



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: January 4, 2016

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 2016 CIP for Multiple Preserves

Agenda Item# 9.7

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Native Seed Purchase for Multiple Preserves to Prairie Moon Nursery, in the Contract Price of \$241,682.53.

BACKGROUND: The District will be installing native seed in fall of 2016 at Kettle Grove and Lakewood Forest Preserves as part of ongoing ecological restoration efforts. Seed installation will occur after invasive species control and additional preparations are completed by District staff and volunteers. Seed installation will occur across 73 acres.

The project was advertised on November 9, 2015 and three bids were received. A summary of the lowest bids received is listed below:

	TOTAL BID
Prairie Moon Nursery, Winona, MN	\$ 241,682.53
<u>SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS UNDER \$20,000.00</u>	
Shooting Star Native Seed, Spring Grove, MN	\$ 11,253.04
Spence Restoration Nursery, Muncie, IN	\$ 3,539.89

Materials were bid on a unit price per species. Staff has awarded a contract to each of the two low bidders whose total bids are less than \$20,000.00. Staff recommends that Prairie Moon Nursery be awarded a contract as the lowest responsible bidders for the species for which it is the low bidder. The total of its low bid is greater than \$20,000.00, thus requiring Committee recommendation and Board approval of the contracts for this bid. Seed installation is anticipated to begin November 1, 2016 and be completed by December 31, 2016 by District staff.

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 \$810,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$250,000.00. The two vendors with bids under \$20,000.00 that do not require Committee and Board approval total \$14,792.93, and combined with this contract total \$256,475.46. Funding will be charged to the Lakewood IDOT Account (20104100-803200-61010) in the amount of \$39,088.28, Kettle Grove-Singing Hills CIP Project Account (20104100-803200-61504) in the amount of \$105,305.71, and Lakewood-Schreiber CIP Project Account (35634100-803200-61005), in the amount of \$112,081.47.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS(S) SUPPORTED: Conservation

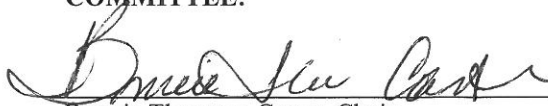
PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

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 COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
 REGULAR JANUARY MEETING
 JANUARY 12, 2016**

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 Prairie Moon Nursery for Native Seed Purchase 2016 CIP- Multiple Preserves" 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 A CONTRACT TO PRAIRIE MOON NURSERY FOR
NATIVE SEED PURCHASE 2016 CIP - MULTIPLE PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids to purchase native seed for 2016 Habitat Restoration Projects at Multiple Preserves (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 23, 2015 at 10:00 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 Prairie Moon Nursery ("Prairie Moon Nursery") to be the lowest responsible bidder with respect to the bids on Exhibit A, listed in the column titled "Prairie Moon Nursery" and highlighted in yellow ("Prairie Moon Bids") and award a contract for the Products identified in the Prairie Moon Bids (the "Contract") to Prairie Moon Nursery consistent therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Prairie Moon Nursery is the lowest responsible bidder 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 submitted by Prairie Moon Nursery in the amount of \$241,682.53 (the "Contract Price") are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Products is hereby awarded to Prairie Moon Nursery.

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Products 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's 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 _____, 2016.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

Species (Forbs)	Vendor: Qty. (PLS Lbs.)	Prairie Moon Nursery			Shooting Star Native Seed			Spence Restoration Nursery		
		QA	PPU	IC	QA	PPU	IC	QA	PPU	IC
Helianthus strumosus NA	7.25									
Heracleum maximum	17.11	A	76.00	1,300.36	A T2	59.80	1,023.18			
Hydrophyllum virginianum	8.21	A	977.00	8,021.17						
Isopyrum biternatum Partial	2.10	1 T2	3,900.00	3,900.00						
Lobelia inflata	0.55	A T2	1,580.00	869.00						
Mitella diphylla Partial	2.46	1 T2	3,900.00	3,900.00						
Osmorhiza claytonii	18.25	A	284.00	5,183.00						
Penstemon calycosus NA	3.06									
Penstemon digitalis	2.42	A	88.00	212.96	A	84.40	204.25	A	104.00	251.68
Penstemon pallida	2.07	A	728.00	1,506.96						
Phryma leptostachya	5.70	A T2	1,692.00	9,644.40						
Polemonium reptans Partial	4.70	1 T2	2,258.00	2,258.00						
Polygonatum caniculatum	19.16	A	317.00	6,073.72						
Polygonum virginiana	6.62	A	637.00	4,216.94						
Prenanthes alba	5.48	A T2	1,384.00	7,584.32						
Rudbeckia subtomentosa	5.61	A	73.00	409.53	A	78.80	442.07	A	149.00	835.89
Rudbeckia triloba	8.21	A	128.00	1,050.88	A	78.80	646.95			
Scrophularia lanceolata	1.48	A R	166.00	245.68						
Scrophularia marilandica	1.51	A	247.00	372.97						
Silene stellata Partial	5.89	2	1,360.00	2,720.00						
Smilacina racemosa	35.59	A	324.00	11,531.16						
Smilax lasioneura/herbacea	22.81	A	287.00	6,546.47						
Solidago flexicaulus (DF) Partial	3.27	1	1,784.00	1,784.00						
Solidago ulmifolia (DF)	2.12	A	1,124.00	2,382.88	A	1,149.40	2,436.73			
Taenidia integerrima Partial	3.01	1	1,729.00	1,729.00						
Thalictrum dioicum	12.55	A	555.00	6,965.25						
Triosteum perfoliatum	10.27	A T2	844.00	8,667.88						
Verbena urticifolia	1.93	A	198.00	382.14						
	TOTALS:		\$241,682.53			\$11,253.04			\$3,539.89	
KEY:										
QA: Quantity Available (A = All)										
PPU: Price Per Unit (PLS pound)										
IC: Itemized Cost (Extension Price)										
B = Seed only available as "Bulk;" not as PLS, DF, DH, wild genotype or otherwise specified										
R = Seed originates outside of the specified 200 mile range from Lake County, IL										
T2 = Tier Two, seed originates outside of the preferred provenance range (Tier One) from Lake County, IL										