



Splendoria ISD Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

BOARD MEETING DATE: 9/15/2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Engineer Services for Baseball and Softball Outfields

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): 6. Fiscal and Operational Systems

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The outfields of the baseball and softball fields have experienced inadequate drainage, resulting in unsafe and unusable playing and practice conditions. These issues have caused lost practice time and the need to relocate games to alternate sites. While previous efforts were made to address the drainage concerns, the work completed was insufficient, and the problems persist.

It is important to note that the infields are equipped with synthetic turf and appropriate drainage systems, and their useful life is expected to extend another four to six years. At that time, consideration should be given to expanding synthetic turf to cover the entire fields.

It is proposed that Splendoria ISD engage an engineering firm to design appropriate drainage improvements for the baseball and softball outfields and to provide oversight of the related construction. CEI Engineering Associates, Inc., a civil engineering firm with a specialized division dedicated to the design and development of sports complexes, is recommended for this work.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: That the Board authorize the Superintendent or a designee to negotiate, execute, and amend a contract with CEI Engineering Associate, Inc or the next most qualified firm for projects identified in the subject agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS: Analysis of granular-infill synthetic turf as sports field surface vs high-performance / sand-based natural grass. A breakdown of cost projections and image of fields.

BUDGET INFORMATION: Total estimated cost of project: \$303,843.61

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Reese Briggs, Chief Operations Officer

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the Board authorize the Superintendent, or a designee, to negotiate, execute, and amend a contract with CEI Engineering Associates, Inc., or if necessary, the next most qualified firm, for the projects identified in this agenda item.