2023 Cover Crop Agreement

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RCD) AND

Purpose:

To encourage the utilization of cover crops in no-till cropping systems. The proper cover crop can economically control erosion, reduce runoff, increase organic matter, break up crop disease patterns, cycle deep nutrients and be used for haying and/or grazing. Seeding a variety of different cover crops will help producers find the proper fit with their individual no-till systems. One application per year per operation.

This agreement will consist of ______ acres; 20 acre maximum. RCD to pay the actual cost of the cocktail seed mixture (a minimum of 3 species) of \$20 per acre up to \$400. The cover crop(s) will consist of the following species:

Target Audience:

Producers seeking diversity in no-till cropping systems.

Locally Led Natural Resource Concerns Being Addressed:

- Wind & Water Erosion
- Efficient Moisture Utilization
- Crop Diversification

Responsibilities:

Producer Will:

- 1. Prepare a weed-free seedbed
- 2. Note all important observations
- 3. Agree to tours and news articles
- 4. Provide information regarding fertilizer techniques
- Provide a written narrative to the conservation district describing their experience, whether a failure or a success. What they have gained and learned from this program.

Producer

Date

RCD

Date