, 2023. The deadline for receipt of 23-398 Lochloosa Slough Preserve FY23 Road Improvement Projects was March 15, 2023; two (2) vendors responded. |