



Agenda Item Summary

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Ranking of Request for Proposal (RFP) 25-248-MM Watermelon Pond - Metzger Tract Cattle Grazing Agreement for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation.

Presenter:

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Description:

Ranking of RFP 25-248-MM Watermelon Pond - Metzger Tract Cattle Grazing Agreement for Environmental Protection, Land Conservation. This RFP is for management services of the Metzger property through environmentally sound private-party grazing and thereby off-set maintenance costs.

Recommended Action:

Approve the ranking and authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for RFP 25-248-MM Watermelon Pond - Metzger Tract Cattle Grazing Agreement:

1. Danny Holder
2. Gulf Forestry, LLC

Authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked rancher. Should the staff be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the top ranked rancher, negotiations with the unsuccessful rancher will be terminated. Negotiations with the second ranked rancher may be undertaken in the same manner in order of ranking until an agreement is reached, and so forth.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

This is for Ranking only.
Caretaking, maintenance will be provided to the County at no cost. Entering into the agreement will save the County.

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

This RFP is for management services of the Metzger property through environmentally sound private-party grazing and thereby off-set maintenance costs.

RFP 25-248-MM Watermelon Pond - Metzger Tract Cattle Grazing Agreement was released on May 15, 2024. The deadline for receipt of RFP 25-248-MM Watermelon Pond - Metzger Tract Cattle Grazing Agreement was June 26, 2024; two (2) vendors responded.

The project details can be found here:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/alachuacounty/projects/91414>