

**NOTICE OF AGRICULTURAL LEASE SALE BY
SEALED BIDS TO BE OPENED AT
2:00 P.M., July 28, 2023
All mailed bids must be received by July 27, 2023**

The Commission of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC), State of Oklahoma, invites sealed bids for an agricultural lease upon the following terms covering the tract(s) of land hereinafter described.

Terms of Lease: Skiatook Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Lease # 5-D, and for a 1 time hay period. A 1 time hay period is defined as August 1 – August 25th. The lease will expire on August 25, 2023.

Bids shall be for cash and other considerations. All bids must be accompanied by a remittance in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of each bid as earnest money. The successful bidder will be allowed thirty (30) days from date of bid acceptance to pay the balance of the first lease payment. Such bidder shall be liable for the full amount of bid, provided that failure to comply with any of the terms thereof will be grounds for forfeiture of earnest money as liquidated damages for such breach. Checks will be promptly returned to unsuccessful bidders. The ODWC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

LEASE CONDITIONS

1. The lessee may bale hay off each field 1 time during the time period, unless stated otherwise in the lease provisions.
2. The lessee may not use "cover strips" (as shown on attached maps) as turn rows, field roads or parking areas. These "cover strips" are areas identified by the ODWC representative to be left idle, not farmed for wildlife use.
3. All "Restricted Use Pesticides" are prohibited. Prior written approval must be obtained from ODWC for all "General Use Pesticides".
4. Native grass hay (prairie hay) can only be cut during July. All other hay crops, except alfalfa, can only be cut from July 1 - September 1, unless stated otherwise in the lease provisions. Alfalfa may be cut as needed to maintain the crop, unless special restrictions apply and are listed in the lease provisions.
5. Crop residues cannot be baled, unless stated otherwise in the lease provisions.
6. Wheat and oat residues may be cultivated after harvest of the crop, unless stated otherwise in the lease provisions. All other crop residues cannot be cultivated before February 1, except corn and grain sorghum residues which may be chisel plowed one (1) time prior to February 1, unless special restrictions apply and are listed in the lease provisions.
7. The lessee is responsible for excluding livestock from all planting. Grazing is prohibited unless it is included in lease provisions.
8. Soil tests are recommended on all fields and minimum fertilization rates are to be applied on all planting. Costs of such tests shall be borne by the lessee.
9. The lessee shall repair any damage to ODWC roads, gates and/or facilities resulting from his/her operations.
10. The lessee shall burn no grassland, crop residue, weed patches, fence rows, dead timber or any other material on the lease area without prior approval from the ODWC representative.
11. The lessee shall maintain the lease area free of litter and other solid waste resulting from his/her agricultural operations.
12. The right is hereby reserved to representatives of the ODWC to enter upon the lease area at any time for any purpose necessary or convenient for the conduct of activities related to the primary purpose of the WMA. The lessee shall have no claim for damages of any character on account thereof against the ODWC or any representative thereof.
13. Hunters and other consumptive and non-consumptive users of the lease area shall be granted free foot access at all times, provided that such use does not significantly damage the lessee's crops.
14. Agricultural operations shall not be conducted during any restricted periods including: .
15. The lessee shall neither transfer nor assign this lease, nor sublet the demised premises or any part thereof, nor grant any interest, privilege or license whatsoever in connection with this lease.

16. The lessee shall cut no standing timber; conduct no mining operations; remove no sand, gravel or kindred substances from the ground except in the exercise of mineral rights heretofore reserved to the record owner thereof; commit no waste of any land; or in any manner substantially change the contour or conditions of the property except changes for soil and water conservation practices approved by the ODWC.
17. At the discretion of the ODWC Director, a lease may be terminated at any time for failure to comply with any of the terms, conditions, or provisions; for the violation of any rule or regulation in force on the WMA by the lessee or his/her agent or representative; or for a violation of a fish or wildlife regulation by the lessee resulting in a conviction. In case of such termination, no remission or charges shall be made against the ODWC or any representative thereof.

LEASE DESCRIPTION

WMA: Skiatook Lease: #5-D
Located in Portions of: Sec. 9, T22N, R10E Osage County OK
Location:(Map attached) Approximately 9.25 miles East of Hominy.
Approved Crops: NONE -ONLY HAYING
Field#/Acres - Total Acres: 15 Total acres=15 ac.

LEASE PROVISIONS

1. All hay must be cut and baled by August 20, 2023.
2. No herbicides may be used at any time.
3. No crops may be planted.
4. LEASE EXPIRES ON AUGUST 25, 2023. ANY HAY/HAY BALES ON ODWC OWNED OR MANAGED LANDS ON AUGUST 26, 2023 WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF ODWC.

LEASE BIDDING PROCEDURES

All bids must be signed and 25% of the bid total must be remitted with the bid. All bids must be sealed in an envelope with the date of the bid opening (July 28, 2023), the lease number (# 5-D) and the name of the WMA (Skiatook) plainly written on the front of the envelope.

Note: Mailed bids must be received by July 27, 2023

NOTE: Improperly marked envelopes may be rejected. All bids must be mailed to the **Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Attn: Assistant Chief/Bid Opening, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 53465, Oklahoma City, OK 73152**. No bids will be accepted after 2:00 P.M. on the opening date. For additional information contact ODWC representative, MATT MATTIODA (918) 629-4625

Minimum Bid Required: \$ 10.00 / Acre

NOTE: THIS SECTION IS TO BE FILLED IN BY THE LEASE BIDDER

Bid(\$)/Acre x Acres Bid on = Total Bid(\$)

\$ _____ . _____ x 15.0 = \$ _____ . _____

**Earnest Money: Total Bid(\$) x 25% = Amount(\$)
Submitted with Bid**

\$ _____ . _____ x .25 = \$ _____ . _____

BIDDER SIGNATURE

DATE

Bidder name printed

Bidder phone number

Bidder mailing address

ODWC SIGNATURE

DATE

NOTE: If awarded the lease, this document will serve as the Lease Agreement.

Ag Lease Agreement form: Revised Jan. 2013



Skiatook WMA

Lease #5-D

Osage County

15 acres total cropland

Black line = Field border