



TO: Mayor Chuck Barney
Members of the City Council

FROM: Rick Feltner, Airport Director

DATE: May 11, 2018

SUBJECT: ROTARY BRUSH CUTTER (AIR068)

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend approval to purchase a rotary brush cutter in the amount of \$7,001.56 from Gooseneck Implement for the Airport.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Rick Feltner, Airport Director 857-4724

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

A rotary brush cutter is an attachment for a skid loader that allows the operator to mow in areas that are difficult to reach with a conventional tractor/mower set-up, such as ditches and wetland areas. The Airport contains a number of these areas, and they have been identified by the wildlife biologist conducting the Wildlife Hazzard Assessment as requiring mitigation. The Airport budgeted \$7,500 to purchase this equipment in 2018. As required, the airport obtained two quotes from vendors. Bobcat of Minot quoted a price of \$7,059.00, and Gooseneck Implement quoted a similar version for \$7,001.56. The Airport desires to purchase from Gooseneck Implement for the lower price.

B. Proposed Project

The Airport will use this equipment to perform the required mitigation of wildlife habitat in the hard to reach areas of the airfield. Wildlife strikes by aircraft are a serious safety hazard to aviation, and the Airport has the responsibility to reduce this threat to the greatest extent possible.

C. Consultant Selection

Outside consultants were not utilized for this project

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

This equipment will further aviation safety and meet regulatory compliance standards set forth by the FAA for wildlife habitat management.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

The safety of aviators and the general public will be enhanced.

C. Fiscal Impact:

Project Funding
Sales Tax Revenue

\$7001.56

V. ALTERNATIVES

Alt 1. The Council could deny the purchase of the equipment, and recommend that the Airport contract with a third party do perform the required work. This is likely to be a more expensive option.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Expeditious approval will allow the Airport to tackle this work as early as possible in the growing season.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

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- A. Bobcat of Minot price quote
- B. Gooseneck Implement price quote
- C. Brochure of John Deere RC72B Rotary Cutter