



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 13, 2018

TO: Dan Duchniak

FROM: Kelly Zylstra

RE: Purchase of a Vehicle for the Combination Vac/Valve Turner Skid purchased in 2017

At 2pm on March 2nd bids were received for one 2018, or current model, Ford F-550 extended cab truck with dual rear wheels, two wheel drive, flatbed service body and accessories. This vehicle will have the combination vacuum excavator/valve turning skid that was purchased in late 2017 mounted on the flatbed.

As you may recall from our October 2017 meeting, this vehicle will now allow us to dispatch one crew during valve turning maintenance operations who can both exercise the valve, but also deal with a valve box that may be full of material, rather than having to dispatch a second crew at a later date with a separate vehicle. The vehicle will continue to allow us to increase our efficiency in performing distribution system maintenance.

Funds will be taken from Capital Account #3920, which has \$79,948 budgeted for the purchase of this vehicle and future small pickup truck replacement vehicle.

The Hiller Ford bid noted an 18 week lead time on the 2018 Ford F-550. The bid from Ewald noted that the 2019 Ford F-550 would not start production June 18, 2018 and would be followed by a significant lead time. I look forward to your support of my recommendation to purchase the 2018 Model from Hiller Ford.

Vendor	Make of Vehicle	Total Cost
Hiller Ford, Inc. 6455 South 108th Street Franklin, WI 53132	2018 Ford F-550 2WD Supercab, 6 speed automatic	\$43,357.50
Ewald Hartford Ford 2570 E. Sumner St. Hartford, WI 53027	2019 Ford F-550 2WD Supercab, 6 speed automatic	\$44,668.50

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the purchase of one new Ford F-550, per utility specifications, to Hiller Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$43,357.50.