

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Patricia Abbott
Controller

Date: June 2, 2025

Re: Pedestrian Bridge Project Payment

The Pedestrian Bridge Project, also referred to as Bridges Over Ditches, will construct pedestrian and bicycle bridges over Cady Ditch and Marsh Ditch connecting Munster and Highland. The project went through the INDOT prescribed bidding process on May 7, 2025. Bids were received as follows.

Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,248,402.17
Grimmer Construction, Inc.	\$2,068,776.00
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,765,700.00

INDOT has awarded the project to Gariup Construction as the low bidder. The project is funded 80% from NIRPC with the remaining 20% paid by Munster. INDOT requires the local match to be paid prior to authorizing the Notice to Proceed to the contractor. INDOT will handle all payments to Gariup for work completed. The Town portion will be paid from the 2024 GO Bond proceeds.

Once payment is confirmed, the Notice to Proceed will be issued. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled in June and work will be completed in 2026. Minimal work is expected in 2025. The bridges are prefabricated and there is a 40-44 week lead time for delivery.

Staff is working with the Town of Highland on an interlocal cost-sharing agreement.

Recommendation:

By motion and roll call vote, confirm the bid award to Gariup Construction and authorize payment to INDOT in the amount of \$353,140.00 for the Bike and Pedestrian Bridges over Hart Ditch and Cady Marsh Ditches.