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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 27, 2025
To: Deadwood City Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: 2025 Contract Four Points Hotel Faunal Analysis Project

The City Archives is requesting permission to hire independent contractor John R. Bozell of Omaha, Nebraska to complete and submit the final report for the 2019-2020 FourPoints Hotel archaeological faunal assemblage.

In 2024, Bozell was hired by the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission to review and identify the nine (9) boxes of bone from the above-mentioned assemblage. As of December 31, 2024, Mr. Bozell completed the inventory of bone and submitted a preliminary report and Excel spreadsheet of work.

Under this new agreement, Mr. Bozell will accomplish the following items to finish this project:

1. Develop and include statistical tables, graphs and narrative for final report
2. Provide a finalized Excel spread sheet
3. Photograph portions of the assemblage
4. Separate out swine mandibles for future micro-botanical analysis by other consultants
5. Submit the final report by April 1, 2025
6. Deliver the nine boxes to Sioux Falls, SD on April 24-25, 2025

If approved the funding for this project will come out of the 2025 HP Archaeological line item.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at the January 21, 2025 meeting and recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Enter a contract with John R. Bozell of Omaha, Nebraska to finish the faunal report. The cost for this project will not exceed the amount of \$1,000.00 and will come out of the 2025 HP Archaeological budget.