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Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority, and don't interfere as long as the policy you've decided upon is being carried out.

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This new skid steer, weighing over 12,000 pounds and boasting a flow rate of 30 gallons per minute, empowers us to undertake a wide range of tasks. Our primary objective is to acquire a mulching head capable of efficiently clearing debris and other brush that frequently accumulates in our lift stations and tanks. During the recent hurricane, our sole skid steer was in the shop for three months, necessitating a rental during that period. We retrieved the equipment less than a month later but were forced to return to the shop for further repairs. While our current skid steer has low hours, it consistently fails to receive proper repairs. By acquiring this new skid steer, we ensure that even if one is in the shop, we can continue our operations without interruption.

This new skid steer will be accessible to the fiber crew when required. Electricians can utilize either skid steer to drill holes for electrical poles. Additionally, we can deploy this skid steer at Raw Water, the

canal, or any other location where we need to complete our tasks. Furthermore, this skid steer can be equipped with a bush hog, enabling us to maintain the cleanliness of our lots.

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