



MEMORANDUM

October 4, 2018

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: ANDY MUELLER, GENERAL MANAGER
IAN PHILIPS, CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

SUBJECT: AUDIT FIRM ROTATION

ACTION: *Staff requests that the Board accept the proposal from McMahan and Associates, LLC, for the provision of audit and consulting services for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.*

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE(S): 12. *Financial Sustainability*

As you may recall from the 2018 third quarterly meeting, the Board directed staff to check on references for Haynie & Company. Staff did obtain references from both the City of Grand Junction, and the Southwestern Water Conservation District. Staff determined it was prudent to seek out additional proposals for the 2018 audit.

The table below shows the four firms the District received proposals from, and the pricing of both the regular audit, as well as the required Single Audit, related to NRCS funding for RCPP.

Firm	Regular Audit	Single Audit	Total Cost
RSM US LLP	\$28,000	\$6,000	\$34,000
Haynie & Company	\$21,000	\$6,500	\$27,500
McMahan and Associates, LLC	\$18,900	\$2,900	\$21,800
Chadwick, Steinkirchner & Davis & CO., P.C.	\$15,000	\$4,500	\$19,500

The stand out proposal came from McMahan and Associates, LLC. McMahan and Associates focuses a majority of their practice on providing assurance and consulting services to local governments throughout Colorado, including over 100 local governments and dozens of municipal governments and being based in Avon, they are located within the River District Boundaries. Staff has received positive feedback from both the Garfield County Public Library District, as well as the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority, on the excellent services received by McMahan and Associates, LLC. McMahan and Associates' experience, qualifications and references, coupled with the reasonable bid price provide the basis for the staff's above stated recommendation.