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Workshop Meeting

March 27, 2017

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LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP SESSION

Monday, March 27, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Community Center-Brick Elementary

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ROLL CALL

3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

4.0 PLEDGE TO FLAG

5.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

- **7.1 Farm Lease Agreement**

8.0 BOARD WORKSHOP—2017-2018 STAFFING AND PROGRAMMING

9.0 CLOSED SESSION

- **9.1 Superintendent's Informal Evaluation**

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

LEASE AGREEMENT

I, Philip Selter, agree to lease the farmland located at 8970 Whittaker Road in Augusta Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, consisting of approximately 39 tillable acres, from Lincoln Consolidated Schools at the rate of $110.00 (one hundred dollars) per tillable acre for a total sum of $4290.00 per year.

Lease payment is due on or before the 1st of December of each year.

This lease agreement will commence January 1, 2017 and will continue for at least the next five years.

I can enter this property at anytime during the term of this lease for the sole purpose of farming.

Philip Selter
9090 Bemis Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 320-3681

Lincoln Consolidated Schools
8970 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 484-7042

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May 13, 2015

Mr. Philip Selter
9090 Bemis Rd.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

RE: Farm Land Lease

Dear Mr. Selter:

Please be informed that the Board of Education approved your request to extend the farmland leased to you to five (5) years. In a previous communication sent to you, the farmland lease was extended until January 2018. Therefore, you have been extended an additional two (2) year term on the lease dated February 4, 2015 and at the conclusion of 2020 your lease will terminate. A new lease will need to be renewed in January, 2021.

The rent per acre and payments due shall remain the same as noted in the original lease signed in 2010.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (734) 484-7042.

Sincerely,

Ellen Bonter
Superintendent

EB/dwr

Attachment(s)

2016 Conservation Farmer of the Year

The Washtenaw County Conservation District is pleased to present the 2016, "Walter Wolfgang Memorial", Conservation Farmer of the Year Award to Philip Selter.

Phil operates a 385 acre cash crop farm in Augusta Township, growing corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. He owns a 35 acre farmstead on Bemis Road and rents 350 acres in Augusta Township and Wayne County.

In addition, Phil has four horses and twenty laying hen chickens. The horses are used for pleasure riding and eggs from the chickens are sold from the farm.

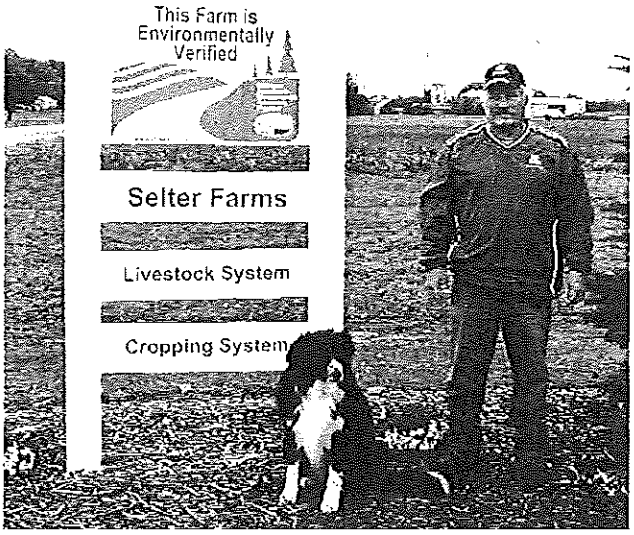
Phil works with his four brothers and a nephew to farm 1,300 acres of cash crops, sharing equipment and working together on all the field work.

His conservation efforts include: no-till, cover crops, crop rotations, filter strips, nutrient management, pasture rotation, and Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) verifications in the cropping and livestock systems.

He has found the use of cover crops to be greatly beneficial. After first trying a cover crop and seeing the improvement in his soil and crop yields, he has expanded to using radishes after wheat, rye after soybeans, and clover. "I tried a cover crop, saw how well it worked and now use them all the time," said Phil. "They add nutrients and organic matter to the soil. And the radishes also provide channels for moisture to get deeper in the soil for the next crop," he continued. "Cover crops combined with rotating crops has worked well by allowing us to be more cost efficient, cutting down our fertilizer costs," said Phil.

Verifications in the MAEAP cropping and livestock systems were completed several years ago, and Phil is working toward the farmstead verification after he installs a fuel storage facility. "Having the MAEAP verifications shows we are doing things right," said Phil.

Filter Strip



Philip Selter

Phil has planted over 7 acres of filter strips along tributary drains of Stony Creek which flows directly to Lake Erie. The strips help filter nutrients from adjacent cropland flowing into the drains. In addition, Phil is able to harvest hay from the strips, getting an additional benefit from this conservation practice.

A small pond on Phil's farmstead is used for fishing, and he uses a windmill to generate electricity to run an aerator to keep the pond oxygenated for the fish.

And Phil plans to manage a recently purchased small woodlot near the pond by removing less desirable trees and establishing riding trails.

Phil first came to the Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service because he wanted to try some conservation practices. "They had the programs available to help me try some practices. When I found that they worked I stuck with them," said Phil.

He has been a Rupp Seed Dealer for about 15 years; is the membership chairman for the Wayne County Farm Bureau; is a member of the Monroe County Ag Council; and is a member of the Waterloo Horseman's Association—a horse riding club that conducts various riding activities.

Doing his part to conserve our soil and water resources through good conservation efforts, and an overall stewardship philosophy has helped Phil Selter maintain a successful farm operation.

The Conservation District is pleased to recognize Philip Selter as the 2016 Conservation Farmer of the Year.