

MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #20-23

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF JOINT GRASSLAND VENTURE HAY LEASE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND DAVID  
LAUFER AT THE RUSH CREEK CONSERVATION AREA  
BEGINNING JULY 2020 HAYING SEASON AND ENDING  
AT THE END OF THE SEASON 2022 (BID#0120.08.02)

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "DISTRICT"), is authorized to acquire and hold lands for Conservation District Act purposes as set forth in the Conservation District Act (70 ILCS 410, et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, the District is a unit of government authorized by the Illinois Constitution (II Const. Art VII §10); and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to manage and use such real property in such manner and with such restrictions as will leave it unimpaired for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District and the benefit of future generations to maintain certain portions and parcels in hay/grass production under conservation plans approved by the District; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to lease properties to David Laufer as per Exhibit A which is made a part of this resolution, for the haying of the RUC1 field at the Rush Creek Conservation Area following the plan as provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees, the Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into and execute all documents necessary to complete the transactions in said Agricultural Lease Agreement between the District, the David Laufer for the purpose of agricultural management of certain properties as presented.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

Ayes:    \_\_7\_\_

Nays:     \_\_0\_\_

Absent:  \_\_0\_\_

Abstain: \_\_0\_\_

*Vernon M. Scacci*

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VERNON SCACCI, PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Carolyn Campbell*

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CAROLYN CAMPBELL, SECRETARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



## BOARD SUMMARY

DATE: March 24, 2020

TO: Board of Trustees

THROUGH: Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director  


FROM: Ed Collins, Director of Land Preservation and Natural Resources  
Brad Woodson, Natural Resource Manager

RE: Resolution #20-23 - Bid Award: Joint Grassland Venture - Agricultural Leases RUC1 and RUC3 (BID #0120.08.02)

### SUMMARY:

The District recently secured bids to lease the 16.2<sup>+/-</sup> acre RUC1 Parcel, and the 26<sup>+/-</sup> acre RUC3 Parcel which are both located at Rush Creek Conservation Area. Both parcels will be leased through the Joint Grassland Venture Program for a period of three (3) years. A public notice was published in the local paper for (2) two days. Notification was sent to the Farm Bureau, posted on the District's website, and sent to farmers in the District's farm program. Sealed bids were received and opened on Friday February 21, 2020 at the Lost Valley Visitor Center Offices. A total of (2) bids were received for the 16.2<sup>+/-</sup> acre RUC1 Parcel. No (0) bids were received for the 26<sup>+/-</sup> acre RUC3 Parcel and it will not be rented.

The results are listed below:

Bidder	RUC1 Parcel 16.2 <sup>+/-</sup> ac - Per acre	RUC3 Parcel 26 <sup>+/-</sup> ac - Per acre
Cody Book Book Cattle and Grain LLC Harvard, IL	\$18.00	No Bid
David Laufer Crystal Lake, IL	\$23.00	No Bid
Chad Bauer McHenry, IL	No Bid	No Bid
Tyke Nichols Hebron, IL	No Bid	No Bid

The bidder who met the specifications and offered the highest price for the 16.2<sup>+/-</sup> acre RUC1 Parcel was David Laufer of Crystal Lake.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends executing a Joint Grassland Venture lease agreement on the RUC1 parcel to the highest bidder meeting the specification for the parcel.

**MOTION:**

*Consent Agenda.* Resolution #20-23 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Joint Grassland Venture Lease Agreement on the 16.2<sup>+/-</sup> acre RUC1 Parcel located at Rush Creek Conservation Area to the highest responsive bidder David Laufer of Crystal Lake, IL at a rate of \$23.00 per acre for a period of three (3) years (BID #0120.08.02).

Motion Made By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_ Motion: Passed Failed Tabled










# 10.16a 20-23 Grassland Lease 2020 RUC1 (RES)

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