



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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DATE: November 2, 2015 Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

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: Woody Invasive Plant Clearing – Woodland Habitat Restoration Phase I at Grant Woods Forest Preserve

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing – Woodland Habitat Restoration Phase I at Grant Woods Forest Preserve to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin, in the Contract Price of \$189,700.00.

BACKGROUND: The Work of this project includes all labor, equipment, and materials to selectively remove invasive woody trees and shrubs by hand cutting with chainsaws and mechanically cutting with shears from 70.0 acres of Grant Woods Forest Preserve, north unit, located in Lake Villa, south of Route 132, north of Monaville Road (the Work Site). The goal of this project is to remove invasive woody species and encourage growth of herbaceous vegetation to allow for implementation of prescribed burn management.

Funding for this project is provided in part by an anonymous \$600,000.00 donation specifically designated for restoration work at Grant Woods Forest Preserve.

The project was advertised on September 17, 2015 and five bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$ 189,700.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$ 230,650.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$ 280,000.00
Trees "R" Us, Inc. Wauconda, Illinois	\$ 280,000.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$ 324,100.00

Staff recommends that Applied Ecological Services, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 1, 2015 and be completed by August 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 5-year Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$600,000.00 of which \$300,000.00 was approved as part of the FY 2015/16 budget. This portion of the project was estimated at \$210,000.00. The actual cost of \$189,700.00 will be charged to account 20104100-803200-60604.

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE
WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CLEARING WOODLAND HABITAT RESTORATION PHASE I PROJECT AT
GRANT WOODS FOREST PRESERVE TO APPLIED ECOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids to purchase work necessary to remove invasive woody species and thin select native species as part of the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing Woodland Habitat Restoration Phase I Project at Grant 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 October 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$189,700.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$230,650.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$238,000.00
Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$280,000.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$324,100.00

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 Applied Ecological Services, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Applied Ecological Services, 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 Applied Ecological Services, Inc., in the amount of \$189,700.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Applied Ecological Services, 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:

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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. _____