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### NEW INFIELD MACHINE

To: Chairman and Board of Commissioners

From: Thad Ferguson, Director

Date: December 19, 2022

Subject: New Infield Machine

We have an opportunity to purchase a new infield machine that has been used as a demo model. The ABI Force z23slt is an infield machine that comes with basic infield grooming equipment (rakes, mats, and drags) plus it has the ability to add on attachments to make it more versatile.

The biggest asset this machine offers us, besides its normal infield machine purpose, is:

- It has the ability to cut lips off of the infields (mini box blade attachment)
- It has the ability to laser grade fields (laser system attachment)

These two attachments along would save us thousands of dollars in the long run when it comes to lip removal and laser grading the fields. When we got quotes on lip removal and laser grading infields back in late 2020, the price was around \$15,000. Due to the amount of use our fields get each year from recreation practices/game and travel ball tournaments, we truly need to remove lips and laser grade fields every year. By purchasing this machine, it gives us the ability to do this work in-house verses sending it out for bid to a third party.

This demo machine currently has 60 hours. The company is offering to sell this machine with a new warranty (two years) along with the option of adding an extended warranty if requested. All current attachments are listed on the quotes. I have attached a quote for the demo machine and a quote for a new machine with the same attachments. There is a savings of roughly \$9,400 by purchasing the demo machine over the new machine.

This ABI Force machine would be a great asset to our maintenance staff! It would give them the ability to do more field maintenance jobs in-house and save money in the long run. We ask that you consider allowing us to make this purchase of the ABI Force infield machine in the amount of \$31,063.89 using SPOLST funds.

Thank you for your consideration!