



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 09, 2003

Council Session

Item G14

#2003-261 - Approving Wildlife Control Contract with the USDA - Utilities Department

Background:

The Utilities Department owns a great deal of land in the operation of its facilities for water and power production. Some of this land is relatively open and attractive to wildlife such as skunks, muskrats, feral cats, and other wildlife that have damaged utility property. The Department has used U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services for animal control for a number of years with good success. The current service contract has expired.

Discussion:

USDA has proposed a three year contract for continued service, contract copy attached.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Utilities Department that USDA contract for wildlife control services be accepted.

Fiscal Effects:

Expenditure of \$2,632 per year from Electric Fund 520. There are sufficient funds available.

Alternatives:

None recommended. See attached RESOLUTION.

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

PROJECT WORK PLAN

COOPERATOR: GRAND ISLAND PLATTE GENERATING STATION

COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT No.: 03-73-31-5191-RA

ACCOUNTING CODE: 373-7331-508

LOCATION: CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

PROJECT WORK PLAN PERIOD: July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006

- A. Objective: To provide for the protection of public property and human health and safety from wildlife damage.
- B. Anticipated Project Results and Benefits: Through application of a variety of wildlife damage control measures, reduction in the losses of resources and the protection of human health and safety are anticipated.
- C. Plan of Action:
 - 1. Type of personnel: Wildlife Specialists and staff biologists.
 - 2. Use of special equipment: All legal and authorized equipment
- D. Monitoring of Accomplishments: The WS employee will complete all required reports of the WS program documenting activities and accomplishments. Periodic reports of activities and accomplishments will be provided upon request of GRAND ISLAND PLATTE GENERATING STATION.

BUDGET: Funds provided by the (G.I.P.G.S.) will be applied towards the salary of the WS employee. Total funds provided under this Project Work Plan are: \$ 2,632 per year for each of three years (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006).

NOTE: In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996, bills issued by APHIS/WS are due and payable within 30 days of receipt. The DCIA requires that all debts older than 120 days must be forwarded to debt collection centers or commercial collection agencies for more aggressive action.

SIGNATURES:

GRAND ISLAND PLATTE GENERATING STATION
P.O. Box 1968
Grand Island, NE 68802

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES

Director, Western Region

Date

RESOLUTION 2003-261

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island owns land for the operation of its facilities for water and power production; and

WHEREAS, such land is relatively open and attractive to wildlife such as skunks, muskrats, feral cats, etc. resulting in damage to utility property; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services has been successfully used in the past for animal control on this land; and

WHEREAS, the service contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services has expired, and it is recommended that a new contract be approved; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the contract between the City and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services for wildlife control on utility property is hereby approved for a three year period at a cost of \$2,632 per year is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 9, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
September 4, 2003 ☐ City Attorney