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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: November 2, 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: Invasive Plant Control Phase II at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve

Agenda Item# 8.5

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Invasive Plant Control Phase II at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve to Inland Landscape Group, Wauconda, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$128,825.00.

BACKGROUND: Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve is a 781-acre preserve consisting of large habitats of prairie, wetland, shrubland, and woodland communities. A wide diversity of plants and animals are found here, including several that are listed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as Species in Greatest Need of Conservation. Past habitat restoration efforts included as Phase I focused on invasive woody plant control on the western 1/3 acreage of the Preserve. This Phase II contract focuses invasive woody plant control within the centrally-located 75 acres of the preserve, where high quality prairie and wetland remnants occur.

The project was advertised on September 10, 2015 and four bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Inland Landscape Group, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$128,825.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$152,430.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$160,960.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$198,200.00

Staff recommends that Inland Landscape Group be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 15, 2015 and be completed by July 31, 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 item was approved as part of the adopted FY2015/2016 Capital Improvement Plan for Cuba Marsh Habitat Restoration in the amount of \$150,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$135,000.00. The actual cost of \$128,825.00 will be charged to account 35634100-803200-64104.

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PHASE II PROJECT AT
CUBA MARSH FOREST PRESERVE TO INLAND LANDSCAPE GROUP, 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 Invasive Plant Control Phase II Project at Cuba Marsh 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 September 30, 2015 at 10:15 a.m.; and

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

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Inland Landscape Group, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$128,825.00
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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 Inland Landscape Group, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Inland Landscape Group, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Inland Landscape Group, 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 Inland Landscape Group, Inc., in the amount of \$128,825.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Inland Landscape Group, 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.

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____