

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Lucas Dahl, Airport Manager

Council Meeting: January 28, 2025

Subject: Resolution 25-010: Intent to Lease Real Property to Cole Hauge, for 314 acres of public land for agricultural haying in Sections 26, 27 and 28, T110N, R50W (Brookings Regional Airport)

Presenter: Lucas Dahl, Airport Manager

Summary and Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution, which will authorize the City to award the bid and enter into a lease agreement with Cole Hauge for the Brookings Regional Airport Hay Lease in Sections 26, 27 and 28, T110N, R50W, in the City of Brookings (314 acres).

Item Details:

The City owns a parcel in Sections 26, 27 and 28, T110N, R50W (Brookings Regional Airport). The City has bid the hay lease for this parcel approximately every two (2) years. The lease is for 1-year, with an option to extend for 2 additional 1-year terms. The City leases the property for haying operations, which provides additional revenue for airport operations, as well as weed control.

A bid letting was conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, and the following bids were received:

Cole Hauge	\$120.50 per acre
Eric Werre	\$102.75 per acre

Notice of Public Hearing was published on January 17, 2025.

Legal Consideration:

The City Attorney will review the proposed lease before execution.

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 Cole Hauge for the high bid of \$120.50 per acre for 314 acres, resulting in the annual payment of \$37,837.00. Revenues from the lease will be allocated to Fund 606 - Airport. The lease may be renewed for 2 additional 1-year terms for 2026 and 2027.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution

Notice

Maps