

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Mike Struck, Community Development Director

**Council Meeting:** May 12, 2026

**Subject:** Resolution 26-031: Intent to Lease Real Property to David Berndt, highest bidder, 26 acres of public land for agricultural crop land in Wiese Addition, Section 19-T110N-R49W (32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue & Capital Street)

**Person(s) Responsible:** Mike Struck, Community Development Director

**Summary:**

Adoption of the proposed Resolution and approval of the recommended actions will allow the City to award bid and to enter into an agreement with David Berndt for the City Crop Land Lease in the Wiese Addition, Section 19-T110N-R49W for 2026 with the option to renew for one additional one-year term for 2027.

**Background:**

The City owns a parcel in the Wiese Addition of Section 19-T110N-R49W, which is located west of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and north of Capital Street. The City has bid the crop land lease for this parcel approximately every two years. This year, the crop land lease is for one year, 2026, with an option to renew for one additional one-year term for 2027, if agreeable to the City and the bidder. The City leases the property for crop land operations which provides for extra income for the City as well as provides for weed control.

**Item Details:**

A bid letting was held at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, and the following bids were received:

David Berndt	\$270.00 per acre
Dan Bower	\$146.00 per acre

A public hearing and adoption of a Resolution is required as per SDCL 9-12-5.2 to lease to a private person:

***9-12-5.2. Powers - Lease to private person - Resolution - Notice - Hearing - Authorization.***

*If the governing body decides to lease any municipally owned property to any private person for a term exceeding one hundred twenty days and for an amount exceeding five hundred dollars annual value it shall adopt a resolution of intent to enter into such lease and fix a time and place for public hearing on the adoption of the*

*resolution. Notice of the hearing shall be published in the official newspaper once, at least ten days prior to the hearing. Following the hearing the governing body may proceed to authorize the lease upon the terms and conditions it determines.*

The Notice of Public Hearing was published on April 28, 2026.

The person farming the ground will also provide weed control, thereby saving City staff and expenses for the weed control operations.

**Legal Consideration:**

None.

**Strategic Plan Consideration:**

- Fiscal Responsibility – The City of Brookings will responsibly manage resources through transparency, efficiency, equity, and exceptional customer service.

**Financial Consideration:**

The City will enter into a one-year contract for 2026 with David Berndt for the high bid of \$270.00 per acre for 26 acres resulting in the annual payment of \$7,020.00. The contract may be renewed for one additional, one year term for 2027.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Memo

Resolution

Notice

Map