

Water plant project bids substantially lower than expected

(KLZA)-- The Falls City Council approved a bid of \$1,448,450 for improvements at the Water Treatment Plant at Rulo when they met Monday evening.

Utility Superintendent Ray Luhring said the Board of Public Works was pleased with the bids for equipment that had been previously approved for purchase by the Council.

The mechanical equipment to replace the 50-year-old contraflow came in approximately \$60-thousand less than anticipated. The life expectancy of the equipment being replaced was 25 years of service.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the bid from BRB Contractors Inc. of Topeka to do the work.

The work will include construction of a new building for the equipment and moving a CO-2 tank along with a couple other items.

Luhring said the bids for this portion of the project came in seven hundred thousand dollars under the estimate.

With the prices bid, the entire project will be in the neighborhood of \$2-million versus the \$3-million price tag that had been anticipate.

The project is expected to begin and be completed later this year.

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