



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/22//2022

REQUESTER: Steve Hardeman, Utilities Manager – Water Reclamation Facility

PRESENTER: Steve Hardeman, Utilities Manager – Water Reclamation Facility

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND /OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2223-66: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND MR. KIM SMITH, REPRESENTATIVE OF LANDOWNER, JOE S. SMITH TRUST, FOR THE LAND APPLICATION DISPOSAL OF NORMAN WATER RECLAMATION'S BIO-SOLIDS.

BACKGROUND:

Bio-solids produced as a by-product of wastewater treatment are routinely disposed of by land application on farmland as a soil conditioner. Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) maintains agreements with several individuals for the use of their property near the Water Reclamation Facility. Additional property containing 170 acres has been identified east of Norman for the NUA to use. These additional acres are currently under approval with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). The Joe S Smith Trust is the landowner, which this contract will allow land application of bio-solids onto their land.

DISCUSSION:

Key Provisions of the Contract are as follows:

- 1 The contract will be with Kim Smith, the Trust's named representative. The trust has approximately 170 acres.
- 2 Application of bio-solids will be coordinated with Mr. Smith and any change of fields will be based on his approval.
- 3 NUA will perform all sampling and monitoring required by Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.
- 4 NUA will help maintain access roads utilized by application equipment.
- 5 The use of these fields for application of bio-solids is considered a beneficial reuse and is the most cost effective means to dispose of our bio-solids.
- 6 No annual user (land rental) fee is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the NUA approve Contract K-2223-66 between Mr. Kim Smith, the trust's representative, and Norman Utilities Authority to allow for the land application of bio-solids onto his respective farmland.