



Agenda Item: Contract

Title: Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate between Bath Land Company and the City of Laramie.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve the contract for purchase of 4,600.74 acres between the Bath Land Company and the City of Laramie, including all associated BLM leases, buildings, improvements, fixtures, crops, timber, mineral rights and water rights, for seven million five hundred and eighty-three thousand four hundred dollars and zero cents (\$7,583,400.00), and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign and amend the FY 2022 budget.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

RESOLUTION 2017-56: Adopting Monolith Ranch Committee Long Term Goals and Objectives "Consider Purchase of Additional Land Toward Consolidation of Dowlin Ditch Water Rights"

Background:

Since the 1940's the City of Laramie has been acquiring Dowlin Ditch surface water irrigation rights to convert to municipal use, and these previous efforts now provide 40% of the water consumed by our community during a normal year. The 1868 Dowlin water right is the most senior and valuable on the Laramie River system, and since it is attached to the land per Wyoming water law, the land must be acquired to obtain the water right. In keeping with historical precedent, the City has the rare opportunity to acquire an additional 10 cubic feet per second (cfs) to add to the 20 cfs obtained from the 1981 Monolith Ranch purchase to ensure a robust water portfolio to allow the City to continue to grow and prosper for future generations. (Jordan, CMO)

Responsible Staff:

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Attachments: Contact for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate with Exhibits A & B