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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: August 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 of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Native Cover Crop Seed Purchase Fall 2016 for the Southern Des Plaines River sites to Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, Minnesota, in the Contract Price of \$24,077.50.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$75,000.00. The one vendor with a bid under \$20,000.00 that does not require Committee and Board approval totals \$14,343.00, and combines with this contract for a grand total \$38,420.50, which will be charged to the Farmland Management Fund, (28644000-705100-62804). This portion of the project was estimated at \$67,000.00.

BACKGROUND: The District will be installing native seed in fall 2016 at southern Des Plaines River Forest Preserves across approximately 146 acres as part of ongoing ecological restoration efforts. Seeding areas coincide with past and current woody invasive clearing projects as part of the Oak Woodland Restoration Project. Seed installation will occur after woody invasive species control by District staff.

The project was advertised on June 1, 2016 and two bids were received. A summary of the lowest bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, MN	\$ 24,077.50
<u>SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS UNDER \$20,000.00</u>	
Genesis Nursery, Inc., Tampico, IL	\$ 14,343.00

Materials were bid on a unit price per species. Staff has awarded a contract to the one low bidder whose total bid is less than \$20,000.00. Staff recommends that Shooting Star Native Seeds be awarded a contract as the lowest responsible bidder for the species for which they are the lowest bidder. The total of their lowest bid is greater than \$20,000.00, thus requiring Committee recommendation and Board approval of the contract. Work is anticipated to begin September 1, 2016 and be completed by December 10, 2016.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

STATE OF ILLINOIS)) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR AUGUST MEETING
AUGUST 9, 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 Shooting Star Native Seeds for the Purchase of Native Cover Crop Seed for the Southern Des Plaines River Sites" and request its adoption.

PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

Date: 8/11/16 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: 0

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SHOOTING STAR NATIVE SEEDS
FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATIVE COVER CROP SEED
FOR THE SOUTHERN DES PLAINES RIVER SITES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids to purchase Native Cover Crop Seed for Fall 2016 for Southern Des Plaines River sites (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 June 15, 2016 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 Shooting Star Native Seeds, ("Shooting Star") to be the lowest responsible bidder with respect to the bids on Exhibit A, listed in the column titled "Shooting Star" and highlighted in red ("Shooting Star Bids") and award a contract for the Products identified in the Shooting Star Bids (the "Contract") to Shooting Star Native Seeds consistent therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Shooting Star 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 Shooting Star Bids submitted by Shooting Star in the amount of \$24,077.50 (the "Contract Price") are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Products is hereby awarded to Shooting Star .

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 Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit # _____

EXHIBIT A: BID RESULTS
 PROJECT: PURCHASE OF NATIVE COVER CROP SEED FOR FALL 2016
 BID#: 16047

Species	spp substitutions; DF/DH	Common Name	WRIGHT WOODS 146 Acres		REVISED TOTAL QUANTITY DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF UNAVAILABLE SPECIES (LBS)	SHOOTING STAR					GENESIS NURSERY					
			oz.	lbs.		Tier 1	QA	PPU	EXT.	Tier 1	QA	PPU	EXT.			
Bromus pubescens	Bromus purgans	Woodland Brome	292.00	18.25	20	N-170 mi	All	\$195.00	\$3,900.00							
Carex blanda			73.00	4.56												
Carex davisi		Awed Graceful Sedge	175.20	10.95	12											
Carex gracillima		Purple-sheathed Graceful Sedge	21.90	1.37										All	\$350.00	\$4,200.00
Carex normalis		Spreading Oval Sedge	438.00	27.38	35	Y	12 lbs	\$235.00	\$2,820.00	Y	All	\$180.00				
Carex rosea		Curly-Styled Wood Sedge	73.00	4.56												
Carex sparganioides			73.00	4.56												
Cinna arundinacea		Common Wood Reed	146.00	9.13												
Elymus canadensis		Canada Wild Rye	1752.00	109.5	125	N-140 mi	All	\$13.00	\$1,625.00							
Elymus villosus		Silky Wild Rye	511.00	31.94	35	N-170 mi	All	\$70.00	\$2,450.00	Y	All	\$99.80			\$3,493.00	
Elymus virginicus		Virginia Wild Rye	1752.00	109.5	120	N-170 mi	All	\$9.50	\$1,140.00							
Glyceria striata		Fowl Manna Grass	73.00	4.56												
Hystrix patula		Bottlebrush Grass	1022.00	63.88	67	N-290 mi	All	\$65.00	\$4,355.00							
Juncus tenuis		Path Rush	21.90	1.37	1.5	Y	All	\$595.00	\$892.50							
Muhlenbergia mexicana		Leafy Satin Grass	29.20	1.83												
Agastache scrophulariaefolia		Purple Giant Hyssop	87.60	5.48	6	N-170 mi	All	\$340.00	\$2,040.00							
Aster lateriflorus	DF	Side-Flowering Aster	29.20	1.83												
Campanula americana		Tall Bellflower	43.80	2.74	3	N-160 mi	All	\$575.00	\$1,725.00							
Polygonum virginianum		Woodland Knotweed	146.00	9.13												
Solidago flexicaulis	DF	Zig-Zag Goldenrod	14.60	0.91												
Solidago ulmifolia	DF	Elm-Leaved Goldenrod	14.60	0.91	1	Y	All	\$1,090.00	\$1,090.00	Y	All	\$350.00			\$350.00	
Zizia aurea		Golden Alexanders	730.00	45.63	48	Y	All	\$175.00	\$8,400.00	Y	All	\$70.00			\$3,360.00	

TOTAL (by Vendor) \$24,077.50

TOTAL PROJECT (all Vendors) \$38,420.50

UNAVAILABLE

LOW BID IN RED