Lake Seldom Grazing Bid Notice

The City of Holdrege seeks cattlemen to graze their herds at the Lake Seldom West pasture (SE ¼ Sec 5-5-18, Phelps Co. Nebraska). Both grass and wetlands will be grazed. Grazing is needed to keep upland grass in diverse condition. Grazing will initially be directed towards newly emergent perennial wetland plants in wetland footprint acres. The maximum stocking rate is 75 AUM (Animal Unit Month). Grazing needs to occur between May 15, 2021 to August 15, 2021. Subsequent annual leases will be available to winning cooperator if an evaluation of 2021 grazing is positive. Stocking rates, timing and duration will be planned for annually.

Stocking Rate 2021: Approx. 75 AUM (Animal Unit Month), Animal Units (AU), Cow calf pair, 1 Steer or bull, bred or open cow/heifer, weaned calf =1 Bidding: Bids will be for \$ per 1 AUM, 1 AU (Animal Unit) x 30 (days)

Herd size: We are looking for a herd size of 25 AU's to graze the property for 3 months.

Special provisions: Area to be grazed may need more, or less grazing to reach management objectives. In such a situation grazing duration may be shortened or extended at original winning bid rate per AUM. Temporary herd number adjustments may be required or additional isolated/focused grazing.

Fence Maintenance: Entire perimeter fence will be inspected by Tri-Basin NRD Land Manager (or other representative) and winning bidder before cattle are turned out, and again after grazing. Any damages that occur during grazing must be repaired by winning bidder. All temporary fences will be provided by and removed entirely by the winning bidder.

Water: There is a well and water tank available on this property.

Bid forms and an example of bid format are available at the Tri-Basin NRD website: www.tribasinnrd.org

Bids need to be received by Tri-Basin NRD Land Manager Nate Munter at 1723 Burlington Holdrege, NE. 68949, or email (<u>nmunter@tribasinnrd.org</u>) no later than May 1, 2021.

Questions about the bid process can be answered by Tri-Basin NRD Land Manager Nate Munter 308-995-6688.