



Memorandum

To: Story County Conservation Board  
Through: Michael D. Cox, Director *u*  
From: Ryan M. Wiemold, Parks Superintendent  
Date: March 9, 2020  
Re: Consideration of Purchase of Seed for Wicks Wildlife Area From Diversity Farms for \$11,956.00

The attached quote is for seed to be purchased from Diversity Farms for a 28 acre prairie reconstruction at the Wicks Wildlife Area. This seed is of local ecotype and supplements grasses, flowers, and forbs to our local SCC combine run seed.

The total cost for bulk seed and the pollinator flowers and forbs being purchased is \$11,956.00. SCC has received a reimbursable grant to cover 50% of this pollinator seeding (up to \$6,000) from INHF. The remaining funding for this seed will be from the Story County Conservation Trust Fund.

The attached quote from Diversity Farms is the low responsive responsible quote. All other quoters were non-responsive.

Staff urges your approval.

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Approval

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Disapproval

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## Marianne S. Harrelson

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**From:** Ryan M. Wiemold  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 11:20 AM  
**To:** Michael D. Cox; Marianne S. Harrelson; Daniel J. Simcox  
**Subject:** UM- Wicks seed  
**Attachments:** story county 2020 Wicks.xlsm; Urge memo Wicks Seed Purchase.docx

Mike and Marianne,

Please see the below pricing info from John Judson. He has attached the seed list as well but the total project cost is not shown in this protected spreadsheet. I'm hoping the email documentation below is enough. I have also attached an urge memo. RW

FYI- We came in at \$430/acre for this seeding, which is pretty good. It has more diversity in it that some others we have done. This also needed to be a pollinator mix for the INHF grant. To compare to other past seedings: Dakins was \$900/acre and TELC was \$500/acre.

**From:** Diversity Farms <[diversityfarms@iowatelecom.net](mailto:diversityfarms@iowatelecom.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 9:51 AM  
**To:** Daniel J. Simcox <[DSimcox@storycountyiowa.gov](mailto:DSimcox@storycountyiowa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Native seed proposal

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Daniel- please see the attached seed plan for the Wicks property. The cost of this list of species is \$322 per acre, with a total of \$9016. In addition we will provide 3 ½ pounds pls bulk- combined native grass and wildflower seed per acre at \$30/pound At this quantity, cost would be \$105/acre and \$2940 for the total 28 acres. Combined, the cost is \$11,956 for all the seed.

Species in the bulk harvested combine mixes includes: little bluestem, big bluestem, Indiangrass, Canada wild rye, rattlesnake master, white indigo, partridge pea, white prairie clover, purple prairie clover, aster sp., ironweed, Canada milk vetch, prairie sunflower, round-head bushclover, pale purple coneflower, yellow coneflower, rigid goldenrod, desmodium sp., leadplant, golden alexander, prairie blazingstar, rough blazingstar, prairie coreopsis, wild rose.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Thank you,  
Jon Judson, pres.  
Diversity Farms, Inc.  
Dedham, Iowa  
712 830-4143