



Bois de Sioux
Watershed District

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

For the Rental of Farmland at Various Locations
in Grant, Otter Tail, Traverse, and Big Stone
Counties

Jamie Beyer

11/26/2018

**AMENDED 11/27/18: LEASE #19-40 WAS CORRECTED FROM AN
INCORRECT LISTING OF TRAVERSE COUNTY TO A CORRECT
LISTING OF OTTER TAIL COUNTY**

RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

December 19, 2018, at 3:00 PM

DELIVERED TO:

Bois de Sioux Watershed District

Attn: Jamie Beyer, Administrator

704 Highway 75 South

Wheaton, MN 56296

Notice: This Request for Bids is subject to final approval by the Bois de Sioux Watershed District Board of Managers.

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for the rental of farmland located in Grant, Otter Tail, Traverse, and Big Stone Counties will be received by the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (the “District”), at the District’s office located at 704 Highway 75 South, Wheaton, Minnesota 56296, until 3:00 PM, Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the bid closing in the District’s office. Bidders will be notified of the winning bid by mail, email, or phone within thirty (30) days of bid opening.

The bids will be for the rental of farmland only. Bidders may bid on any combination of one (1), several, or all eleven (11) properties. All property leased from the District will remain property of the District. The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for all input costs and expenses of the farmland, including, without limitation, all labor, fertilizer, seed, and equipment costs. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids and specifications for the bids may be obtained from the District’s office.

The District hereby notifies all potential bidders that minority and disadvantaged businesses will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and that no bidder will be discriminated against on the grounds of religion, sex, race, color, or national origin.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities, informalities, or discrepancies.

Linda Vavra, President

Dated: November 15, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION.

- A. **Bid Name.** Bid for Farmland Leases
- B. **Notice to Bidders.** Sealed bids will be received by the District, at the District's office located at 704 Highway 75 South, Wheaton, Minnesota 56296, until the date and hour indicated above, and will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the bid closing in the District's office. All bidders will be notified of the winning bid by mail, email, or telephone.
- C. **Bid – Lease Information.**
- (1) Bids are being solicited for the rental of farmland only. All title to the land will remain with the District.
 - (2) Maps of the respective farmland are attached to the bid packets.
 - (3) The successful bidder(s) will be required to furnish, without limitation, all labor, fertilizer, seed, and equipment necessary to grow crops on the farmland.
 - (4) Leases are made "as-is". Potential bidders are urged to investigate the respective property and review soil maps or other information pertinent to growing crops on the farmland before submitting a bid.
 - (5) Farming activities must be done in a safe and clean manner, and in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.
 - (6) The rental price must be paid in cash, money order, certified check, or other immediately available funds on an annual basis. Personal checks will not be accepted.
 - (7) The successful bidder(s) will be required to enter into a lease agreement with the District. Subleases are not permitted without written approval of the District.
 - (8) The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to select one (1) or more bids from different bidders.

II. BID FORMS.

Bids must be submitted on the attached Bid Forms. Other bid forms will not be accepted. Bid packets are available at the District's office located at 704 Highway 75 South, Wheaton, MN 56296. Bidders may also request a bid packet by email at bdswd@runestone.net or by phone at (320) 563-4185.

III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Bidders are encouraged to contact Jamie Beyer, Administrator, with any questions or requests for additional information at (320) 563-4185.

IV. SUBMISSION OF BIDS.

Bidders shall deliver bids to the District, no later than the time and date indicated above, in a sealed envelope with the Project Name and Date clearly marked on the outside of the envelope with the following information:

***Bid for Farmland Leases
Bid Opening: December 19, 2018, at 3:00 PM***

V. METHODS OF AWARDING BIDS.

On December 20, 2018, at 8:00 AM, bids will be presented to the District Board. The District Board shall award a lease to the highest responsible bidder(s). The District Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any minor irregularities, informalities, or discrepancies. Bidders need not be present at the bid opening; however, bidders and the public are welcome to attend the bid opening and the District Board meeting on December 20, 2018 beginning at 9 am.

The winning bidder(s) will be required to enter into lease agreements with the District for the 2019 growing season. For leases #19-20, #19-30, #19-31, #19-32, and #19-40, the winning bidder(s) will be required to renew for the 2020 growing season at the same rate, unless sooner terminated by the District.

VI. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS.

The District, or its authorized representative, may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder(s) to perform the work under the lease. Upon request by the District, or its authorized representative, the bidder(s) shall furnish all qualification information and date for the purpose(s) the District, or its authorized representative, may request. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids if evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder(s) fails to satisfy the District that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of these specifications to complete work contemplated herein within the prescribed timeframe. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

VII. INSPECTION OF FARMLAND.

Bidder(s) are urged to fully investigate the farmland available for lease in order to inform themselves of the conditions of the farmland. Failure of the bidder(s) to investigate the farmland will not be a valid reason to rescind a bid once opened. It is hereby understood that the bidder(s)' bid is submitted on the basis of such inspection.

VIII. BIDS EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF BIDDER.

A bid executed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the bidder shall be accompanied by an authenticated copy of his or her Power of Attorney (or other documentation evidencing agent's authority) to act on behalf of the corporation. Any corporations submitting bids must furnish evidence that the officer(s) or employee(s) who execute the bid have been given the power to act on behalf of the corporation.

IX. ELIGIBILITY OF BIDDERS.

Bidders must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

X. RESERVATIONS.

The District reserves the right to amend the Request for Bids, reject any or all bids, and to waive any minor irregularities, informalities, or discrepancies. Announcements made at the bid opening will take precedence over any material published regarding this Request for Bids.

XI. CAUSES FOR REJECTING BIDS.

- A. Bids containing alterations or erasures.** An alteration or erasure of any price contained in the bid shall be rejected, unless, the original price is crossed out or erased and the correction is printed in ink or typewritten adjacent to the alteration or erasure and the person signing the bid initials the correction in ink.
- B. Bids in pencil.** Bids made in pencil will be rejected.
- C. Unmarked envelope.** It is required that bidders identify the project being bid on in order to prevent inadvertent opening of the sealed bid before the official date and time. Any bid envelope that is inadvertently opened prior to the date and time stated will be rejected.
- D. Late bids.** Bids must be received by the date and time indicated above at the District's office located at 704 Highway 75 South, Wheaton, Minnesota 56296. All late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

FARMLAND INFORMATION

REDPATH TOWNSHIP (TRAVERSE COUNTY)

*Winning bids are for the 2019 growing season only.

Name:	#19-01
Property:	Section 17, Redpath Township, Traverse County, MN
Total Acres:	153 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 17: NE1/4

Name:	#19-02
Property:	Section 21, Redpath Township, Traverse County, MN
Total Acres:	472 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 21: E1/2 (313.50 acres)
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 21: SW1/4 (158.50 acres) *Section 21 had 15.58 acres of CRP expire on 09/30/2018.

Name:	#19-03
Property:	Section 22, Redpath Township, Traverse County, MN
Total Acres:	614 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 22

Name:	#19-04
Property:	Section 23, Redpath Township, Traverse County, MN
Total Acres:	400.77 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 23: NW1/4 (61.77 acres)
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 23: NE1/4 (30 acres)
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 23: S1/2 (309 acres)

Name:	#19-05
Property:	Section 24 & 25, Redpath Township, Traverse County, MN
Total Acres:	379.23 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 24: NW1/4 & W1/2NE1/4 (47.86 acres)
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 24: E1/2NE1/4 (16.16 acres)
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 24: S1/2 (237.10 acres) *Section has 4.32 & 20.29 active acres of CRP that are not included in the 237.10 acres
Legal Description:	T128N, R45W, Section 25: W1/2NW1/4 (78.11 acres)



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GORTON TOWNSHIP (GRANT COUNTY)

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Name:	#19-06
Property:	Section 19, Gorton Township, Grant County, MN
Total Acres:	202.62 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T128N, R44W, Section 19: SW1/4 (136.26 acres)
Legal Description:	T128N, R44W, Govt. Lot 2 & SE1/4NE1/4 (31.27 acres) *Section has 12.06 active acres of CRP that are not included in the 31.27 acres
Legal Description:	T128N, R44W, Section 19: SE1/4 (9.59 acres)
Legal Description:	T128N, R44W, Section 19: NE1/4 (25.50 acres)

FARMLAND INFORMATION

TINTAH TOWNSHIP (TRAVERSE COUNTY)

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Name:	#19-20
Property:	Section 34, Tintah Township, Traverse County, MN
Total Acres:	153.63 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T129N, R45W, Section 34: SW1/4



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MOONSHINE TOWNSHIP (BIG STONE COUNTY)

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Name:	#19-30
Property:	Section 24, Moonshine Township, Big Stone County, MN
Total Acres:	152.20 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T124N, R45W, Section 24: NE1/4 *Section 24 had 13.81 acres of CRP expire on 09/30/2018.

Name:	#19-31
Property:	Section 30, Moonshine Township, Big Stone County, MN
Total Acres:	152 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T124N, R45W, Section 30: Lot G, located within Govt. Lots 8 & 14

Name:	#19-32
Property:	Section 31, Moonshine Township, Big Stone County, MN
Total Acres:	77 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T124N, R45W, Section 31: NE1/4NE1/4 & NW1/4NE1/4



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Name:	#19-40
Property:	Section 32, Western Township, Otter Tail, MN
Total Acres:	130 acres, more or less
Legal Description:	T124N, R45W, Section 32: NE1/4

BID FORM

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CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
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