MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TINKER AIR FORCE BASE

AND

THE CITY OF DEL CITY FOR

WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT AT EAGLE LAKE

- 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to form a mutually beneficial partnership between Tinker AFB and the City of Del City for intergovernmental support and management to prevent issues with nuisance resident geese and wildlife damage at Eagle Lake in Del City. The goals and primary benefits of this MOU are the safety of Air Force aircrews, decrease in numbers of nuisance resident Canada geese and the enhancement of wildlife management capabilities by all parties.
- 2. AUTHORITY. City of Del City Ordinance No 1368 and 10 U.S.C. § 2336.

3. GENERAL.

- a. SCOPE. Del City and Tinker AFB will provide mutually beneficial services for the control/management of resident bird populations at Eagle Lake in Del City. Eagle Lake is located just north of E. Reno Ave. and east of the I-35/I-40 interchange. This partnership will enhance mission effectiveness at Tinker AFB and create efficiencies that will benefit both parties.
- b. SERVICES. Tinker AFB and Del City staffs will work in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services to provide wildlife and damage management at Eagle Lake. USDA Wildlife Services currently has two separate Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with Tinker AFB and Del City for wildlife damage management.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. Tinker AFB will provide the following:
 - 1. Identification of potential aircraft related human health and safety hazards or threat of aircraft damage stemming from wildlife activities.
 - 2. Provide and share wildlife survey data and bird migratory habits and patterns.
 - 3. Technical assistance and planning of wildlife damage abatement activities.
 - 4. Supplemental licensed/stamped waterfowl hunters for Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) specified "Special Hunt." These special hunts are designated by the ODWC outside the typical waterfowl season to control numbers of migratory birds such a resident Canada geese statewide.

- Assistance in blind construction/layout, decoy setup, and "Special Hunt" strategy.
- Utilization of Tinker AFB's depredation permit to take geese outside of "Special Hunts" when geese activity is deemed an aircraft related threat to human health and safety.
- 7. Through an in place Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tinker AFB (11 Oct 2011), USDA Wildlife Services would provide steel shot and use of decoys to government personnel. This MOU between Tinker and USDA Wildlife Services provides assistance for wildlife damage management needs related to aircraft safety in and around the base.
- 8. Hazing and abatement and damage control outside of "Special Hunts" when deemed a threat to aircraft safety.
- Assistance in cooperation with USDA Wildlife Services in capture of geese
 using the sedative "alpha chloralose" to immobilize and hand capture geese,
 and round-ups during molting season for relocations.
- 10. When no other options are available utilize wildlife service's capability to use small arms to remove birds under Tinker's MOU and depredation permit, when they pose a threat to aircraft related human health and safety.
- b. Del City will provide the following:
 - Provide the appropriate city ordinance to allow "Special Hunts" at Eagle Lake.
 - 2. Coordinate/notify, Del City Law Enforcement of hunting activity at Eagle Lake
 - Coordinate any "Special Hunts" outside statewide seasons with county Game Warden.
 - 4. Control access to Eagle Lake and surrounding property.
 - 5. Provide lead coordination for "Special Hunts" (i.e., timing, number of hunters, setup, etc.)
 - 6. Address any public relations concerns or inquiries.
- 5. COSTS. Neither Tinker nor Del City will incur any costs above what is currently spent. Costs that are expected to occur will be for labor of AF Biologist and USDA Wildlife Services employees already under contract for these types of activities. Neither party is responsible to reimburse the other party under this agreement.
- 6. DURATION. This MOU becomes effective upon the date of the last signature and will remain in effect from the date signed herein for a period of one year. This MOU will automatically renew each year thereafter unless otherwise terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice.

- 7. TERMINATION. This MOU may be terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice.
- 8. REVIEW. This MOU will be reviewed annually.

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE

CHRISTOPHER P. AZZANO, Colonel, USAF Commander

Date: 26 Sept 2013

THE CITY OF DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA

BRIAN E. LINLEY, Mayor_

City of Del City

Date: 26 Sept 2013