



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole – March 23, 2026
City Council – April 6, 2026

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

04/06/2026

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Agenda Item: Bid award for City Project No. 9065 – Upgrade Lift Station #5

Submitted by: Carmen Neuschwander, Utility Engineer
Melanie Parvey, Water Works Director

Staff Recommended Action: 1. Award General Contract to low bidder ICS, Inc. in the amount of \$331,400 2. Award Electrical Contract to John’s Refrigeration & Electric, Inc in the amount of \$305,160 for City project No. 9065 – Upgrade Lift Station #5

Committee Recommended Action:

Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to move staff recommendation to City Council with a recommendation to to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Motion by Berg, second by Sande to approve on consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

Bids for this project were opened on March 19, 2026. 1 bid was received for the General Contract work and was opened. The bid for the General Contract work was from ICS, Inc. in the amount of \$331,400. 3 bids were received for the Electrical Contract work and 2 bids were opened. The contractor for one of the electrical bids did not have a contractors license valid for 10 days prior to the bid opening. The low bid for the Electrical Contract work was from John’s Refrigeration & Electric, Inc in the amount of \$305,160. The Engineer’s Estimate was \$685,000. The combined General and Electrical bids are \$636,560.

This project is intended to renew Sanitary Lift Station No. 5 so that it can provide efficient and reliable service for the next 25 plus years. Lift Station 5 is located at 730 N 3rd St and was last rehabbed in 2001. The existing drives and most of the controls are obsolete and parts are no longer available. The pumps and many of the station components are at the end of their useful life and there are safety concerns that need to be addressed at both stations.

This project has been considered at a number of previous Council/Committee/Public meetings, some of which are as follows:

- January 5, 2026 – Council approved a Task Order for engineering services on this project with WFW in the amount of \$216,520
- February 17, 2026 – Council approved the purchase of pumps in the amount of \$385,617

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Bids were opened on March 19, 2026
- 1 bid was received and 1 bid was opened for the General Contract. 3 bids were received and 2 bids were opened for the Electrical Contract. The contractor for one of the bids did not have a contractor's license valid for 10 days prior to the bid opening.
- The low bid for the General contract was from ICS, Inc. The bid recommended for approval for the Electrical contract is from John's Refrigeration & Electric, Inc. The electrical bids ranged from \$305,160 to \$323,999.
- Construction is anticipated to start and be completed in 2026
- Funding for this project will come from the annual lift station rehabilitation program for sanitary lift stations, Fund 4702

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Project Location Map (1 page)
- Bid tab (1 page)

City of Grand Forks, ND Sanitary Sewer Service Area Map

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www.gfgis.com

PROJECT: 3/23/2015



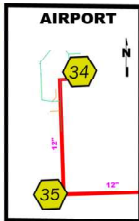
TO NEW LANDFILL
LIFT STATION 2
(SEE INSET ABOVE)

WASTEWATER
TREATMENT
FACILITY

LIFT STATION 41 SERVES
BALING FACILITY ONLY

LIFT STATION 36
AT INERT LANDFILL

TO AIRPORT LIFT
STATIONS 34 & 35
(SEE INSET BELOW)

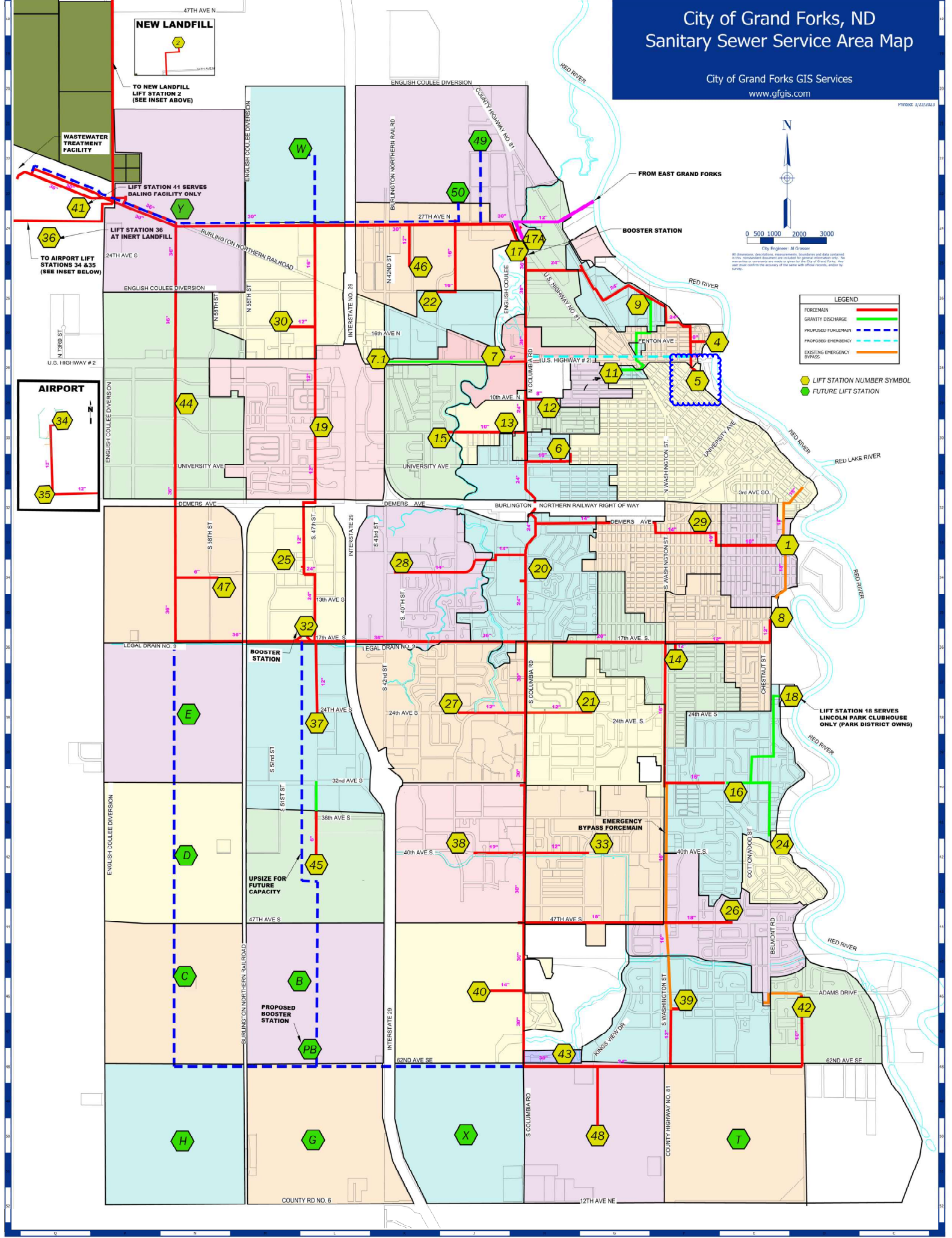


City Engineer: Al Grosser

All dimensions, elevations, measurements, boundaries and data contained
in this map were obtained from the City of Grand Forks, ND. Any
other data within the accuracy of the same with official reports, under the
supervision of the City Engineer.

LEGEND	
FORCEMAIN	
GRAVITY DISCHARGE	
PROPOSED FORCEMAIN	
PROPOSED EMERGENCY BYPASS	
EXISTING EMERGENCY BYPASS	

- LIFT STATION NUMBER SYMBOL
- FUTURE LIFT STATION



LIFT STATION 18 SERVES
LINCOLN PARK CLUBHOUSE
ONLY (PARK DISTRICT OWNS)

EMERGENCY
BYPASS FORCEMAIN

UPSIZE FOR
FUTURE
CAPACITY

PROPOSED
BOOSTER
STATION

BID SUMMARY-UPGRADE LS #5

CITY OF GRAND FORKS PROJECT NO. 9065; WFW PROJECT NO. 20G461

QuestCDN #10073217

March 19, 2026; 2:00 P.M. Local Time

	Add	BB	CL	SCHEDULE A GENERAL	SCHEDULE A GENERAL WITH OPTION	SCHEDULE B GENERAL	SCHEDULE B GENERAL WITH OPTION	SCHEDULE B ELECTRICAL
H&S ELECTRICAL SERVICES LLC GRAND FORKS, ND	3	X	X					\$323,999.00
JOHN'S REFRIGERATION & ELECTRIC, INC. GRAND FORKS, ND	3	X	X					\$305,160.00
ICS, INC. GRAND FORKS, ND	3	X	X			\$331,400.00		
IDEAL POWER SOLUTIONS GRAND FORKS, ND								*
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	3	5%	X	\$685,000.00	\$815,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$460,000.00	\$355,000.00
APPARENT LOW BIDS						\$331,400.00		\$305,160.00
TOTAL APPARENT LOW BIDS, SCHEDULE					\$636,560.00			

* Contractor License not valid for 10 days prior to bid opening.