

Equipment Rental Program PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into on	this day of	, 2021, between
	(Lessee) and Scott Soil and Wa	ter Conservation District (District)

- **I. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions of participation in the District's Equipment Rental Program (ERP).
- **II. USE AND AVAILABILITY.** All equipment is subject to availability, and made available on a first-come first-served basis. Equipment shall be used solely within the boundaries of Scott County unless otherwise approved in advance by the District. Additional charges may apply for use outside the District.
- **III. DENIAL OF SERVICE**. The District reserves the right to deny Equipment Rental Program (ERP) services to an individual requesting to participate in the program based on its sole discretion and determination of any of the following: he or she is or is likely incapable of operating the desired piece of equipment in a normal, safe, and reasonable manner; he or she has demonstrated carelessness or unsafe operation of equipment in the past; he or she failed to pay past invoices in a timely manner; and/or he or she has violated other terms and conditions contained in the this agreement.
- **IV. PROGRAM FEES.** The rental fee for planting equipment is \$150.00 plus \$10/acre over fifteen (15) acres. The rental fee for the Finn Krimper is \$75 per day. In addition to rental fees, a refundable deposit of \$50 is required for all pull-type equipment. Deposit funds will be applied towards the cost of parts replacement and damage repairs, and/or for any cleaning performed by the District. Rental fee and deposit must be submitted along with a signed copy of this Agreement. Cash, check and credit cards accepted.

V. LESSEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Lessee shall exercise normal and reasonable care of the equipment while it is in his/her possession.
- B. Lessee must recognize the hazards associated with the operation of the equipment and must follow the personal safety requirements necessary to ensure the safe use and operation of the rented equipment, including but not limited to observing the safety information provided on Page 3 of this Agreement and following all manufacturer safety requirements and warnings as contained in the Operator Manual included with the equipment.
- C. Lessee shall, at all times while equipment is in his or her possession and at Lessee's own cost and expense, maintain insurance against all risks of physical loss or damage to equipment and for personal and bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.
- D. Lessee shall not request delivery of equipment until such time he or she is able to use it immediately. Once equipment arrives, the Lessee shall complete planting in as timely a manner as possible, as other customers may be waiting to use it.
- E. Equipment use shall be limited to the location and number of acres identified on Page 5 of this Agreement. Moving equipment by the Lessee to other location(s) and/or use of the equipment on additional acreage is prohibited unless otherwise approved in advance by the District. Resetting or tampering with acre meters is prohibited.
- F. Lessee shall notify the District immediately upon discovering any missing parts and/or damage that may have occurred while the equipment was in his or her possession. The District shall be notified in person or by calling 952-492-5425.
- G. Lessee shall not replace parts and/or repair any damage unless otherwise agreed to in advance by the District.
- H. Lessee shall be responsible for any and all physical loss or damage to the leased equipment, including the cost to repair or replace such property. Replacement cost of each piece of equipment is shown as the Stipulated Loss Value (SLV) on Page 5 of this Agreement.
- The Lessee shall return leased equipment in as clean a condition as it was delivered, and shall remove all leftover seed and debris from seed boxes, cups and tubing. Leftover seed and debris shall be removed by vacuuming or blowing; water and other liquids shall NOT be used. The security deposit will be surrendered if the seed is not completely removed from the implement, and/or if excessive dirt or other debris is not removed from the disc openers, press wheels tires, etc.
- J. The Lessee shall notify the District immediately upon completion of equipment use, to ensure timely delivery to the next program participant.
- K. The Lessee shall pay all outstanding fees and charges within 30 days from the date of invoice. A late fee of 1.5% (18% annually) of any the unpaid balance, or \$5, whichever is greater, will be applied to accounts not paid within the 30-day period

VI. DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES: Lessee acknowledges and agrees to the following:

A. The District will deliver the requested equipment to the drop-off location specified by the Lessee on Page 5 of this Agreement. The District will make every reasonable effort to deliver equipment on the requested date. It cannot, however, guarantee delivery on the requested date due to weather conditions and other factors beyond its reasonable control.

- B. The District will deliver the requested equipment in good working order and free of any safety or operational defects.
- C. Upon request, the District will provide Lessee with instructions regarding the proper use and setup of the equipment. The District shall not, however, be liable for any adverse outcomes related to improper use or settings, including but not limited to poor germination, stand density and/or yield.
- D. Upon being notified of completed use, the District will pick up the equipment as soon as reasonably possible from the drop-off location, unless an alternative pick up time and/or location has been mutually agreed upon by both Parties.
- E. The District will record the acre-meter reading before and after planting. These readings will be used as the basis for determining additional acreage fees, if any.
- F. The District shall bill the Lessee for all planted acres, according to the final acre-meter reading, and any additional fees associated with parts and/or repairs, or refund any deposit balance, if applicable, within 30 days of being notified of completed use.

VII. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Lessee agrees to indemnify the District, its officers, employees, agents and others acting on its behalf, to hold them harmless, and to defend and protect them from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, cost and expenses (specifically including attorney's fees and other costs and expenses of defense), of any sort whatsoever, based upon, resulting from, or otherwise arising in connection with any actions, claims or proceedings (of any sort and from any source whatsoever brought), or any loss, damage or injury of any type whatsoever sustained, whether or not also caused in part by a party identified hereunder, by reason of any act or omission of Lessee, its officers, employees or agents, or any other person(s) or entity(s) for whose acts or omissions Lessee may be legally responsible, in the performance of any Lessee's obligation (whether expressed or implied) under this Agreement.

VIII. WAIVER OF LIABILITY. Lessee understands and acknowledges the risks and hazards of using the type of equipment offered through the ERP, up to and including serious bodily harm or death. Lessee hereby waives any and all claims arising out of the District, its elected officials, employees, agents and volunteers' negligent acts or omissions arising out of or in association with the leasing, maintenance, ownership and operation of ERP equipment. This waiver does not waive liability for any injuries resulting from the willful, wanton or intentional misconduct by the District, its elected officials, employees, agents or volunteers. The Lessee's personal liability coverage will apply if a loss occurs, along with the Lessee accepts liability for any injuries arising out of use of the equipment.

IX. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES. This agreement does not create or assume an employee-employer relationship. Accordingly, any individual(s) who sustain injuries while using rented equipment shall not be entitled to workers' compensation coverage or claims.

X. SIGNATURE

By signing below, I, the Lessee, hereby acknowledge:

- I have hereby read, understand, and fully agree to the terms of this Agreement, that any infringement may be subject to additional payments, penalties or waiver of recovery from damages;
- The District has the right to refuse equipment rental services for any violations of any terms or conditions of this Agreement;
- The District is not responsible for the Lessee's personal safety and herby releases the District from all liability associated with any injuries or damages incurred while in possession of, and arising out of use of, the equipment; and
- The District shall not be held responsible for the outcome of the planted crop.

Lessee signature	 Date	
By signing below, the District her diligent, professional and courted	by agrees to fulfill its responsibilities as stated in this agreement and to provide Less is service.	see with
District signature		

Important Safety Precautions for Operation of All Pull-Type Seeding Equipment

Safety Alerts & Signals

- 1. Look for safety alert symbols on machine: this indicates a potential hazard to personal safety is involved and extra safety precaution must be taken, carefully read the message and obey the message
- 2. Familiarize yourself with safety decals and potential hazards associated with operating the equipment
- 3. Look for safety signal words that communicate a degree or level of hazard seriousness
 - <u>Danger</u> Indicates an imminent hazard that if not avoided may result in death or serious injury, typically found near machine components that for operational purposes cannot be guarded
 - <u>Warning</u> Indicates a potential hazard that if not avoided could result in death or serious injury, typically includes components that are guarded but hazardous with guards removed, it also alerts operators to unsafe practices
 - Caution Indicates a potential hazard that if not avoided could result in minor or moderate injury, typically used to alert operators of unsafe practices

Personal Safety

- 4. Wear protective equipment and clothes including hearing protection; avoid loose clothing and noise distraction
- 5. Handle chemicals properly when applicable, follow manufacturers recommendation
- 6. Prepare for emergencies: Be prepared if a fire starts, keep a first aid kit handy, keep emergency numbers for doctor, ambulance, hospital and fire department in or near phone
- 7. Observe safety precautions at ALL times, familiarize yourself with the operator manual and all safety instructions and equipment operations; operate machinery from operator seat only and keep others clear of working area; wear snug fitting clothing to prevent entanglements in equipment and moving parts, stay clear of moving parts; do not stand between the tractor and equipment during hitching, do not leave equipment unattended with tractor running

Equipment Operation & Safety

- 8. Avoid high pressure fluids from hydraulic lines, inspect potential leaks with paper, not body parts; high pressure fluids can penetrate skin; wear protective gloves and safety glasses and relieve pressure when working with hydraulics
- 9. Keep riders off machinery; never allow children to operate equipment, keep bystanders away during operation
- 10. Use safety lights and devices when on roadways at all times, always connect safety chains to prevent equipment escape
- 11. Transport machinery safely on roadways: do not exceed 20 mph, comply with state laws, keep equipment under control, reduce speed on rough roads and if control is reduced by speed or road conditions
- 12. Tire safety: do not change tires, District personnel will tend to tire problems, if inflation is needed, do so following safety precautions using a clip on chuck and safety cage if available
- 13. Practice safe maintenance: District personnel will tend to all maintenance necessary for equipment; if it is essential for an operator to service the drill follow all operator manual safety precautions
- 14. Tires are not steps; do not use as such. Park machine on level ground and store drill where children do not play
- 15. Stay clear of moving chains and do NOT remove any guards or safety features from the equipment
- 16. Use caution when hitching and unhitching equipment, be mindful of jack stand and make sure to prevent crush hazard from unstable jack support or improper jack stand angle; always block tires when equipment is unhitched to prevent movement
- 17. Do not fall off the equipment or crush hands in boxes, keep all shields in place at all times during operation
- 18. Never allow riders on tractor or equipment during operation; never allow persons under equipment when lifted off ground

By signing below, I attest I have read and understand the safety information provided above. I further agree to review all safety information in the Operator Manual provided with the equipment I will be operating. Lastly, I agree to operate equipment in a safe and responsible manner, and to observe and abide by all safety information provided in this Agreement and the Operator Manual.

Lessee Signature	Date

Certificate of Exemption

Purchaser: Complete this certificate and give it to the seller.

Seller: If this certificate is not fully completed, you must charge sales tax. Keep this certificate as part of your records.

This is a blanket certificate, unless one of the boxes below is checked, and remains in force as long as the purchaser continues making purchases, or until otherwise cancelled by the purchaser. Check if this certificate is for a single purchase and enter the related invoice/purchase order # ____ If you are a contractor and have a purchasing agent agreement with an exempt organization, check the box to make multiple purchases for a specific job. Enter the exempt entity name and specific project: Exempt entity name SCOTT SWCD Project description ___ Name of Purchaser Business address Zip code Type or print Purchaser's tax ID number If no tax ID number. Driver's license number/State issued ID number enter one of the following state of issue Name of seller from whom you are purchasing, leasing or renting Seller's address Type of business. 11 Transportation and warehousing 01 Accommodation and food services 02 Agricultural, forestry, fishing, hunting Utilities 12 Type of business 13 Wholesale trade 03 Construction 04 Finance and insurance 14 Business services 05 Information, publishing and communications Professional services 06 Manufacturing 16 Education and health-care services 07 Mining 17 Nonprofit organization 80 18 Government Real estate 19 Not a business (explain) ______ Rental and leasing 10 Retail trade Other (explain) ____ Reason for exemption. Agricultural production A Federal government (department) ___ K Industrial production/manufacturing Reason for exemption B Specific government exemption (from list on back) Direct pay authorization Multiple points of use (services, digital goods, or computer C Tribal government (name) ____ software delivered electronically) D Foreign diplomat #_ Direct mail E Charitable organization #___ Other (enter number from back page) ____ F Educational organization #_____ Percentage exemption G Religious organization #___ Advertising (enter percentage) ____ H Resale Utilities (enter percentage) ____ Capital Equipment ☐ Electricity (enter percentage) ___ I declare that the information on this certificate is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. (PENALTY: If you try to evade paying sales tax by using an exemption certificate for items or services that will be used for purposes other than those being Sign here claimed, you may be fined \$100 under Minnesota law for each transaction for which the certificate is used.) Signature of authorized Purchaser Print name here

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John Deere No-Till Drill	Brillion Sure St Seeder	and Great No-Til		Cover Crop Interseede		Finn Krimper	
Does not require a cle tilled seedbed. Has o seed box for smalle seed* and one for soybeans, small grair and cover crops. Not natives or brome gras	ne seedbed. Has one b r smaller seed* ar second for larger s ns, for	ox for seedbed. It boxes: one e eed* grains, small larger seed*. be too wet. C	Has 3 seed each for small	Utilized to reseed crops into corn pla 30" rows up to V7 Seeds two rows sp 10" within a 30 in row. Requires mind.p. tractor with hitch.	anted in stage. paced at ch corn n. 100	Utilized to anchor straw or hay mulch 2-3" into the ground to prevent loss of mulch cover by wind or water erosion.	
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\$25,000	\$12,000	\$33,	,000	\$32,000		\$500	
LESSEE CONTACT INFORMATION Mailing Address							
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