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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: Habitat Restoration Phase II Clearing at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Habitat Restoration; Phase II Clearing Project at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$160,000.00.

BACKGROUND: Phase II Clearing at Grassy Lake (31 acres) will control the extensive stands of invasive woody growth occurring in the floodplain of the Fox River and within an old-growth oak woodland remnant. The goal of the project is to remove non-native species including buckthorn and mulberry, and selectively thin a thick stand of box elders and silver maples along the river. This contract will complete the clearing activity first started in 2014, covering 63 acres.

Increased sunlight at ground level will allow a diverse mix of grasses and flowers to grow, allow regeneration of oaks and hickories to replace the site's aging oak woodland and provide habitat for a greater variety of wildlife species. This clearing activity will allow sweeping views of Fox River, currently obscured at the site by dense thickets.

Work will include mechanical and hand cutting, girdling, brush pile burning, selective wick herbicide application to cut stumps and follow-up herbiciding of resprouts.

The project was advertised on June 11, 2015 and 5 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

| | <u>TOTAL BID</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois | \$160,000.00 |
| Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois | \$163,799.98 |
| McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois | \$230,680.00 |
| Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois | \$254,860.00 |
| Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois | \$304,367.00 |

Staff recommends that Homer 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 Budget in the amount of \$175,000.00. The actual cost of \$ 160,000.00 will be charged to account 35634100-803200-60701.

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 for the Habitat Restoration Phase II Clearing Project at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Service, Inc.," and request its adoption.

PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

YEA NAY

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

YEA NAY



 Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair


 Nick Sauer, Vice-Chair

 Linda Pedersen, Vice-Chair




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 Steve Carlson



 Bill Durkin

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 Sandra Hart

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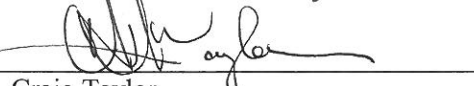
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**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE HABITAT RESTORATION PHASE II CLEARING
PROJECT AT GRASSY LAKE FOREST PRESERVE TO HOMER TREE SERVICE, INC.**

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 Habitat Restoration Phase II Clearing Project at Grassy Lake 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 June 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders, which include bid alternate one:

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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 Homer Tree Service, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder, and award a contract for the Work to Homer Tree Service, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Homer 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 Homer Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$160,000.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Homer 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 Contract 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. _____