

ITEM #: 19  
 DATE: 02-24-26  
 DEPT: W&PC

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: STORY COUNTY EDGE-OF-FIELD PROJECT - FINAL COMPLETION OF FY 2022/23 PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 8, 2024, Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$221,609.07 to Hands On Excavating, LLC of Radcliffe, Iowa, for the installation of seven saturated buffers and nine bioreactors for the Story County Edge-of-Field Project. The saturated buffers and bioreactors will reduce the nitrogen discharge from subsurface field drainage before it enters a stream or other surface waters. These practices can now be entered into the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Exchange and the nutrient reductions will be 'banked' for future use.

Two change orders totaling a net deduct of \$4,081.90 were executed bringing the adjusted contract price to \$217,527.17. The total project expenses, funding, and authorized budget are shown below.

	<b>Project Funding</b>	<b>Project Expenses</b>	<b>Authorized Budget</b>
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	20,453.76		
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship	173,305.06		
Story County Conservation	59,634.18		
City of Ames (Sewer Fund)	59,634.18		
Hands On Excavating, LLC		217,527.17	
Easement Payments		19,000.00	
Engineering Services		76,500.00	
<b>Totals (FY 2022/23 Edge of Field CIP)</b>	<b>313,027.17</b>	<b>313,027.17</b>	<b>480,000.00</b>

All work under the contract was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications on October 17, 2025. Statements of Completion have been prepared by the design engineers, and the project is now ready for acceptance by the City Council.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept completion of the work in the final amount of \$217,527.17 and authorize final payment, in accordance with the contract, to Hands On Excavating, LLC of Radcliffe, Iowa.
2. Do not accept completion at this time and provide direction to staff on the actions needed to close out the contract.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

A contract to install seven saturated buffers and nine bioreactors as part of the Story County Edge-of-Field Project has been completed in accordance with plans and specifications, and the engineers' statements of completion have been received. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

[Engineer\\_s\\_Certifications-1.pdf](#)