



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: October 3, 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 Woody Invasive Plant Control Phase 5 Clearing at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$128,940.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project is being partially funded by the Preservation Foundation of Lake County Forest Preserves in the amount of \$95,000.00. The remaining \$33,940.00 will be charged to the approved FY 2016/17 Farmland Management Budget for Site Specific Invasive Species Management (28644000-705100-62803).

BACKGROUND: Eradication of buckthorn from District land in conjunction with reducing buckthorn by 50% overall in the county, is one of the five conservation goals identified in the Board's adopted Strategic Plan. The area surrounding and including Middlefork Savanna was chosen to serve as the pilot project for this buckthorn eradication initiative. A private donor interested in this project made a large contribution to the Preservation Foundation with the understanding that the donation would be put toward this project.

This contract is to eradicate buckthorn and selectively thin other invasive species from the last remaining un-cleared section of Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve. In total, the project area encompasses 61.4 acres of degraded marsh, sedge meadow, prairie, and savanna habitats. Work will include mechanical and hand-cutting (e.g., chain saws, hand saws, tracked skid-loaders, feller bunchers), brush disposal via brush pile burning, selective wick herbicide application to cut stumps, and follow-up wick foliar application of resprouts.

The project was advertised on August 2, 2016 and six (6) bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$128,940.00
JH Landworks, Wauconda, Illinois	\$145,825.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$168,850.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$178,060.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$194,929.65
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$338,928.00

Staff recommends that Homer Tree Service, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 1, 2016 and be completed by July 30, 2017.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, 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 WOODY INVASIVE PLANT
CONTROL PHASE 5 AT MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA FOREST PRESERVE TO
HOMER TREE SERVICE, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of work necessary to complete Woody Invasive Plant Control 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 A, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders:

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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 Homer Tree Service, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Homer Tree Service, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Homer Tree Service, 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 a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Homer Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$128,940.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Homer Tree Service, 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 amount of the Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The 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

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____