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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 1, 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

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Wetland Invasive Plant Control 2016 – Spring Bluff Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, IL in the Contract Price of \$33,450.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This item was approved as part of the adopted FY2015/2016 Budget in the amount of \$40,000. A portion of this project is funded by a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The actual cost of \$33,450.00 will be charged to the Natural Resource Grant Fund (69644100-803200-56052) in the amount of \$18,664 and the Habitat Restoration Fund (20104100-803200-60004) in the amount of \$14,786.85.

BACKGROUND: This project is part of the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain Habitat Restoration Project funded through the Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) Stewardship Grant Program. The Wetland Invasive Plant Control Project area is a 90-acre mosaic of wet prairie, emergent marsh and sedge meadow habitat within the Spring Bluff Forest Preserve. All of Spring Bluff is a dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve that provides habitat for several threatened and endangered plants and animals. The project is in its fourth year of invasive wetland plant control in the eastern portion of the preserve, and the seventh year of control in the western portion. This ongoing work is part of a larger restoration effort within the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain to restore critical Lake Michigan natural communities.

The project was advertised on December 12, 2015 and four bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$33,450.85
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$64,865.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$71,220.00
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$74,430.00

Staff recommends that Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin March 1, 2016 and be completed by November 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, Corporate Counsel

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
WETLAND INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL 2016 – SPRING BLUFF FOREST
PRESERVE TO INTEGRATED LAKES MANAGEMENT, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of Wetland Invasive Plant Control at Spring Bluff 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 December 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

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Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$74,430.00
V3 Construction Group, LTD., Woodridge, Illinois	\$74,735.00

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 Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Integrated Lakes Management, 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 Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. in the amount of \$33,450.85 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Integrated Lakes Management, 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 amounts 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 _____, 2016.

AYES:

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____