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To: Board of Public Works
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Subject: Award of River Bend Trail construction project bid
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The bid from American Asphalt was \$228,235.20 and the bid from Musson Bros. was \$208,932.20 for all work to be performed under the bid specifications. It is the recommendation of Becher-Hoppe, the Trail Construction Committee and the Trail Foundation Board that the bid from Musson Bros. be accepted in the amount of \$208,932.20 and the contract awarded for this amount to Musson Bros. of Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Construction will begin from the Pope St. end and work toward Center Ave. as the Foundation waits for the license to cross WPS property to be finalized.



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