

**RESOLUTION NO. R25-95**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO OBRIST AND COMPANY, INC. FOR THE BASE BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$484,962.75 FOR LIFT STATION 15 WESTBROOK RELOCATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus received bids for Lift Station 15 Westbrook Relocation on June 24, 2025, with Obrist and Company, Inc. submitting the lowest bid, in the amount of \$484,962.75, as detailed in the bid tabulation; and

WHEREAS, city staff recommends award of the contract for Lift Station 15 Westbrook Relocation for a total contract price of \$484,962.75.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, that the award of a contract with Obrist and Company, Inc. for Lift Station 15 Westbrook Relocation in the amount of \$484,962.75 be accepted and the mayor be authorized to sign contracts and change orders for this project.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ATTORNEY



Accountability - Dedication  
Honesty - Integrity - Respect

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 1, 2025  
**TO:** Tara Vasicek, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Richard J. Bogus, City Engineer  
**RE:** Lift Station No. 15 Westbrook Relocation

### RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend award of the Base Bid for the above referenced project to Obrist and Company, Inc. in the amount of \$484,962.75.

### DISCUSSION:

Three bids were received and a Bid Tabulation sheet is attached. Benesch's estimated cost was \$850,000. Attached is a copy of the Benesch correspondence on awarding of the project.

The lift station is located on Howard Boulevard at approximately 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue in US Hwy 81 Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) right-of-way. The station will be increased for future expansion to the west/southwest within the serviceable area. The location will be outside of the US Hwy 81 NDOT right-of-way in property obtained from JLO Properties LLC.

This lift station is the next on the Public Works Department list for replacements. The existing lift station is towards the end of its expected life cycle and needs replacement.

Work to begin this fiscal year and completed next fiscal year.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

CIP# 20-093 FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$425,000 and FY 2025-2026 budgeted amount for the remaining construction cost and construction services.

### ALTERNATIVE:

Do not approve.

### SIGNATURE:

By: Richard J. Bogus

Approved By: [Signature]

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P 308-384-1032

June 25, 2025

City of Columbus  
Attn: Rick Bogus, P.E.  
2500 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3  
Columbus, Nebraska 68601

REFERENCE: City of Columbus  
Lift Station #15 Westbrook Relocation  
*Letter of Recommendation Of Award Of Contract*

Dear Mr. Bogus:

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025 bids for the 2025 Lift Station #15 Westbrook Relocation project were received, opened, and read aloud. Three (3) bids were received for the work. The bids have been checked and the bid tabulation is attached. The bids consisted of a Base Bid (Lift Station). Summarized below is the bidder's total bid amount.

**2025 Lift Station #15 Westbrook Relocation**  
**Bidders**

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**Obrist & Company, Inc.**  
**PO Box 581**  
**Columbus, NE 68602-0581**

Total Base Bid **\$484,962.75**

**Meadow Ridge Properties**  
**4811 37<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Columbus, NE 68601**

Total Base Bid **\$1,093,930.00**

**General Excavating**  
**6170 Cornhusker Hwy**  
**Lincoln, NE 68507-3133**

Total Base Bid **\$1,700,993.42**

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The following paragraphs discuss in detail how the bidders filled out the various required pages of the proposal form:

**Bid Proposal (Unit Prices/Extensions/Total Base Bid Amounts)**

**Obrist & Company's** bid (Base) was \$356,129.98 below the Engineer's Estimate of \$841,092.73. **Meadow Ridge Properties** bid (Base) was \$252,837.28 above the Engineers Estimate. **General Excavation's** bid (Base) was \$859,900.70 above the Engineers Estimate. There were two math errors on the bid tab with Obrist and Company total being off by \$1,000.

**(Addendum Acknowledgement)**

There was one (2) addendum issued during the bidding phase of this project. All three bidders provided an Addendum Acknowledgement for all addendums.

**(Bidder Signature Pages)**

All three bidders submitted a signed proposal and submitted evidence of authority to sign.

**Miscellaneous Other Requirements**

**Bid Guarantee**

The contract documents require that ***“Each separate proposal shall be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of not less than five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be by certified check on a solvent bank or bid bond made payable to the City of Columbus.”*** All three bidders successfully submitted a 5% bid guaranty to the City of Columbus.

**Benesch Recommendation**

As applicable, the City of Columbus should be aware that according to the contract documents, the ***“right is reserved, as the City of Columbus may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any or all irregularities, technicalities, informality or any information in the bids received, which in the Owner’s judgment best services the Owner’s interest”***.

Benesch’s opinion is that the bid (Base) received from **Obrist & Company, Inc.** represents a fair and reasonable price. We note that **Obrist & Company, Inc** total price is approximately 42% less than the engineers estimate and about 125% less than the next closest bidder, which indicates a cost-effectiveness for the project based on competitive bidding. The noticeable cost difference between the low bid compared to the other bids is most significantly identified in bid items dealing with groundwater, pumping and lift station installation. Benesch recommends that the City of Columbus award the Total Base Bid for \$484,962.75 to **Obrist & Company, Inc.** If awarded the contract, **Obrist & Company, Inc.** will complete the construction before June 2026, as required by the contract documents.

**Summary of Attachments:**

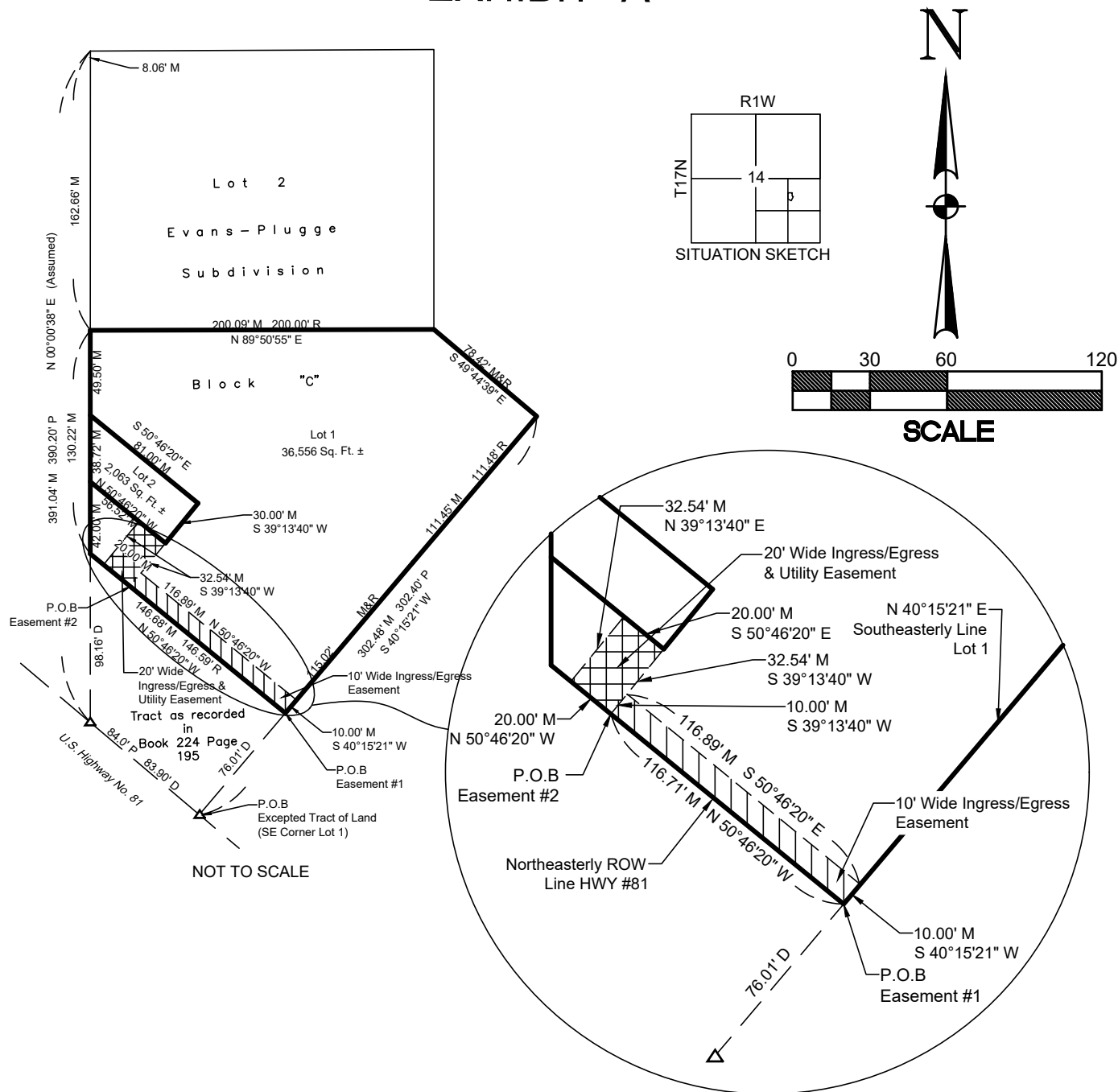
- Bid Tabulation
- **Obrist & Company, Inc.** complete bid proposal and bid bond

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,  
Alfred Benesch & Company

Terry A Brown  
Terry A. Brown, P.E., Senior Project Manager

EXHIBIT "A"



Legal Description Easement 1

A 10.00 foot wide Ingress and Egress Easement located in Lot 1, Block C, Evans-Plugge Subdivision, to the City of Columbus, Platte County Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southeasterly line of Lot 1, Block C, Evans-Plugge Subdivision to the City of Columbus, Platte County Nebraska, said point being 76.01 feet Northeasterly of the Southeast Corner of Originally Platted, said Lot 1, and on the Northeasterly Right of Way Line of U.S. Highway 81, and assuming the Southeasterly line of said Lot 1 to have a bearing of N 40°15'21" E; thence N 50°46'20" W and on said Northeasterly Right of Way line, 116.71 feet; thence N 39°13'40" E, 10.00 feet; thence S 50°46'20" E and parallel to said Right of Way line, 116.89 feet to a point on the Southeasterly line of said Lot 1; thence S 40°15'21" W and on said Southeasterly line, 10.00 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 1168.0 square feet more or less.

Legal Description Easement 2

A 20.00 foot wide Ingress and Egress and Utility Easement located in Lot 1, Block C, Evans-Plugge Subdivision, to the City of Columbus, Platte County Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the Southeasterly line of Lot 1, Block C, Evans-Plugge Subdivision to the City of Columbus, Platte County Nebraska, said point being 76.01 feet Northeasterly of the Southeast Corner of Originally Platted, said Lot 1, and on the Northeasterly Right of Way Line of U.S. Highway 81, and assuming the Southeasterly line of said lot 1 to have a bearing of N 40°15'21" E; thence N 50°46'20" W and on said Northeasterly Right of Way line, 116.71 feet; to the Point of Beginning; thence N 50°46'20" W and on said Right of Way line, 20.00 feet; thence N 39°13'40" E, 32.54 feet; thence S 50°46'20" E, and parallel to said Right of Way line, 20.00 feet; thence S 39°13'40" W, 32.54 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 650.8 square feet more or less.

Plat Showing  
INGRESS/EGRESS & UTILITY EASEMENTS  
To be Acquired from Land Owned by  
Owners: JLO Properties

Permanent Easements

- Easement #1: 1168.0 sq. ft more or less
- Easement #2: 650.8 sq. ft more or less

Scale: 1" = 60'  
Date: October 31, 2024  
Drawn By: J.M.L. Sheet 1 of 1

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
BID TABULATION  
COLUMBUS LIFT STATION 15 PROJECT  
BID OPENING: JUNE 24, 2025 AT 2:00 P.M.

	Contractor: Obrist & Company, Inc. PO Box 581 Columbus, NE 68602-0581	Contractor: Meadow Ridge Properties 4811 37th Street Columbus, NE 68601	Contractor: General Excavating 6170 Cornhusker Hwy Lincoln, NE 68507-3113
	Bid Bond: X	Cashier Check X	Bid Bond: XX
ADDENDUM(S) ACKNOWLEDGED	1&2 Ackowleged	1&2 Acknowledged	1&2 Acknowledged
Description	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
BASE BID	484,962.75	1,093,930.00	1,700,993.42
	484,962.75	1,093,930.00	1,700,993.42

PROJECT A START DATE			
SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE			
FINAL COMPLETION DATE			



# PROPOSED LIFT STATION #15

