



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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DATE: November 30, 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: Native Seed Purchase for Grassy Lake Forest Preserve Phase I Restoration

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Purchase of Native Seed for Grassy Lake Forest Preserve to Prairie Moon Nursery, Winona, Wisconsin, in the Contract Price of \$47,146.45, and Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, Minnesota, in the Contract Price of \$27,759.35.

BACKGROUND: The District will be installing native seed at the newly opened section of Grassy Lake Forest Preserve as part of ongoing ecological restoration efforts. Prairie and woodland seed will be broadcast within the 50 acres where dense stands of invasive woody and herbaceous species were controlled last year. The growth of a diverse, showy mix of native species will enhance the site's wildlife habitat values, increase competitive forces necessary to limit weed spread, and provide year-long enjoyment to preserve-users on the newly opened trail.

The project was advertised on October 23, 2015 and 5 bids were received. A summary of the lowest bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Prairie Moon Nursery, Winona, Minnesota	\$ 47,146.45
Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, Minnesota	\$ 27,759.35
<u>SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS UNDER \$20,000.00</u>	
Spence Restoration Nursery, Muncie, Indiana	\$ 10,414.80
Genesis Nursery, Tampico, Illinois	\$ 6,225.09
Ion Exchange, Inc. , Harpers Ferry, IA	\$ 2,936.10

Materials were bid on a unit price per species. Staff has awarded a contract to each of the 3 low bidders whose total bids are less than \$20,000.00. Staff recommends that Prairie Moon Nursery and Shooting Star Native Seeds be awarded contracts as the lowest responsible bidders for the species for which they are the low bidders. The total of their low bids is greater than \$20,000.00, thus requiring Committee recommendation and Board approval of the contracts for those bids. Work is anticipated to begin January 2016 and be completed by March 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 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$2,282,989.00. The total amount of the contracts with Prairie Moon Nursery, Shooting Star Native Seeds, and the three contracts already awarded by staff is \$94,481.79, which will be charged to account 35634100-803200-60701. This portion of the project was estimated at \$120,000.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION(S) SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Conservation

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
 REGULAR DECEMBER MEETING
 DECEMBER 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 Contracts for the Purchase of Native Seed for the Habitat Restoration Project at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve" and request its adoption.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION
 COMMITTEE:**

YEA NAY

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
 COMMITTEE:**

YEA NAY

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATIVE SEED FOR
THE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT AT GRASSY LAKE FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids to purchase native seed for the Habitat Restoration Project at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve (the "Products"); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on November 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.; 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 identified on Exhibit A and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find (i) Prairie Moon Nursery, Winona, Minnesota, to be the lowest responsible bidder with respect to the yellow highlighted bids on Exhibit A in the column labeled "Prairie Moon Nursery" (the "Prairie Moon Bids"), and (ii) Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, Minnesota, to be the lowest responsible bidder with respect to the yellow highlighted bids on Exhibit A in the column labeled "Shooting Star" (the "Shooting Star Bids"), and award contracts for the Products to those bidders consistent therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Prairie Moon Nursery and Shooting Star Native Seeds are the lowest responsible bidders for the Products, as set forth in the previous clause;

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 Prairie Moon Bids in the total amount of \$47,146.45 (the "Prairie Moon Contract Price") are hereby accepted and a contract for the Products in the amount of the Prairie Moon Contract Price is hereby awarded to Prairie Moon Nursery (the "Prairie Moon Contract"). The Shooting Star Bids in the total amount of \$27,759.35 (the "Shooting Star Contract Price") are hereby accepted and a contract for the Products in the amount of the Shooting Star Contract Price is hereby awarded to Shooting Star Native Seeds (the "Shooting Star Contract" (collectively, the Prairie Moon Contract and the Shooting Star Contract are the "Contracts").

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contracts in the amounts of the Prairie Moon Contract Price and the Shooting Star Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contracts' 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. Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

Species (Graminoids)	Qty. (PLS Lbs.)	Prairie Moon Nursery				SPENCE				SHOOTING STAR				GENESIS NURSERY				ION EXCHANGE			
		TIER-1	QA	PPU	IC	TIER 1	QA	PPU	IC	TIER-1	QA	CPU	IC	TIER-1	QA	PPU	IC	TIER-1	QA	PPU	IC
Desmodium canadense (DH)	6.750			224	1512.00					N		129.80	876.15			119.97	809.79				
Desmodium illinoense (DH)	3.380			344	1162.72					N		394.80	1334.42								
Dodecatheon meadia	2.280			1320	3009.60							1448.80	3303.26								
Echinacea pallida	15.060			137	2063.22							144.80	2180.69								
Eryngium yuccifolium	9.370			132.00	1236.84			150.00	1405.50	N		134.80	1263.08							50.00	468.50
Euphorbia corollata	10.570	n	2	1250.00	2500.00					N		447.80	4733.25								
Galium boreale	1.700	n		1400.00	2380.00																
Gentiana andrewsii	0.170			1500.00	255.00					N		1789.80	304.27								
Gentiana flavida	0.170																	N		300.00	51.00
Gentiana puberulenta	0.140																	N		1500.00	465.00
Gentiana quinquefolia	0.310			1340.00	415.40																
Geum triflorum (DF)	1.440																				
Gnaphalium obtusifolium	0.200	n		740.00	148.00																
Helenium autumnale	0.340	n		180.00	61.20							147.80	50.25			55.00	18.70	N		100.00	34.00
Helianthus grosseserratus	1.690			375.00	633.75			395.00	667.55			269.80	455.96							300.00	507.00
Helianthus rigidus / laetiflorus	1.690			740.00	1250.60					N		494.80	836.21								
Heliopsis helianthoides	5.060			27.00	136.62																
Heuchera richardsonii	0.160			928.00	148.48							1489.80	238.37								
Hypoxis hirsuta	0.170																				
Krigia biflora (DF)	0.170																				
Kuhnia eupatorioides (DF)	2.880									N		134.80	388.22								
Lespedeza capitata (DH)	10.320	n		120.00	1238.40							94.90	979.37			85.00	877.20				
Liatris aspera (DF)	10.810			330.00	3567.30							114.80	580.89								
Liatris cylindracea (DF)	4.310																				
Liatris spicata (DF)	5.060			99.00	500.94			225.00	1138.50												
Lithospermum canescens	2.840	n	0.2	3500.00	700.00																
Lobelia spicata	0.020			3200.00	64.00																
Monarda fistulosa	1.130			260.00	293.80			149.00	168.37			168.80	190.74								
Onosmodium molle / hispidissimum	0.580																				
Oxalis violacea	0.770																				
Parthenium integrifolium	11.060			97.00	1072.82			61.00	674.66			134.80	1490.89			71.99	796.21	N		80.00	884.80
Pedicularis canadensis	2.550																				
Penstemon digitalis	0.170							120.00	20.40			88.90	15.11					N		200.00	34.00
Penstemon pallida	0.430			728	313.04																
Petalostemum candidum (DH)	4.570									N		89.8	410.39								
Petalostemum purpureum (DH)	4.570									N		47.8	218.45								
Phlox pilosa	6.000																				
Physostegia virginiana	1.690							450	760.5	N		244.8	413.72			239.74	405.09				
Polygala sanguinea	1.440																				
Potentilla arguta	0.310							150.00	46.50							104.50	32.39				
Prenanthes racemosa	1.690																				
Psoralea tenuifolia	10.000																				
Pycnanthemum virginica	0.370			666.00	246.42			105.00	415.80			364.80	134.98					N		400.00	148.00
Ratibida pinnata	3.960									N		78.80	312.05								
Rudbeckia hirta	1.130			28.00	31.64			120.00	100.80			34.80	39.32			79.99	67.19				
Rudbeckia subtomentosa	0.840			90.00	75.60							74.80	62.83								
Ruellia humilis	5.750																	N		300.00	1725.00
Scutellaria parvula/leonardii	0.290	n	0.0625	3840.00	240.00																
Silphium integrifolium	6.500			118.00	767.00			104.00	676.00											100.00	650.00
Silphium laciniatum	9.880			135.00	1333.80			18.00	1778.40			124.80	1233.02								
Silphium perfoliatum	13.500			135.00	1822.50			94.00	1269.00	N		94.80	1279.80			104.95	1416.82	N		90.00	1215.00

