



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: November 3, 2014

MEMO TO: Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
Planning and Restoration Committee

Pat Carey, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach, Director
Planning, Conservation and Development

SUBJECT: Phase I Invasive Plant Control at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Phase I Invasive Plant Control Project at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$258,475.00.

BACKGROUND: Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve is a 781-acre preserve consisting of large habitat blocks of prairie, wetland, fields, shrubland, and woodland communities. A wide diversity of plants and animals are found here, including several that are listed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as Species in Greatest Need of Conservation. Past habitat restoration efforts including the control of invasive species and controlled burning have improved the ecological health in many areas of the preserve. This contract is for the removal of invasive woody plants – primarily buckthorn and non-native crabapple – found within a 90-acre remnant oak woodland and adjacent prairie/shrubland. The project area is west of the CN railroad tracks and east of Lake Zurich Road on the western edge of the preserve.

The project was advertised on September 10, 2014 and three (3) bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$ 258,475.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$ 350,831.00
Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois	\$ 382,787.19

Staff recommends that Homer Tree Service, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 15, 2014 and be completed by July 15, 2015.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Committee recommendation and Board approval are required in accordance with District policy.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Director of Operations and Public Safety, Director of Finance, Legal Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Plan for Cuba Marsh Habitat Restoration in the amount of \$350,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$275,000.00. The actual cost of \$258,475.00 will be charged to account 35634100-803200-64104.

PRESENTER: Randall L. Seebach

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
 REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING
 NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

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 Homer Tree Service, Inc. for the Phase I Invasive Plant Control Project at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve," and request its adoption.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION
 COMMITTEE:**

**FINANCE AND
 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

	YEA	NAY		YEA	NAY
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Craig Taylor			Linda Pedersen		

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HOMER TREE SERVICE, INC.
FOR THE PHASE I INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROJECT AT CUBA MARSH FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the Phase I Invasive Plant Control Project at Cuba Marsh 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 September 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$258,475.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$350,831.00
Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois	\$382,787.19

WHEREAS, the District's staff; the Purchasing Manager; the Director of Planning Conservation, and Development, 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

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 bid submitted by Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc. in the amount of \$258,475.00 (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 District 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 _____, 2014.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____