



**STORY COUNTY  
CONSERVATION**

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Memorandum

To: Story County Board of Supervisors  
Through: Michael D. Cox, Director  
From: Brandon Clough, Natural Resources Specialist  
Date: January 20, 2026  
Re: Consideration of Contract Between D&J's Complete Tree Service for Tree Removal at Hickory Grove Park for \$70,000.00.

The attached contract is for tree removal at Hickory Grove Park to be done by contractor D&J's Complete Tree Service. This is for the removal of 70 oak trees that are infected with oak wilt. Removing these trees will remove the vector that is the cause of potential spread throughout the park. Oak Wilt is a fatal disease – these trees will become hazardous to park users if left standing dead. This will also ease re-planting efforts and natural resource management moving forward. The debris removal contract is for \$70,000.00. This is an unbudgeted expense.

Funds will come from the FY26 budget and the Conservation Reserve.

The Conservation Board urges your approval.

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Approval

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Disapproval

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Date

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Date

# CONTRACT

Kind of Work Tree Removal

County Story

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered by and between Story County, Iowa, by its Conservation Board, Contracting Authority, and

**John Sorenson**

of D&J's Complete Tree Service Contractor.

WITNESSETH: That the Contractor, for and in consideration of (\$ 70,000.00)

payable as set forth in the specifications constituting a part of this contract, hereby agrees to construct in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore, and in the locations designated in the notice to quoters, the various items of work as follows:

Item No.	Item	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Amount
1	Remove select trees at Hickory Grove Park	70	Trees	1 job	\$100,000.00
2	Trees are marked with blue paint dot on base				
3	Merchantable logs may be removed from site by contractor				
4	Non-merchantable debris must be piled on site at designated areas				
	Non-merchantable debris may also be chipped and removed from site				
5	No equipment shall be left on site without permission from SCC.				
6	Story County may temporarily restrict access to grounds due to wet conditions				
7	Notice of Timber for Sale attached				
8	Map of tree, burn pile, and log staggng locations is attached.				
18	Successful quoter shall indemnify Story County from any damages or claims arising from this contract and add Story County, Iowa and Story County Conservation Board as additional insureds on quoter's General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance.				
19	All liability relating to livestock and livestock management to include all persons working for the Cooperator, whether related, hired or as a partner is strictly that of the Cooperator. The Cooperator must have/aquire liability insurance that covers the livestock being grazed on County lands.				
20	quoter will hold Story County harmless for any damage to quoters equipment.				
21	quoter will hold Story County harmless for injuries to members of the public caused by acts or omission of the quoter.				
				<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See supplemental information on Page 2			<b>Pg2 Subtot:</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
				<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>

Said specifications and plans are hereby made a part of the basis of this agreement and a true copy of said plans and specifications are now on file in the Story County Conservation Office.

That in consideration of the foregoing, the Contracting Authority hereby agrees to pay the Contractor, promptly and according to the requirements of the specifications the amounts set forth subject to the Conditions as set forth in the specifications.

That it is mutually understood and agreed by the parties hereto that the notice to quoters, the proposal, the specifications for Project No. Carroll Grazing 2025

In Story County, Iowa, the within contract, the contractor's bond, and the general and detailed plans are and constitute the basis of contract between the parties thereto. That it is further understood and agreed by the parties of this contract that the above work shall be commenced and completed on or before:

Approximate Starting Date	Specified Completion Date	Late Start Date	Number of Working Days
13-Jan-26	15-Mar-26		

That time is the essence of this contract and that said contract contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto. It is further understood that the Contractor consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of Iowa to hear, determine and render judgement as to any controversy arising hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their hands for the purposes herein expressed to this and three other instruments of like tenor, as of the

Recommended by:

Approved:

Story County, Iowa  
Contracting Authority

By: Chair Director, Story County Conservation Board of Supervisors

Date: [Signature]  
Contractor  
Date: January 8, 2026

## SCHEDULE OF PRICES

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Project No.     HGP\_TreeRemvoal     Type of Work:     Tree Removal    

**UNIT QUOTES MUST BE TYPED OR SHOWN IN INK OR THE QUOTE WILL BE REJECTED**

Line No. Item No.	Item on which quote is based, quoter shall show unit price and extension for each item and total for each group.	Item Quantity and Units	Amount	
			Dollars x,xxx,xxx	Cents xxxx
<b>1</b>	Tree removal costs (70 trees)	<b>1 job</b>	100,000	00
		<b>Minus -</b>		
<b>2</b>	Value from salvagable timber	<b>1 job</b>	30,000	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>NET (Removal costs minus timber value)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>00</b>