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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 5, 2018

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Wetland Invasive Plant Control at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve to McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$75,240.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2017/2018 Farm Management Fund (partial funding) in the amount of \$45,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$80,000.00. The actual cost of \$75,240.00 will be charged as follows: \$23,480.00 to the Farm Management Fund, (28644000-705100-62806), \$14,140.00 to the Farm Management Fund, (28644000-705100-62803), and remaining \$37,620.00 will be funded by a donation from Citizen's for Conservation through the Preservation Foundation (28644000-705100-62803).

BACKGROUND: In 2016 the District began working with partners in the southwest portion of Lake County (including Grassy Lake and Cuba Marsh Forest Preserves) and northwest portion of Cook County to expand habitat restoration of high priority natural areas through the sharing of knowledge about restoration and leveraging of resources (funds, volunteers, grants, etc.). Partners include Citizens for Conservation (CFC), the District, Audubon Great Lakes, and the Bobolink Foundation.

The sedge meadow woodland complex located at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve along Miller Road has been a focal point for volunteer efforts and District-prescribed burn management over the past decade and the sedge meadow provides significant habitat for numerous plants and wildlife. The sedge meadow is becoming threatened by the spread of invasive plants. The required management needed to abate the threat exceeds what the volunteers can do and will not be addressed by burn management alone. Therefore partners collaborated to leverage funds between the District and CFC to hire a contractor for two years to control invasive plants in the highest quality portion of the sedge meadow. In addition, partners are bringing more volunteer resources to the preserve to increase planting of native sedges and control of small isolated pockets of invasive plants. An additional grant application has been submitted to secure funding for a third year of invasive plant control.

The project was advertised on December 5, 2017 and 8 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Front Range Environmental, McHenry, Illinois	\$15,100.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$54,443.40
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$75,240.00
V3 Construction Group, LTD., Woodridge, Illinois	\$79,200.00
Integrated lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$101,112.00
Native Restoration Services, Inc., Round Lake, Illinois	\$102,220.80
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$138,600.00
Cardno, Inc., Walkerton, Indiana	\$235,603.60

Staff recommends that Front Range Environmental's bid be found non-responsive because it failed to include with its bid the required bid bond and insurance letter. Further, staff recommends that Tallgrass Restoration's bid also be found non-responsive because it failed to include the required insurance letter. Therefore, staff recommends that the bids submitted by Front Range Environmental and Tallgrass Restoration be rejected.

Staff recommends that McGinty Bros., Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin April 1, 2018 and be completed by November 30, 2019.

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **PLANNING COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Wetland Invasive Plant Control at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve to McGinty Bros., Inc.,” and requests its approval.

PLANNING 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 FOR WETLAND INVASIVE PLANT
CONTROL AT GRASSY LAKE FOREST PRESERVE TO MCGINTY BROS., 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 Wetland Invasive Plant Control at Grassy Lake 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 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

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and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the bids submitted by Front Range Environmental and Tallgrass Restoration are not responsive bids for the Work; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Planning Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find McGinty Bros., Inc., to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to McGinty Bros., Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that McGinty Bros., 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: Rejection of Low Bids. The bids submitted by Front Range Environmental and Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, are hereby rejected.

Section 3: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by McGinty Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$75,240.00 (the “Contract price”) is hereby accepted and a contract for the Work is hereby awarded to McGinty Bros., Inc.

Section 4: 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 5: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

Section 6: 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 _____, 2018

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____