

to fill the positions. In addition, Mrs. Dukes stated, once they return to a full staff, they will return to the commission to ask for additional positions.

**Alapaha Plantation Proposed Consent Order for Water**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated, trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids continue to be a problem at Lake Alapaha, due to naturally occurring organics in the aquifer. He further stated, after several meetings and discussions with staff, Lovell Engineering, and the EPD district office out of Albany, nano-filtration was deemed to be the best option to remove the organics and meet the permit requirements. In addition, Mr. Stalvey stated, as part of the process, EPD has issued a proposed consent order for the nano-filtration pilot study. He also stated staff recommends approval and to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed consent order.

**Whitewater Road Manhole Emergency Repair**, Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated, a manhole near the Whitewater Road lift station collapsed. Mr. Stalvey further stated, that staff met at the site with James Warren and Associates and Radney Plumbing, Inc. to discuss repair options. Staff sent an RFP to both contractors for the emergency repairs and staff recommends approving the RFP submitted by RPI for the base bid amount of \$162,308.45. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked where exactly this is located, Mr. Stalvey replied, it is located just before you get to the lift station going south on Whitewater Road. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked if Warren and Associates responded to the bid and Mr. Stalvey replied, they did and the amount was \$176,500.00. Mr. Stalvey stated that he had also called Standard Contracting and they did not respond.

**Mud Swamp Road and Swamp Edge Drive Private Road Dedication Advisement**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated Mud Swamp Road and Swamp Edge Drive are currently private dirt roads that are not in the road inventory and are not maintained by Lowndes County. He further stated that staff received signed petitions on August 16, 2021 from the citizens that they agree to donate and convey the necessary right of way and easements to Lowndes County for improvements and maintenance. Mr. McLeod also stated that staff has verified that Mud Swamp Road and Swamp Edge Drive have all of the signatures needed. In addition, Mr. McLeod stated that the Resolution, Regarding Dedications of Private Roads to Become County Roads states, the County Manager will advise the Board of Commissioners of a proposed dedication of a private road to Lowndes County by owners of properties adjoining the private road and the Board of Commissioners will provide the County Manager with direction regarding the process to be employed under the circumstances regarding the proposed dedication preliminary to the Board of Commissioners determining whether to accept the dedication.

## **BID**

**TIA-03 Hightower Road and Cooper Road NE**, Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated, the TIA-03 Hightower Road and Cooper Road NE grading, drainage, base and paving project was approved in the T-SPLOST referendum. Mr. McLeod further stated that staff received and opened bids from The Scruggs Company, who is the low bidder (\$2,775,068.91) and Reames and Son Construction (\$3,436,429.45) on July 28, 2021.