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## Agenda Item 6C

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**MEETING DATE:** March 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Authorize the Administration to Negotiate a Professional Services Agreement with Bleyl & Associates for the Design of the Red River Street Extension and Briar Creek Dredging Projects for the Campus Located on Villa Maria Street in Bryan, Texas, and to Seek Bids for the Construction of the Proposed Improvements

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the board provide authorization to proceed with negotiating a professional services agreement with Bleyl & Associates for the design of the Red River Street Extension and Briar Creek Dredging Project, and to seek bids for the construction of the proposed improvements.

**RATIONALE:**

This project is divided into two parts as follows:

1. Red River Street Extension- Originally, this project included a section of roadway referenced as the Nash Street Extension, but the City of Bryan decided not to participate in the cost for this section of roadway at this time. Therefore, the administration recommends that the board authorize it to proceed with the “Red River Street” section of this roadway. The Red River Street Extension project provides a north ingress/egress point of vehicular relief at the campus located on Villa Maria Street, which will provide enhanced mobility for student, faculty, and staff. Additionally, the TAMU Transportation Services will use this route for the pickup and delivery of students from the TAMU campus.
2. Briar Creek Dredging Project – The City of Bryan sent a letter dated February 12, 2016, requesting the college to have the “original capacity of the ponds restored as quickly as possible to once again provide protection for properties downstream of Blinn from receiving higher than expected storm water runoff.” (See Attachment A). These ponds were included in the original design of the Blinn College Bryan Campus project dated February 1995. During the past 25 years, the ponds have silted in and need to be dredged, not only from a storm-water capacity perspective, but also an aesthetic perspective.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Revenue Bonds Series 2014 will fund the Red River Street Extension, with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000

The Briar Creek Dredging Project will be paid from the reallocated 2015-2016 R&R Budget, with an estimated cost of \$500,000. The reallocation will cause the plant warehouse improvements on the Bryan Campus to be delayed until the 2016-2017 budget cycle.

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL:**

Kelli Shomaker, CFO/Senior Vice President Finance and Administrative Services  
Richard O'Malley, Assistant Vice President Facilities, Planning, and Construction

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Letter from City of Bryan dated February 12, 2016

Respectfully Submitted By:



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CFO/Senior Vice President Finance and Administrative Services



Mary Hensley, Ed.D.  
District President/CEO



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February 12, 2016

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Dear Shawn:

Per our meeting on February 11, 2016, please find attached a CD-ROM containing original construction plans and drainage reports for the Blinn College Campus in Bryan as you requested. As you know the two ponds located on Briar Creek that run through the campus are nearly completely filled with sediment from many years of deposits. This has been going on for a long time as evidenced by some of the reports we have discussing the problem in previous years (attached to the CD-ROM) as well as the size of existing trees growing in the sand sediment deposits where the retention pond used to be. The maintenance of these ponds is the responsibility of the property owner, Blinn College.

Please accept this letter as official notice for Blinn College to have the original capacity of those ponds restored as quickly as possible to once again provide protection for properties downstream of Blinn from receiving higher than expected storm water runoff. When we met on February 11, 2016 we discussed upcoming plans for Red River intersection improvements that were scheduled to take place in summer 2016. We request that the restoration of pond volumes be completed no later than this summer 2016, possibly coinciding with that planned work in the area.

Best Regards,

W. Paul Kaspar, PE, CFM  
City Engineer

Xc: Richard O'Malley, Blinn College  
Jayson Barfknecht, Public Works Director  
Robert Willis, Streets and Drainage Supervisor  
Johnnie Price, Assistant City Engineer

Encl. CD-ROM containing multiple drainage reports and construction plans