



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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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 Invasive Plant Control Project 2016 at Middlefork Savanna to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC of Libertyville, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$29,600.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION:** Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** This item was approved as part of the adopted FY2014/2015 Budget in the amount of \$76,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$30,000.00. The actual cost of \$29,600.00 will be charged to Farmland Management Fund (2864400-705100-62803).

**BACKGROUND:** Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve contains many examples of high quality oak savanna, prairie, and wetland habitats. The work of this project will provide season-long invasive plant control to a western portion of the preserve totaling over 150 acres.

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

	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC	\$ 29,600.00
Red Buffalo Nursery	\$ 30,440.00
McGinty Bros., Inc.	\$ 31,160.00
Homer Environmental, LLC	\$ 31,200.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.	\$ 32,000.00
ENCAP, Inc.	\$ 35,992.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC	\$ 40,160.00

Staff recommends that Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin May 2, 2016 and be completed by October 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, Corporate Counsel

**PRESENTER:** James L. Anderson



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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL  
PROJECT 2016 AT MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA FOREST PRESERVE  
TO LIBERTY PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of Invasive Plant Control 2016 at Middlefork Savanna 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 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders (which includes bid alternate one and four):

	<b>TOTAL BID</b>
Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois	\$29,600.00
Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois	\$30,440.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$31,160.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$31,200.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$32,000.00
ENCAP, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois	\$35,992.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$40,160.00

**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 Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC (the “Contract”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Liberty Prairie Restorations, 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: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, in the amount of \$29,600.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC.

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 Prices.

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.

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Ann B. Maine, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

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Julie A. Gagnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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