



Agenda Item: Agreement

Title: Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Scott Aviation, INC. for the aerial application of mosquito control pesticides for the 2021 and 2022 seasons.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that Council approve the Professional Services Agreement with Scott Aviation INC. for the aerial application of mosquito control pesticides for the 2021 and 2022 seasons in an amount to not exceed \$202,000.00 over the two- year period and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Council Goal: Support of Chapter 13.52 - MOSQUITO CONTROL of the Laramie Municipal Code. The continued implementation of the approved 2016 City of Laramie West Nile Prevention Plan to reduce the risk of West Nile virus infection to citizens, livestock and wildlife and to provide for the reduction of nuisance mosquitos.

Background:

Local and national vendors were solicited to supply the specified Professional Services related to mosquito control aerial applications covering the 2021 and 2021 mosquito seasons. Two proposals were received on February 4, 2021. The respondents were Vector Disease Control International, LLC (VDCI) of Little Rock, AR and Scott Aviation of Fort Morgan, Colorado. A panel of 3 staff members reviewed the proposals and rated them per the pre-determined ranking system. The proposal from Scott Aviation met all the conditions of the Request for Qualifications including licensing, pilot certification, aircraft certification and the ground/flight equipment required to perform the required application of pesticides and was ranked highest of the two proposals. After notification of their selection Scott Aviation submitted a pricing plan for the two-year contract period.

Price Tabulation for 2021 -2022 Professional Aerial Application Services: A range of costs are solicited depending on the size of application, type of application, and amount of insecticide dispensed during the application. Costs per acre for specified services are as follows:

<u>Aerial Service</u>	<u>Price/Acre</u>
Liquid Larval (Bti)	\$6.25-\$6.50
Granular Larval (Bti)	\$7.00-\$7.75
Rural Adult (Malathion)	\$1.25-\$2.50
Rural Adult (Dibrom)	\$094
Urban Adult (Biomist)	\$2.00

Scott Aviation provided aerial larvicide application services for the City of Laramie as a subcontractor for VDCI during the 2020 mosquito season. Scotts Aviation's aircraft is capable of lifting more material per flight than what we have had for the past few seasons leading to efficiency gains. The aircraft's ability to hold more larvicide per flight allows staff to load it less often and, therefore, shorten the overall time for each application. With highly variable weather conditions in the Laramie Valley, the ability to fly on the material in small weather windows is essential to a large application's success. Prices quoted for services included in the contract have maintained or seen a slight increase from the previous 2017-20 contract

period. The Urban Adult application of Biomist is quoted as a precaution should this application be needed in an outbreak of West Nile virus or another similar emergency.

Scott Aviation will comply with Wyoming DEQ by securing their own authorization to provide dual permit coverage on aerial applications that require permitting. Wyoming DEQ permitting allows the contractor to be named and covered under one permit however they recommend against this arrangement due to potential issues with reporting and record keeping required for compliance with permit regulations. City of Laramie Staff also recommended against this arrangement due to potential liability issues the City would incur in covering the Contractor. This Request for Qualifications does require the Contractor to: "File for and Receive Coverage under the permit".

The proposed contract with Scott aviation of Fort Morgan, CO is not to exceed \$202,000.00 for the application of mosquito control pesticides during the term of the contract. \$202,000.00 reflects the remaining aerial budget for FY 21 (\$101,000.00), and the approved budget for aerial application in FY 22 (\$101,000.00).

The 2021-22 contract allows for two (2) single year extension options (FY23 and FY24) if both parties are satisfied with the conditions of the agreement. The extension options allow for a 3.5% increase in the fee schedule.

Staff recommends approval of this agreement.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Laramie Municipal Code - Chapter 13.52 - MOSQUITO CONTROL

Budget/Fiscal Information:

Revenue

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service	\$560,980.00	\$4.89 fee for mosquito control (9,560 taps)
Grant		
Other		
Other		
Total	\$560,980.00	Annual Mosquito Control Budget

Expense:

Budgeted Expenditure (approved and adopted by Council)

Budget	Amount	Funds
Total Budget Allocation	\$101,000.00	100-5025-441. 31-30 Mosquito Aerial spraying
Less Amount Spent to Date	\$0.00	
Remainder of Budget	\$101,000.00	FY 21 budgeted amount

Responsible Staff:

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Attachments:

Scott Aviation Contract for Aerial Services 2021.2022 Signed

Pricing proposal for Scott Aviation 2021.2022 Application Services

