

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: NEIL JENSEN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: John Burch Park Retaining Wall proposal
MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

BACKGROUND:

John Burch Park Supporters made a presentation to the Park Board and City Council to discuss needed improvements to the park. In their presentation the limestone wall was a major part of the repairs. The wall will be a considerable expense and in order to determine the repair or replacement of the wall I have asked WHKS to give us a planning level cost for the wall. With this estimate we can look for grants, local contributions and other means of support to help reconstruct the wall. At the council meeting Bucky Lindow mentioned that he has approximately \$1,300 to go towards the future wall. This money could be used to pay for the study to get started.

The Park Board made a motion to recommend moving forward with the study.

Please find attached the cost estimate for the planning level cost for repair or replacement of the John Burch Park limestone wall from WHKS.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Please make a motion to complete the planning level cost study for the repair or replacement of the John Burch Park retaining wall from WHKS for \$1,500.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Please make a motion to complete the planning level cost study for the repair or replacement of the John Burch Park retaining wall from WHKS for \$1,500.

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February 10, 2021



Mr. Neil Jensen
City Administrator
City of Cannon Falls
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RE: Cannon Falls, MN
John Burch Park Retaining Wall Replacement

Dear Neil:

Per our discussion, our estimated fee to provide planning level cost estimates for the John Burch retaining wall replacement is \$1,500. We propose to invoice our fee on a time and material basis under the terms of the City Engineering agreement. The scope of the work is proposed as follows,

- Conduct a site visit by our structural engineer to view the condition of the wall.
- Provide an opinion on the potential for re-using the existing limestone rocks.
- Provide planning level cost estimates for two new wall options. Estimates will be for a mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall and a poured concrete wall.
- Provide planning level cost estimates for a similar seating area to replace the existing concrete seating area. Cost estimate will include the cost of a new railing fence.
- Summarize the above information in a short memo.

Planning level cost estimates are based on square footage calculations and include an allowance for contingency and engineering. Planning level cost estimates do not include any site layouts or schematic drawings but will include sample pictures of walls and railings. Please let us know if we are authorized to proceed.

Sincerely,

WHKS & CO.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Angerman".

William Angerman, P.E.
Executive Vice President, COO