

City Council Agenda Items  
and  
Contracts, Leases or Agreements

~~4/2/2013~~ 4-16-13 per Ray

City Council Meeting Date  
Agenda Items Only

Ray M. Boudreaux  
Submitted By

Aviation  
Division

Transportation  
Department

Action Required:

Action Required: A resolution to approve an extension of the Airport Hay Field Lease term with Donnie Sams, 238 Doke St., West Fork, AR, 72774, ph. 479-839-2915.

Future Revenue	\$ 5,122.00	\$ -	Revenue
Cost of this request		Category / Project Budget	Program Category / Project Name
5550.0955.4457.00	\$ -	\$ -	Chgs-serv
Account Number	Funds Used to Date	Program / Project Category Name	
Project Number	Remaining Balance	Airport	Fund Name

Budgeted Item

Budget Adjustment Attached

*[Signature]*  
Department Director

3-27-13  
Date

Previous Ordinance or Resolution # 127-11

*[Signature]*  
City Attorney

3-28-13  
Date

Original Contract Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Paul A. Becken  
Finance and Internal Services Director 3-27-2013  
Date

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Chief of Staff 3-29-13  
Date

Received in Mayor's Office  
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Mayor 3/29/13  
Date

Comments: Bid # 11-41

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO – April 2, 2013

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**To:** Mayor Lioneld Jordan

**Thru:** Don Marr, Chief of Staff

**Thru:** Terry Gulley, Transportation Director *TG*

**Thru:** Staff/Contract Review Committee

**From:** Ray M. Boudreaux, Aviation Director *RB*

**Date:** 3/15/13

**Subject:** Airport Hay Lease Extension

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**PROPOSAL:** Approve a two-year extension to the Airport Hay Lease with Donnie Sams in order to take advantage of Mr. Sams' application to the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

**BACKGROUND:** Bid No.11-41 was awarded to Mr. Sams by City Council Resolution No. 127-11 approving a five-year lease with Donnie Sams of West Fork. Mr. Sams has recently applied for the NRCS program that will provide material and financial incentives to farmers to improve the environmental condition of the land and quality of forage hay produced.

NRCS requires a 5-year performance period for participation in the EQIP. Mr. Sams currently has 3 years remaining on the Lease for managing the Airport's hay fields.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Airport Administration recommends approval of Mr. Sams' request for a two-year extension to Airport Hay Fields Lease with Mr. Sams. We believe that Mr. Sams' participation in EQIP, under supervision of the NRCS, would significantly benefit the quality and condition of the approximately 90 acres of Airport hay fields land. As some of the hay field areas are adjacent to the West Fork of the White River bordering Airport property, the planned improvement goes nicely hand in hand with the river restoration project currently under development in that area by achieving increased erosion control through re-seeding the fields.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None in FY 2013. A small amount of revenue, \$5122, will occur over the two-year Lease extension period.

*Airport Board supported the extension at the meeting March 15, 2013.*

*RB*

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TWO (2) YEAR EXTENSION TO THE AIRPORT HAY LEASE WITH DONNIE SAMS OF WEST FORK, ARKANSAS TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION IN A USDA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves a two (2) year extension to the airport hay lease with Donnie Sams of West Fork, Arkansas to facilitate participation in a USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentive Program.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**LIONELD JORDAN**, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SONDRA E. SMITH**, City Clerk/Treasurer

March 6, 2013

Mr. Ray M. Boudreaux, Director  
Fayetteville Executive Airport  
4500 S School Ave Ste F  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

RE: Request for extension of Airport hay field lease

Dear Mr. Boudreaux,

As we discussed recently, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has solicited an application from me for assistance under their Environmental Quality Incentive Program to improve the Airport's hay fields. They have proposed to provide the resources needed to re-seed the Airport's ninety or so acres with forage grasses, including reimbursement of labor expense to prepare the land, the cost of seed, lime and fertilizer.

The NRCS contract for the incentive program requires that the improved fields be maintained in improved condition for five years. The NRCS oversight entails regular inspections to insure that the initial preparation and planting occurs in year one, two year's maintenance of the contract specifications, and two additional years of field maintenance for a total contract period of five years.

My current lease with the City of Fayetteville for hay cultivation at the Airport is for five years beginning June 2011 and expiring July 2016. In consideration of the benefit to the citizens of Fayetteville by significantly improving the Airport's hay fields through my participation in the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program, I respectfully request that the City consider an extension of my current lease for two additional years so that I may fulfill the requirements of the NRCS program.

Of course, the requested hay lease extension would be contingent upon receiving approval of my application for the incentives from the NRCS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Donnie Sams





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Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Introduction

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland. In addition, a purpose of EQIP is to help producers meet Federal, State, Tribal and local environmental regulations.

Who Can Apply

Owners of land in agricultural or forest production or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible land and that have a natural resource concern on the land may participate in EQIP.

How EQIP Works

EQIP provides financial assistance payments to eligible producers based on a portion of the average cost associated with practice implementation. Additional payments may be available to help producers develop conservation plans which are required to obtain financial assistance.

Historically underserved producers (limited resource farmers/ranchers, beginning farmers/ranchers, socially disadvantaged producers, Tribes) may be eligible for a higher practice payment rate for the implementation for conservation practices and conservation plans.

Producers may use a certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) for technical assistance needed for certain eligible activities, services and the development of conservation plans. Historically underserved producers may also be eligible for advance payments up to 30 percent of the cost needed to purchase materials or contracting services to begin installation of approved conservation practices.

NRCS works with the producer to develop a plan of operations that:

1. Identifies the appropriate conservation practice or measures needed to address identified natural resource concerns
2. Implements conservation practices and activities according to an EQIP plan of operations developed in conjunction with the producer that identifies the appropriate conservation practice or measures needed to address identified natural resource concerns. The practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions.

Participants may not receive, directly or indirectly, payments that, in the aggregate, exceed \$300,000 for all EQIP contracts entered into during any six-year period. Participants whose projects NRCS determines to have special environmental significance may petition the NRCS Chief for the payment limitation to be waived to a maximum of \$450,000. Additional payment limitations apply to producers enrolled in the EQIP Organic Initiative.

EQIP Application Information

Information about how to apply for assistance through EQIP is available online. Click on the State where the property that you are interested in enrolling in EQIP is located. This will take you to that State's Programs home page, which will link to that State's EQIP page. Each State's EQIP page includes application ranking criteria, priority resource concerns, lists of eligible practices, payment rates, information about where you can submit applications, eligibility requirements and other program requirements.

Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis, however, NRCS establishes application "cut-off" or submission deadline dates for evaluation and ranking of eligible applications. To obtain an EQIP application, visit or contact your local NRCS field office.

**RESOLUTION NO. 127-11**

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID #11-41 AND APPROVING A FIVE (5) YEAR AIRPORT HAY FIELD LEASE WITH DONNIE SAMS OF WEST FORK, ARKANSAS IN THE TOTAL RENTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,805.00

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:**

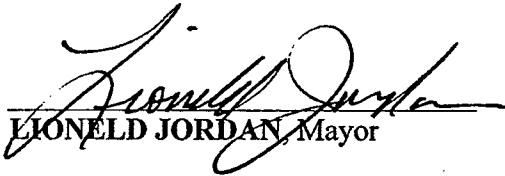
Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby awards Bid #11-41 and approves a five (5) year airport hay field lease with Donnie Sams of West Fork, Arkansas in the total rental amount of \$12,805.00.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By:

  
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By:

  
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer

