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Watershed District

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

For the Rental of Farmland in Grant County

RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

December 14, 2022, 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. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities, informalities, or discrepancies.

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for the rental of farmland located in the North Ottawa Impoundment, Grant County, will be received by the Bois de Sioux Watershed District at the District office located at 704 Highway 75 South, Wheaton, Minnesota 56296, until 3:00 PM, Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the bid closing in the District 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, under one lease. Three cells may be farmed without a crop restriction; two cells may be farmed with a small grain/corn silage restriction. The leases will be renewable for a total of two additional crop years beyond the 2023 crop year. Bids and specifications for the bids may be obtained from the District office and website www.bdswd.com. Because the North Ottawa Impoundment has been designated a game refuge, there is no hunting in the North Ottawa Impoundment.

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 17, 2022

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 to confirm each parcel's tillage status, 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, check, money order, certified check, or other immediately available funds on an annual basis. **Rent for the 2023 crop year must be paid on or before March 1, 2023.**
 - (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 14, 2022, at 3:00 PM*

V. METHODS OF AWARDING BIDS.

On December 15, 2022, at 9:00 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 15, 2022, beginning at 9:00 AM.

The winning bidder(s) will be required to enter into lease agreements beginning with the District for the 2023 growing season.

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

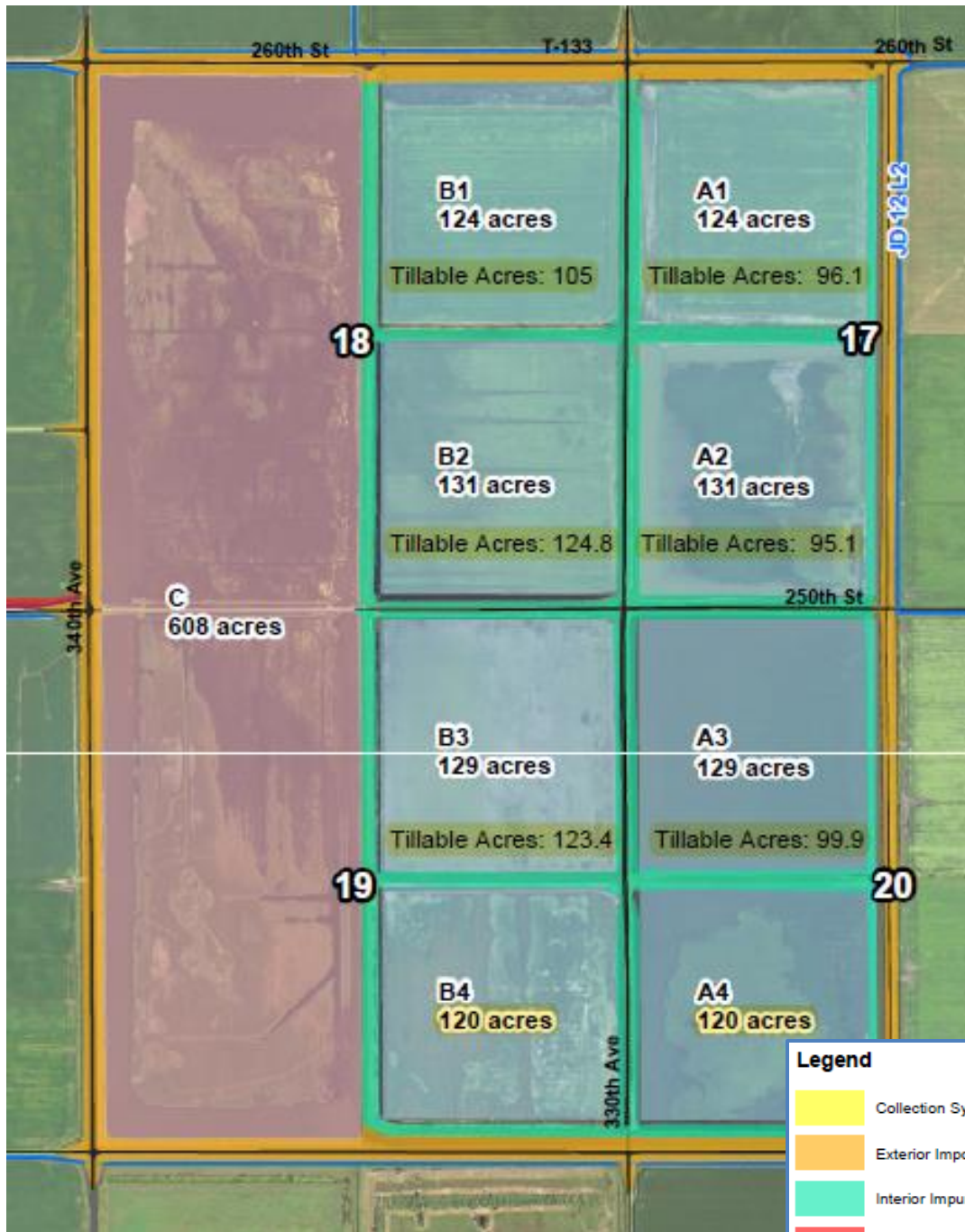
NORTH OTTAWA TOWNSHIP (GRANT COUNTY) LEASE #23-01

*Winning bids are for the 2023 crop year and can be renewed for the 2024 & 2025 crop years.

Leases are made “as-is”. Potential bidders are strongly urged to investigate the respective property to confirm each parcel’s tillage status, and review soil maps or other information pertinent to growing crops on the farmland before submitting a bid.

Name:	#23-01 <i>Purchased and/or improved with state bonds</i>
Legal Description:	<p>OVER THE COURSE OF THREE GROWING SEASONS, THE WINNING BIDDER WILL BE ABLE TO FARM A TOTAL OF FIVE CELLS ANNUALLY</p> <p>T129, R44, Section 17: NW1/4 North Ottawa Township, Grant County, MN Parcel: 11-0059-000 (Cell A1) 160 Acres <u>96.1 Tillable Acres, More or Less</u></p> <p>T129, R44, Section 18: NE1/4 North Ottawa Township, Grant County, MN Parcel: 11-0062-000 (Cell B1) 160.77 Acres <u>105 Tillable Acres, More or Less</u></p> <p>T129, R44, Section 17: SW1/4 North Ottawa Township, Grant County, MN Parcel: 11-0060-000 (Cell A2) *This parcel has not been worked. 160 Acres <u>95.1 Tillable Acres, More or Less</u></p> <p>T129, R44, Section 18: SE1/4 North Ottawa Township, Grant County, MN Parcel: 11-0064-000 (Cell B2) *This parcel has not been worked and has standing millet. 160.77 Acres <u>124.8 Tillable Acres, More or Less</u></p> <p>T129, R44, Section 20: NW1/4 North Ottawa Township, Grant County, MN Parcel: 11-0069-000 (Cell A3) 160 Acres <u>99.9 Tillable Acres, More or Less</u></p> <p>T129, R44, Section 19: NE1/4 North Ottawa Township, Grant County, MN Portion of Parcel: 11-0065-000 (Cell B3) 160.77 Acres <u>120 Tillable Acres, More or Less</u></p>
Total Tillable Acres, More or Less:	<p><u>The winning bidder will be able to plant:</u> 3 Cells without a crop restriction 2 Cells with a small grain or corn silage restriction</p>

	<p>Acres considered “tillable” for each cell are marked on the attached map. Cells to be farmed will be annually selected by BdSWD, so exact acreage will be dependent upon year-to-year management decisions by BdSWD</p>
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Legend

- Collection System Grasslands - 169 acres
- Exterior Impoundment Levee Grasslands - 141 acres
- Interior Impoundment Levee Grasslands - 160 acres
- Watershed Ditch #3 Grasslands - 14 acres
- Impoundment Gravel Roads - 40 acres

Impoundment Cells

- A/B Cells - 1,008 acres
- C Cell - 608 acres

Total Grasslands Area = 484 acres
 Total Area of North Ottawa Cells = 1,616 acres

BID FORM for LEASE #23-01, NORTH OTTAWA

Winning bid is for the 2023 crop year and can be renewed for the 2024 & 2025 crop years.

BIDDER'S PRINTED NAME:		TELEPHONE:	
MAILING ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
BIDDER'S SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
Lease	Abbreviated Description*	Tillable Acres	
North Ottawa Lease #23-01	No crop restrictions, 3 cells Prioritized cells: A1, B1, A2, B2	291 – 326 estimated acres (depends on which 3 cells are farmed)*	<u>Your Bid Per Acre for unrestricted acres:</u> \$ _____
	Crop restricted to small grains or corn silage, 2 cells Prioritized Cells: A2, B2, B3, A3	195 – 248 estimated acres (depends on which 2 cells are farmed)*	<u>Your Bid Per Acre for small grain/corn silage:</u> \$ _____

*Cells to be farmed will be selected annually by BdSWD. Final acreage depends on year-to-year management decisions.