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Legislation Text

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The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a lease agreement of land owned by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage to be used for agricultural purposes with Jeff Writsel.

The Division of Sewerage and Drainage owns approximately three hundred thirty five (335) acres, more or less, of City-owned tillable cropland located approximately 1/2 mile south of State Route 665, between State Route 104 and US Route 23. The 335 acres, more or less, consisting of 15 fields.

The lease agreement covers the period starting January 1, 2009 to and including December 31, 2013 on a year to year basis. The land will be used for agricultural purposes and the proceeds will be deposited into the Sewerage System Operating Fund. This agreement is for 11 fields (288 acres) as four fields are in the process of being reclaimed.

This ordinance authorizes the 4th year of the lease beginning January 1, 2012 to and including December 31, 2012. The Division of Sewerage and Drainage will process legislation on a year to year basis for the remaining 1 year.

The Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Compost Facility received bids on October 9, 2008 for a per acre cost for each of the 15 fields. Five (5) bids were received and the tabulation of those bids is attached. The highest bidder was JRS Farms, however the company has declined the award of the contract, see letter attached. The next highest bidder was Jeff Writsel, 9220 Scioto Darby Road, Orient, OH 43146.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funds are needed for this agreement. Lease payments will be made on a semi-annual basis on or before March 15 and October 15 and will be deposited into the Sewerage and Drainage Operating Fund 650. Proceeds for the 4th year are \$47,836.80. The total five (5) year proceeds is \$239,184.00.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a one year lease agreement for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage for the lease of City-owned land, just south of the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant on U.S. Route 23, for agricultural purposes with Jeff Writsel. (\$0)

WHEREAS, The Division of Sewerage and Drainage owns approximately three hundred thirty-five (335) acres, more or less, of City-owned tillable cropland located approximately 1/2 mile south of State Route 665, between State Route 104 and US Route 23. The 335 acres, more or less consist of 15 fields; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage on October 9, 2008 for a per acre cost for lease of the land and the highest bid was received from JRS Farms, however the company declined the award and the award was made to the next highest bidder, Jeff Writsel 9220 Scioto Darby Road, Orient OH 43146; and

WHEREAS, the property will be leased for five (5) years on a year to year basis from January 1, 2009 to and including December 31, 2013 to be used for agricultural purposes; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is to authorize the 4th year of the contract from January 1, 2012 to and including December 31, 2012, proceeds to be \$47,836.80; and

WHEREAS, the total five year proceeds will be \$239,184.00 paid semi-annually on or before March 15 and October 15 each year; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to enter into the 4th year of a possible five (5) year lease agreement with Jeff Writsel for the lease of approximately two hundred eighty-eight (288) acres, more or less, of City-owned tillable cropland, located approximately 1/2 mile south of State Route 665, between State Route 104 and U.S. Route 23, for agricultural purposes.

SECTION 2. That in consideration for the same, Jeff Writsel will pay to the Division of Sewerage and Drainage the sum of \$47,836.80 for the 4th year of the lease which is in effect from January 1, 2012 to and including December 31, 2012 with the proceeds to be deposited into the Sewerage System Operating Fund 650.

SECTION 3. The possible total lease amount of a five (5) year period is \$239,184.00 with bi-annual payments due on or before March 15 and October 15 of each year. The lease agreement is on a year to year basis.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.