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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

**Agenda Item#** 9.8

**SUBJECT:** Oak Woodland Restoration Project; Lloyd's Woods Riparian Clearing at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Oak Woodland Restoration Project; Lloyd's Woods Riparian Clearing at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$113,998.10.

**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 33.9 acres of Oak Woodland and Northern Flatwood communities along the Des Plaines River riparian corridor by removal of invasive brush and selective removal of trees/shrubs of varying sizes within Captain Daniel Wright Woods and the area around the Adlai E. Stevenson Historic Home. Work will include mechanical and hand cutting, girdling, brush pile burning, selective wick herbicide application to cut stumps and follow-up herbiciding of non-oak resprouts.

The project was advertised on September 3, 2015 and 7 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC, Elmhurst, Illinois	\$99,835.50
Natural Resource Management, Inc., Beecher, Illinois	\$109,108.50
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$113,998.10
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$114,719.50
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$116,297.90
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$143,810.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$181,960.00

Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC submitted the low bid. However, staff recommends that Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC's bid be found non-responsive, because it fails to comply with the District's insurance requirements as listed in the bid documents. Therefore, staff recommends that the bid submitted by Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC be rejected.



Natural Resource Management, Inc. submitted the second lowest bid. However, staff recommends that Natural Resource Management, Inc. be found not qualified as a responsible bidder for this project because the bid submittal was missing the Bidders Proposal, Bidder's Sworn Acknowledgement, Bidder's Sworn Work History Statement, Bidder Organizational and Experience Chart, and List of Subcontractors (if any). The submittal documents were also not signed or notarized in any location. Therefore, staff recommends that the bid submitted by Natural Resource Management, Inc. be rejected.

After reviewing the bids and relevant information, including references, staff recommends that Tallgrass Restoration, LLC be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder.

Work is anticipated to begin December 1, 2015 and be completed by July 15, 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, Purchasing Manager, 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 \$110,000.00. The actual cost of \$113,998.10 will be charged to account 69644100-803200-65004.

**PRESENTER:** James L. Anderson

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 COUNTY OF LAKE )

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
 REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING  
 NOVEMBER 10, 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 Tallgrass Restoration, LLC for the Lloyd's Woods Riparian Clearing 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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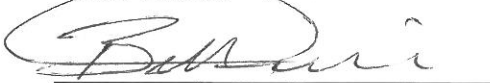
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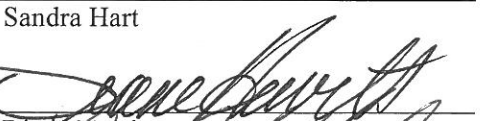
  
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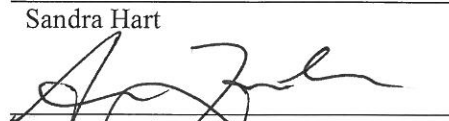
  
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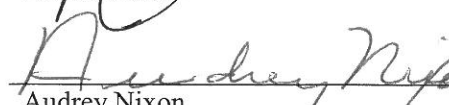




  
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**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TALLGRASS RESTORATION, LLC FOR THE LLOYD'S WOODS  
RIPARIAN CLEARING 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 to purchase work necessary to remove invasive woody species and thin select native species as part of the Lloyd's Woods Riparian Clearing 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 September 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received in the following amounts, which include all four bid alternates, from the following bidders:

	<u><b>TOTAL BID</b></u>
Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC, Elmhurst, Illinois	\$99,835.50
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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the bids submitted by Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC, and Natural Resource Management, Inc. are not responsive bids; and

**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, based upon the bids and related information, recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Tallgrass Restoration, LLC to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC (the "Contract"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Tallgrass Restoration, LLC 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: Rejection of Low Bids. The bids submitted by Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC and Natural Resource Management, Inc. are hereby rejected.

Section 3: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Tallgrass Restoration, LLC in the amount of \$113,998.10 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC.

Section 4: 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 5: Payments. The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

Section 6: 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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NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

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Ann B. Maine, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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Julie A. Gagnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_