



# City of Grand Forks Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – December 9, 2019  
City Council – December 16, 2019

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**Agenda Item: NDSWC Cost Share Agreement Amendment II for the GFWTP Project - \$9.875 million for the 2019-2021 Biennium**

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**Submitted by:** Todd Feland, City Administrator

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**Staff Recommended Action: Approve the NDSWC Cost Share Agreement Amendment II for the GFWTP Project in the Amount of \$9.875 million for the 2019-2021 Biennium.**

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**Committee Recommended Action:**

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**Council Action:**

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant (GFWTP) Project is well into the construction schedule and on-track and budget towards full completion in the summer of 2020. The GFWTP consists of a new 20 million gallons per day hybrid water treatment facility that will include parallel conventional and membrane treatment processes to address key regulatory and water quality challenges, increased water demand, and logistical issues associated with the City's current 60-year-old facility.

The City of Grand Forks (City) has a cost share reimbursement agreement with the North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC) for a 50 percent cost share for the GFWTP. The City of Grand Forks has received almost \$75 million to date from the SWC for the design and construction of the GFWTP over the last three North Dakota Biennia from the 2013/15 to 2019/21 Biennia. Of the almost \$75 million, approximately \$5 million has gone to design and approximately \$70 million has gone to construction.

## **ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- The original construction Agreement for Cost Share Reimbursement was approved by the SWC on October 12, 2016 in the amount of \$30 million as part of 2015/17 biennium and Amendment I to the Agreement for Cost Share Reimbursement was approved by the SWC on

August 23, 2017 as part of the 2017/19 biennium in the amount of \$30 million and as a 50 percent cost share reimbursement.

- Amendment II to the Agreement for Cost Share Reimbursement was approved by the SWC on October 10, 2019 in the amount of \$9.875 million as part of the 2019/21 biennium.
- The GFWTP substantial and final completion timeline is in the spring and summer of 2020.
- The City is forever grateful for the GFWTP funding partnership from the State of North Dakota that has occurred over the last eight years and four legislative biennium for the 50 year GFWTP asset on a 100 year plus year site.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- Email dated November 26, 2019 from Lori Noack, SWC Cost Share Coordinator and SWC letter dated November 26, 2019 from Jeffrey Mattern P.E., Engineer Manager, and attached AMENDMENT II dated November 25, 2019 to the Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement City of Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant.

## Halvorson, Spencer

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**From:** Feland, Todd  
**Sent:** Friday, December 6, 2019 1:23 PM  
**To:** Halvorson, Spencer  
**Subject:** FW: Cost Share Amendment II of Agreement for Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant  
**Attachments:** Cover Letter Amendment II Grand Forks WTP 191126 signed.pdf; Grand Forks WTP Amendment II JLV Edits MH\_Adt.pdf

Spencer,

Please attach this email and the two attachments to an upcoming staff report. I will be in touch, thank you, tf.

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**From:** Noack, Lori A. [<mailto:lnoack@nd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019 1:48 PM  
**To:** Feland, Todd  
**Cc:** Ryan Graf  
**Subject:** Cost Share Amendment II of Agreement for Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant

Good afternoon,

Attached is a cover letter and **Amendment II to the Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement for City of Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant Project** to provide additional cost-share of up to \$9,875,000 for reimbursement of 50 percent of eligible engineering and construction costs, for a total cost-share not to exceed \$69,875,000, for review and signature. This amendment is void if not signed and returned by the City within 60 days of the Chief Engineer-Secretary's signature of November 25, 2019.

Thank you.

Lori Noack  
*Cost Share Coordinator*

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November 26, 2019

Mr. Michael Brown, Mayor  
City of Grand Forks  
255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

RE: Amendment II to Agreement for City of Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant

Dear Mayor Brown:

The enclosed Amendment II to the Agreement for Cost-Share Reimbursement City of Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant Project is to provide additional cost-share of up to \$9,875,000, for a total cost-share not to exceed \$69,875,000, to reimburse 50 percent of eligible engineering and construction costs incurred in the Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant Project. Please sign, date, and make a copy of the agreement for your records before returning the original to this office. This agreement is void if not signed and returned by the District within 60 days of the Chief Engineer-Secretary's signature of November 25, 2019. The signed agreement is necessary to proceed with reimbursements based on claim vouchers documenting the actual eligible costs.

Prior to issuing reimbursements, provide a copy of the certificate of insurance with your project indicated on the certificate and all endorsements to State Water Commission.

If you have any questions, please call me at 328-4952.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Mattern, P.E.  
Engineer Manager

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