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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 the Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team Project at Spring Bluff Forest Preserve to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$205,159.57.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation; Leadership

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of an amended FY 2017/2018 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$205,159.60. The actual cost of \$205,159.57 will be charged to the Natural Resources Grant Fund, (69642400-803200-56050). The overall Lake Plain restoration project was awarded a \$1,000,000.00 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

BACKGROUND: With funding provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship Program, the proposed contract with Native Restoration Services, Inc. would provide Lake Michigan Lake Plain landowners a means to effectively and efficiently control a suite of 18 priority invasive plant species within 6,000 acres of high quality coastal natural areas in Kenosha County, Wisconsin and Lake County, Illinois. Working on an hourly basis, the Contractor shall provide invasive plant management control for three years, with the majority of the work occurring during the growing seasons.

The coastal natural areas located between Kenosha, Wisconsin and Waukegan, Illinois support the best remaining and most diverse ecosystems along the southwestern shore of Lake Michigan. Partners involved in this project include the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, University of Wisconsin Parkside, Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund, Inc., Village of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, Village of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Zion Park District, and Zion Solutions LLC/Exelon. The District will lead the administration of the Lake Plain Strike Team contract with daily implementation of the project by partners and the District.

The project was advertised on October 20, 2017 and 5 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois	\$205,159.57
V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, Illinois	\$220,092.42
Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, Illinois	\$236,251.10
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Huntley, Illinois	\$246,670.67
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$362,177.40

Staff recommends that Native Restoration Services Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin April 1, 2018 and be completed by November 30, 2020.

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE LAKE PLAIN INVASIVE
PLANT STRIKE TEAM PROJECT AT SPRING BLUFF FOREST PRESERVE TO
NATIVE RESTORATION SERVICES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the work necessary to complete the Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team Project at Spring Bluff 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 November 8, 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 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 Native Restoration Services, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Native Restoration Services, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Native Restoration Services, 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 Native Restoration Services, Inc. in the amount of \$205,159.57 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Native Restoration Services, 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 _____, 2018

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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. _____