

# City Council Agenda Item Memo

**From:** Lucas Dahl, Airport Manager

**Council Meeting:** January 28, 2025

**Subject:** Resolution 25-004: Intent to Lease Real Property to Eric Werre, for 18 acres of public land for agricultural haying in the Northeast ¼ of Section 11-T109N-R50W

**Presenter:** Lucas Dahl, Airport Manager

## **Summary and Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution to allow the City to award the bid and enter into a lease agreement with Eric Werre for the City Hay Lease in Section 11-T109N-R50W for 2025 with the option to renew for 2 additional 1-year terms for 2026 and 2027.

## **Item Details:**

The City owns a parcel in the Northeast ¼ of Section 11-T109N-R50W, which is located south of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street South and east of Main Avenue South. The City has bid the hay lease for this parcel approximately every 2 years. This year the hay lease is for 1-year, 2025, with an option to renew for 2 additional 1-year terms for 2026 and 2027, if agreeable to the City and the lessee. The City leases the property for haying operations, which provides for extra income for the City, as well as weed control.

A bid letting was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 1:30 pm at the City & County Government Center and the following bid was received:

Eric Werre	\$63.00 per acre
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Notice of Public Hearing for this resolution was published on January 17, 2025.

## **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 1-year lease with Eric Werre for the high bid of \$63.00 per acre for 18 acres resulting in the annual payment of \$1,134.00. Payable to 606 – Airport. The lease may be renewed for 2 additional 1-year terms for 2026 and 2027.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Resolution

Notice

Map