



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Council Session

## Item G10

**#2008-305 - Approving Farm Management Authority with Farmer's National Company (FSA)**

Staff Contact: Dale Shotkoski

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Wesley D. Nespor, Attorney

**Meeting:** October 28, 2008

**Subject:** Approving Farm Management Authority with FSA

**Item #'s:** G-10

**Presenter(s):** Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney or Wesley D. Nespor, Attorney

## **Background**

The city owns several farm properties that are rented each year to farm tenants. The properties are professionally managed by Farmer's National Company. Representatives from that company must sign documents and forms with Federal agencies such as the Farm Service Agency of the USDA.

## **Discussion**

Randy Hartmann who was previously authorized to sign documents on behalf of the City has moved to a different position within Farmer's National Company and Tim Johnson with Farmer's National will be taking over the management duties with respect to the City's farm properties. New authorization documents will be needed.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve a resolution authorizing Tim Johnson of Farmer's National Company to sign farm-related documents and forms on behalf of the City with various Federal Agencies.

## **Sample Motion**

Motion to authorize Tim Johnson of Farmer's National Company to sign farm-related documents and forms on behalf of the City with various Federal Agencies.

RESOLUTION 2008-305

WHEREAS, Farmers National Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, is under contract with the City of Grand Island to manage its farm properties; and

WHEREAS, Tim Johnson of Farmer's National Company is taking over the management duties; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Hornady was duly elected Mayor and currently has authority to sign documents on behalf of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Tim Johnson of Farmers National Company is authorized to sign forms and documents to Federal agencies, including, but not limited to, the FSA and the USDA related to the management of the City's farm properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any necessary powers of attorney or authorization forms needed to grant this authority to Tim Johnson. Nothing in this resolution is intended to authorize Tim Johnson to sell or encumber the City's property other than leases and related documents in the ordinary course of business.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 28, 2008.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk