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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: August 31, 2015
MEMO TO: Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
Planning and Restoration Committee
S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee
FROM: James L Anderson, Director
Natural Resources
SUBJECT: Oak Woodland Restoration Project; Phase I Woody Invasive Plant Control
at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Oak Woodland Restoration Project; Phase I Woody Invasive Plant Control at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$143,100.00.

BACKGROUND: Captain Daniel Wright Woods contains some of Lake County’s highest quality natural areas and oak ecosystems. Oaks are considered a keystone species in the Chicago region, and play a critical role in maintaining the structure of the woodland community, providing food and shelter for many species. Unfortunately, oak seedlings and saplings in our woodlands are not receiving enough sunlight to thrive. Without action now, oak woodlands in Lake County and the Chicago region will not survive in the long term. This woodland habitat restoration project will encourage the growth of oak and other native saplings by selectively removing trees and shrubs to open up the canopy to increase light reaching the ground level. These thinning efforts will allow future generations of oaks to mature, allow for reintroduction of native shrubs and other native ground-layer species, rebuilding a sustainable woodland habitat for the future.

The goal of this project is to promote oak regeneration across 54 acres of Oak Woodland and Northern Flatwood communities by removal of invasive brush and selective removal of trees of varying sizes within Captain Daniel Wright Woods. Work will include mechanical and hand cutting, girdling, brush pile burning, loading and hauling large tree trunks, selective wick herbicide application to cut stumps, and follow-up herbiciding of non-oak resprouts.

The project was advertised on July 9, 2015 and 6 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$143,100.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$205,200.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$216,000.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$246,942.00
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$263,304.00
Trees “R” Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$432,000.00

Staff recommends that Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin November 15, 2015 and be completed by July 30, 2016.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Committee recommendation and Board approval are required in accordance with District policy.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Legal Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$620,640.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$170,000.00. The actual cost of \$143,100.00 will be charged to account 20104100-803200-65004.

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
 REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE AND FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** present herewith "A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. for the Oak Woodland Restoration Project, Phase I Woody Invasive Plant Control at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve" and request its adoption.

PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:	YEA	NAY	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:	YEA	NAY
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Tom Weber					

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICE, INC.
FOR THE OAK WOODLAND RESTORATION PROJECT; PHASE I WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL AT
CAPTAIN DANIEL WRIGHT WOODS FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of all work necessary to complete the Oak Woodland Restoration Project; Phase I Woody Invasive Plant Control at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (the "Work"); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on July 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$143,100.00
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WHEREAS, the District's staff; the Purchasing Manager; the Director of Natural Resources, the Planning and Restoration Committee, and the Finance and Administrative Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder, and award a contract for the Work to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, **THAT**:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$143,100.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc.

Section 3: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Work in the amount of the Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie A. Gagnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____