



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: November 3, 2016
MEMO TO: S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee
FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the award of four Farm Licenses to the highest qualified bidders.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: Awarding the licenses will generate \$111,292.63 annually and will be credited to the Farmland Management Fund (28642500-403000). Revenue generated by these licenses in 2016 was \$107,513.79. The total budgeted revenue for farm leases is \$414,900 for 2017.

BACKGROUND: The farming program is conducted with local farmers to provide cost-effective, interim land use and management until the District is ready to convert farmland to other forest preserve purposes. Four of the current license agreements are due to expire on December 31, 2016. Farm licenses were advertised in the News-Sun on September 23, 2016 and seven bids were received. All licenses were advertised for a 4-year term. The highest qualified bidders for each parcel are noted below:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Term Years</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Highest Bidder</u>	<u>Price per Acre</u>
Dutch Gap – Hay	4	60.91	Steve Olson	\$140.00
Dutch Gap	4	461.10	Terry Brothers Grain Farm, LLC	217.55
Kestrel Ridge (Grazing)	4	38.12	Daniel B. Light	51.00
Pine Dunes – McClure (Hay)	4	4.80	Steve Olson	106.00

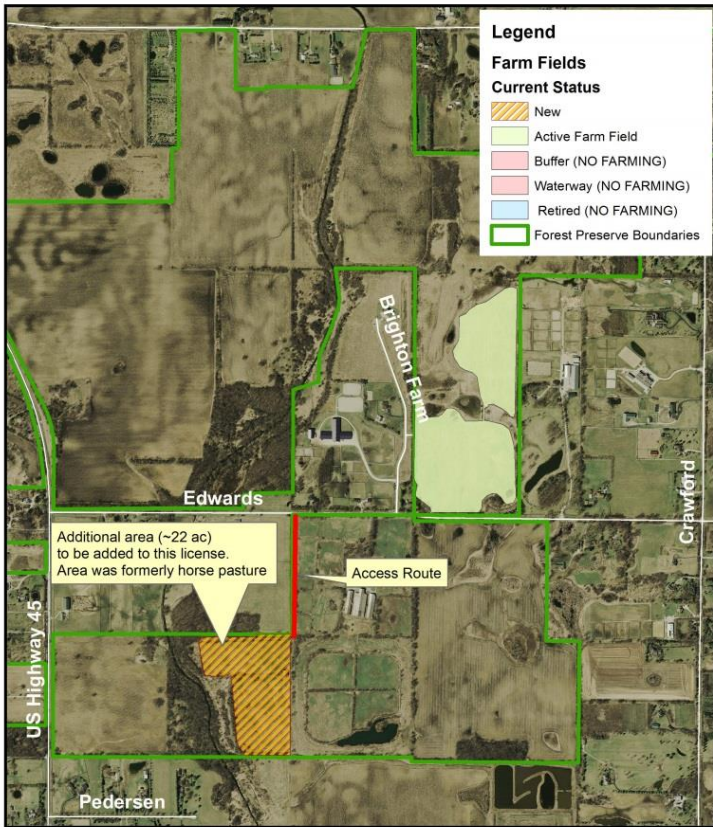
All of the Highest Bidders listed above have held District Farm Licenses in the past. All have successfully complied with program requirements.

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

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

APPROVED:

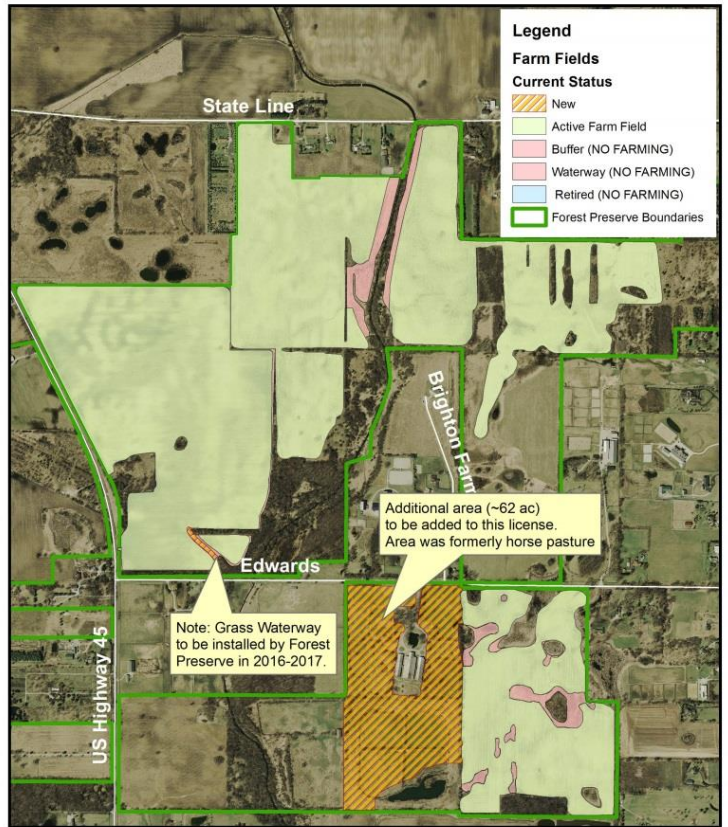
Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____Nays: ____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays:_____



Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program
 Dutch Gap Forest Preserve; Dutch Gap - Hay
 Acreage: 60.91
 Farm: 3433
 Tract: 9895
 Field: 10, 13

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Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program
 Dutch Gap Forest Preserve; Dutch Gap
 Acreage: 461.1
 Farm: 3022/465/3435/3433/3289/3108
 Tract: 10700/58/10699/9895/10974/10773
 Field: 4,7/30,33,38,40,42/15/7/21/51

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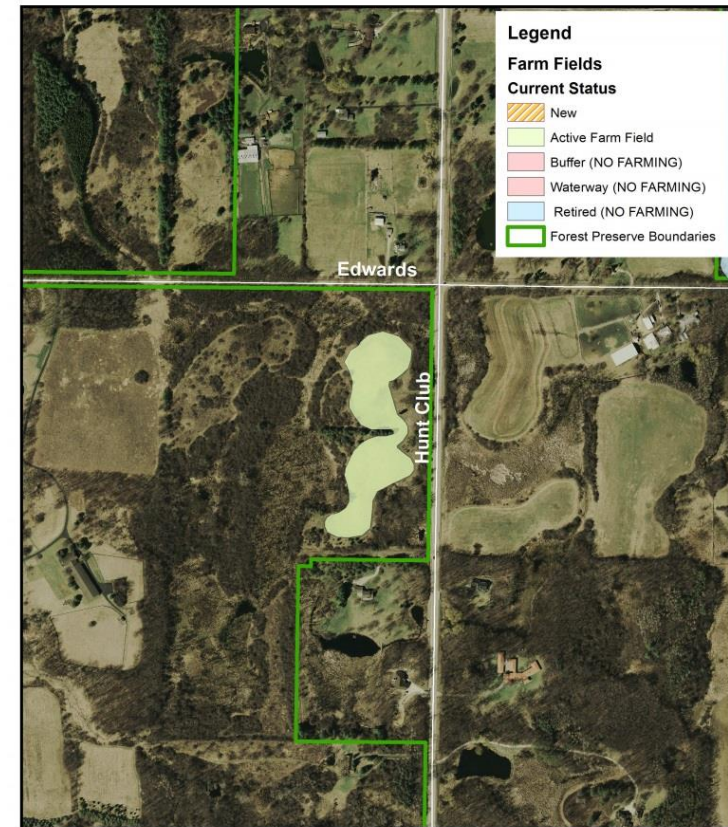
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Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program
 Kestrel Ridge Forest Preserve; Kestrel Ridge - Grazing
 Acreage: 38.12
 Farm: 3358
 Tract: 10913
 Field: 19

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Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program
 Pine Dunes Forest Preserve; Pine Dunes - McClure
 Acreage: 4.8
 Farm: 3456
 Tract: 10991
 Field: 2

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