



Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Administration Division

DATE: May 11, 2026

TO: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman

FROM: Kevin Klipfel, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Consideration of Agreement for the Recreation Facility Feasibility Study

Commissioners:

Proposals for the recreation facility feasibility study were opened, reviewed and scored by the selection committee made up of representatives from the city and park district. The committee then interviewed the top three vendors and unanimously selected CHA Consulting, Inc. The enclosed agreement, which has been reviewed by the city and park district staff, is included for your review. Staff recommends Board approval of the agreement, contingent upon the City Commission's approval at their May 26, 2026, meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made this ____ day of May, 2026, by and between CHA Consulting, Inc., with its principal place of business at 3 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205 (hereinafter “CHA”) and Bismarck Parks and Recreation District and the City of Bismarck (collectively, the Project Partners) with an office located at 400 E. Front Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota 58504 (hereinafter “Client”).

Client and CHA, for the consideration hereinafter set forth, hereby agree as follows:

1. Services of CHA

(a) CHA agrees to provide the professional services described in Exhibit A (hereinafter the “Services”) attached hereto and incorporated herein with respect to Recreation Facility Feasibility Study (hereinafter the “Project”).

(b) Any activities or Services not included within the scope of the Services will be considered “Extra Services” and will require additional compensation.

(c) CHA is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion and coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, reports, and other services furnished by CHA under this Agreement. CHA shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions or other deficiencies in its design, drawings, specifications, reports and other services, unless such corrective action is directly attributable to deficiencies in Client-furnished information. In the case of an omission, CHA shall be responsible only for the additional cost, if any, compared with what the cost of work would have been if it were included in the initial estimates of cost.

2. Schedule of Services

CHA shall use reasonable diligence and expediency consistent with sound professional practices to complete the Services in a timely fashion so as to meet Client’s requirements. If Client requests significant modifications or changes in the scope or requests Extra Services, the time for performance shall be correspondingly adjusted. If the parties have agreed to a specific Project schedule and specific milestone dates, such information shall be set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.

3. Responsibilities of Client

(a) Client shall furnish or make available to CHA any and all of its records, maps, or other data which are pertinent to CHA’s work. CHA shall be entitled to use and rely upon, without reverification, the accuracy, reliability and completeness of said records, maps and all other data provided by Client or its employees, agents, officers, or consultants in conjunction with CHA’s performance of the Services. Client shall authorize and assist CHA in obtaining any such pertinent information from other public and private sources. When requested by CHA, the Client shall furnish all reasonable assistance necessary for CHA to perform appropriate site investigations.

(b) Client shall provide all criteria and full information as to the Client’s requirements for the Project; designate a person to act with authority on the Client’s behalf in respect to all aspects of the Project; examine and respond promptly to CHA’s submittals; and give prompt written notice to CHA whenever the Client observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in the work.

(c) Client shall notify CHA promptly of all known or suspected Hazardous Material at the site, of any contamination of the site by Hazardous Materials, and of any other conditions requiring special care, and provide CHA with any available documents describing the nature, location and extent of such materials, contamination or conditions.

4. Compensation

(a) As compensation for the performance of the Services, Client shall pay CHA its fees and expenses in accordance with Exhibit C.

(b) Client shall reimburse CHA for any application and/or permit fees paid for securing approval of authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

(c) Invoices will be submitted monthly to Bismarck Parks and Recreation District c/o Kathy Feist at kfeist@bisparks.org and accountspayable@bisparks.org for Services performed and expenses incurred during the previous month. Supporting documentation and additional detail will be provided upon Client's request. Payments are due at the address appearing on the invoice within 30 days following the invoice date. Invoices not paid within 30 days will accrue interest from the 31st day at the rate of 1% per month (12% per annum). Any late payment will be applied first to interest and then to the oldest outstanding balance due. If Client contests an invoice, Client may withhold only the contested portion and must timely pay the undisputed portion.

(d) In the event that Client disputes any portion of an invoice submitted by CHA, Client shall notify CHA within fourteen (14) days of the invoice date, identify the cause of the disagreement, and timely pay any amounts not in dispute. The parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve the dispute within thirty (30) days of Client's notice to CHA. Client's failure to dispute an invoice within fourteen (14) days of the invoice date shall be deemed a waiver of all claims pertaining to that invoice.

5. Termination

(a) This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon not less than seven (7) days written notice should the other party substantially fail to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the party initiating the termination. Client's failure to make payments when due for Services and expenses shall be deemed a material failure permitting CHA to terminate this Agreement.

(b) In the event of termination of this Agreement not caused by the fault of CHA, CHA shall be compensated for Services performed and expenses incurred prior to the date of termination along with all reasonable and necessary expenses attributable to such termination.

6. Suspension

If CHA fails to receive payment when due for Services and expenses, CHA may, upon seven (7) days written notice to Client, suspend performance of the services without further notice. Upon a suspension of Services, CHA shall have no liability to the Client for delay or damage caused by such suspension.

7. Estimates of Costs and Schedules

CHA's estimate of construction costs and schedules are for budget and planning assistance purposes only. Cost and schedule estimates are based on CHA's professional judgment of the requirements known at the time of the Agreement. Accordingly, CHA does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual costs will not vary from opinions, evaluation or studies submitted by CHA to Client.

8. Relationship of Parties

CHA is, and shall at all times during the term of this Agreement be, an independent contractor of Client. This Agreement and the relationship of the parties shall not be deemed to create or be one of employment, agency, partnership, joint venture or any other association.

9. Use of Documents

All documents produced by CHA pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of service and shall remain CHA's property. Submission or distribution of any said instruments of service to meet statutory or regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with the Project shall not constitute publication or otherwise affect CHA's reserved rights with respect to said documents. Provided that the Client meets its obligations under this Agreement including, but not limited to, payment, CHA shall grant to the Client a

nonexclusive license to use said instruments of service, and shall provide the Client with reproducible copies of Schematic Design, Design Development and final Bidding Drawings, and copies of reports, cost estimates, specifications, and other final documents that Client may request. Documents or computerized materials provided to Client are for Client's use only, for the purposes disclosed to CHA, and Client shall not transfer them to others or use them or permit them to be used for an extension of Services or any other project or purpose for which they were not prepared, without CHA's express written consent. If this Agreement shall be terminated prior to completion of CHA's Services, the Client shall pay a licensing fee to CHA for the Client's continued use of CHA's drawings, plans or other documents for purposes of the Project. Client and CHA agree to indemnify and defend one another for any unauthorized use of any document or computerized materials.

10. Designated Representative

Both parties shall designate specific individuals to act as their respective representatives for this Project. Such individuals shall have authority to transmit instructions, receive information and render decisions relative to the Project on behalf of each respective party.

11. Standard of Care

The standard of care for all professional engineering and related Services performed or furnished by CHA under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by the members of CHA's profession practicing under similar conditions at the same time and in the same locality. There are no expressed or implied warranties, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, not specified herein.

12. Jobsite Safety

Neither the professional activities of CHA, nor the presence of CHA or their employees and/or sub-consultants at the construction site, shall relieve Client and any other entity of their obligations, duties and responsibilities including, but not limited to, construction means, methods, sequence, techniques or procedures necessary for performing, superintending or coordinating all portions of the Work or construction in accordance with the Contract Documents and any health or safety precautions required by any regulatory agencies. CHA and their personnel have no authority to exercise any control over any construction contractor or entity or their employees in connection with their work or any health or safety precautions. The Client agrees that the contractor(s) is solely responsible for jobsite safety and warrants that this intent shall be made evident in the Client's Agreement with the contractor(s). The Client also agrees that CHA and CHA's consultants shall be indemnified by the contractors and shall be named as additional insureds under the contractor's general liability insurance policy.

13. Test Results

Test results apply only to materials actually tested and represent the condition of the tested material only at the time of testing. There are no expressed or implied warranties made or intended by CHA as to the applicability of test results for other than our purposes for preparation of the study or for any time beyond the actual field and laboratory testing. Unless otherwise stated in writing, the Client assumes responsibility for determining whether the quantity and the nature of the services ordered is adequate and sufficient for the Client's intended purposes.

14. Insurance

(a) CHA shall procure and maintain: (a) worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance in accordance with requirements of the state in which the Services are being performed; (b) commercial general liability insurance (including contractual and contractor's protective liability coverage) with combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage; (c) automobile liability coverage including owned and hired vehicles with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage; and (d) professional liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim.

(b) Upon reasonable notice, Client shall provide CHA with copies of the certificates of insurance necessary to demonstrate that all contractors, subcontractors, independent contractors and others on the site

have appropriate insurance coverage, including but not limited to commercial general liability, worker's compensation, disability and, where applicable, professional liability coverage.

15. Assignment of Rights

This Agreement is binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties hereto. This Agreement may not be assigned by Client or CHA without the prior written consent of the other.

16. Use of Subconsultants

CHA may use independent professional associates, consultants or subcontractors in the performance of a portion of the Services.

17. Third Party Beneficiary

The Services to be performed by CHA are intended solely for the benefit of Client and no benefit is conferred on, nor any contractual relationship established with any person or entity not a party to this Agreement. No such person or entity shall be entitled to rely on CHA's performance of its Services hereunder. No right to assert a claim against CHA, its officers, employees, agents or consultants shall accrue to any third party as a result of this Agreement or the performance or non-performance of CHA's Services hereunder.

18. Waiver of Consequential Damages

In no event shall CHA be liable to Client or the Client to CHA for consequential or indirect damages, including but not limited to, loss of profits or revenue, loss of use of equipment, loss of production, additional expenses incurred in the use of the equipment and facilities and claims of customers of the Client. This disclaimer shall apply to consequential damages based upon any cause of action whatsoever asserted including ones arising out of any breach of contract, warranty, guarantee, products liability, negligence, tort, strict liability, or any other cause pertaining to the performance or non-performance of the contract by Client/CHA.

19. Mediation

The parties, as a condition precedent to commencing litigation (other than for the non-payment of CHA's fees), shall endeavor to resolve their claims by mediation which shall be in accordance with the Construction Industry Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association currently in effect. Request for mediation shall be filed in writing with the other party to the contract and with the American Arbitration Association.

20. Electronic Media

Data, words, graphical representations and drawings that are stored on electronic media such as computer disks and magnetic tape, or which are transmitted electronically, may be subject to uncontrollable alteration. Client agrees it may only justifiably rely upon the final hardcopy materials bearing the consultant's original signature and seal.

21. No Waiver

No waiver by CHA or Client of any power, right or remedy hereunder or under applicable law with respect to any event or occurrence shall prevent the subsequent exercise of such power, right or remedy with respect to any other or subsequent occurrence.

22. Severability and Reformation

Any provision or part thereof of this Agreement held to be void or unenforceable under any law shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon the parties. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision which comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

23. Integration & Amendments

This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the parties as to those matters contained herein. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters. This Agreement shall not be amended, modified, supplemented or rescinded in any manner except by written agreement executed by the parties.

24. Force Majeure

CHA shall not be liable for any failure to perform or delay in the performance of the Services due to circumstances beyond its control, including, but not limited to: (1) strikes, lockouts, work slowdowns or stoppages; (2) Acts of God; or (3) failure of Client to furnish information in a timely manner.

25. Choice of Law/Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the state where the project is located.

26. No Personal Liability

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, CHA’s officers, directors, shareholders, partners, employees, or agents shall not be personally liable, regardless of the cause of action asserted including breach of contract, warranty, guarantee, products liability, negligence, tort, strict liability, or any other cause pertaining to CHA’s performance or non-performance of the Agreement. Client will look solely to CHA for its remedy for any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement.

27. Notices

Any and all notices provided for under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given if personally delivered or if mailed, postage prepaid, by certified or return receipt requested mail addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth above in the preamble. Notice given by certified mail shall be deemed complete on the third business day after mailing.

28. Representations

Each party represents and warrants to the other that:

- (a) It is duly organized and validly existing in the jurisdiction of its organization and has all the necessary power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement.
- (b) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement has received all necessary partnership, corporate or other approvals, and does not conflict with any law, regulation, order, contract or instrument to which such party is bound.
- (c) The individual signing on its behalf is duly authorized to execute this Agreement to legally bind such party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

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CITY OF BISMARCK

By _____ **By** _____

Name _____ **Name** _____

Title _____ **Title** _____

Date: _____ **Date:** _____

**BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION
DISTRICT**

By _____

Name _____

Title _____

Date: _____

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