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FORAGE SEED / SEED PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE

Program Definition: The West Interlake Watershed Conservation District (WIWCD) will pay all or a portion of the seed costs for forages sown on erosion-prone, previously flooded or marginal land. The types and varieties of seed will be determined by the landowner.

Program Objectives:

- To control soil erosion on light textured and agriculturally marginal soils
- To protect and profit from saline soils
- To boost organic matter levels through incorporating vegetation into the soil
- To enhance overall forage production.
- To ultimately enhance agricultural productivity and encourage efficient land management.

Eligibility:

- One application per farm (jointly owned quarters count as one application for either tenant);
- Crown Land must be made out in Lessee's name; and
- Only applicants with approved applications will receive program funding.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applicant Responsibilities:

- Submit properly filled out application before purchasing forage seed to the WIWCD office;
- Sow seed in the year of application or report circumstances to the Board of the Conservation District;
- Submit original receipts for the seed purchased to the WIWCD office by the end of Fiscal Year (March 31) in order to receive reimbursement payment;
- If due to unforeseen circumstances Project cannot be completed in current fiscal year, it is Applicant's responsibility to submit a letter with a request to withdraw the Application as soon as possible, but no later than January 31 of the current fiscal year, in order to be eligible to reapply for the following Fiscal Year. Failure to do so may result in Applicant's Application for this Programing to be denied in future years.
- During year of establishment, the applicant shall not rip up without the consent of the Board;
- Shall keep forage in production for four years after establishment;
- Shall not break, over-graze, burn, cultivate or in any way cause or permit to be caused damage to the forage stand for a minimum of four years;
- Replace at 100% cost if damage is result of any of the above;
- Sign consent of entry including any agreed upon or special conditions; and
- Provide access for inspection, district signage or evaluation by the Board at any reasonable time

WIWCD Responsibility:

- Provide reimbursement at \$12.50 per acre to a maximum of \$ 500.00 (40 acres) for approved applicants only as per eligibility criteria established above;

General Terms and Conditions

- Subject to the above terms, the Agreement shall become effective and shall be binding upon both parties until terminated;
- If either party fails to meet the above mentioned responsibilities, the Agreement may be terminated by the other party via written notice;
- The projects resulting from this program will be subject to funds appropriated;
- Technical service will be subject to the availability of district staff. The District reserves the right to establish priorities for providing such services and assistance; and
- Failure of applicant to meet Applicant Responsibilities may negate him from other Conservation District programs.

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