



## Public Works

7 April, 2026

RE: Agricultural Drone Services Bid Award

A bid opening was conducted by Public Works staff for agricultural drone spraying services on 26 March, 2026 at 3:00 pm at the Public Works Facility. 1 bid was received from Spotters Aerial Ag LLC headquartered in Killdeer.

City of Dickinson Public Works has contracted drone spraying services for the last 2 years. At the request of the Board of City Commissioners, an RFP was published for the service this year. Through the RFP period, staff fielded phone calls from 3 interested contractors.

The bid includes weed control services for all 13 requested sites covering a total of 183.09 acres of land throughout the City of Dickinson, with the largest portions coming from the landfill, the emergency inert landfill, and lagoon system.

Drone spraying has demonstrated a significant reduction in labor hours and material waste and focuses specifically on noxious weeds in areas that are not cut on a regular basis by City staff.

The total quoted rate per application is \$23,958.05 for a total expenditure of \$47916.10 over the calendar year, with payment being split between the divisions responsible for each tract of land sprayed.

Based on the attached proposal, Public Works Staff recommends utilization of Spotters Aerial Ag for drone spraying services this year.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Waldo".

Jake Waldo  
Interim Public Works Director

