



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Short-term Land Lease at White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility (270 acres)

MEETING DATE: April 1, 1998

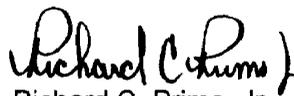
PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution leasing 270 acres of land at the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility (WSWPCF) to Bechthold-Kirschenman Farms. The lease term shall be April 16, 1998 through October 15, 1998.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The 270 acres of WSWPCF property is the acreage under consideration by the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA). Since CYSA is still evaluating the feasibility of using this property, it is felt to be in the City's best interest to allow a short-term lease of the property for farming operations. (Rules of lease are similar to current leases except for 30-day termination clause.)

Bechthold-Kirschenman Farms, which currently is farming other land at WSWPCF, is interested in farming the full 270 acres at \$80 per acre (see attached March 20, 1998 letter). This would provide the sewer utility with approximately \$21,600 in rental fees. Bechthold-Kirschenman Farms has been willing to farm this property under short-term lease for the last two seasons. This has been advantageous not only for the revenue, but also for the maintenance and upkeep in appearance which takes place. The lease amount of \$21,600 will be reduced by \$3,600 over paid by the tenant during their 1997 lease on this property.

FUNDING: Not applicable.


Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

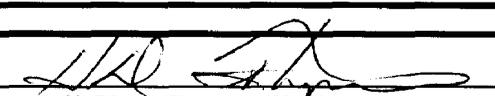
Prepared by Fran E. Forkas, Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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Attachments

cc: City Attorney
Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Assistant Wastewater Treatment Superintendent
Bechthold/Kirschenman Farms

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

March 20, 1998

City of Lodi
Attention: Richard C. Prima, Jr.
221 West Pine Street
Lodi, CA 95242

This letter concerns the 270-acre parcel at the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility. We are fully aware of the difficulty the City is having with the soccer complex negotiations. We are interested in a short-term lease (April 15 through October 15) for the current year at \$80.00 per acre.

If the complex is approved we are willing to take the risk of cancellation and will not file a claim for crop loss against the City.

Our intentions are to prepare a portion to plant alfalfa this summer to coincide with our recently approved 5-year lease, which will commence January 1999. The remainder of the acreage will be planted in feed corn.

We wish to apply the over payment of \$3600.00 we made on unused ground last year to the rent.

Thank you for the consideration.



Al Bechtold
Bechtold-Kirschenman Farms

RESOLUTION NO. 98-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE SHORT-TERM LAND LEASE OF 270
ACRES AT WHITE SLOUGH WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL FACILITY

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the short-term land lease with Bechthold-Kirschenman Farms for 270 acres at the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility, effective April 16, 1998 and terminating October 15, 1998.

Dated: April 1, 1998

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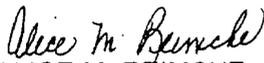
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 98-55 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 1, 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Johnson, Land, Mann, Pennino and
Sieglock (Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None


ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk