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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: April 2, 2018

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

Agenda Item# 9.6

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Kenosha, Wisconsin for Restoration of Coastal Habitat within the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain (“Connecting Coastal Wetlands: Strategic Restoration for Species of Concern” project; NFWF Project #56218) funded by a Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation; Leadership

FINANCIAL DATA: Funding for the Ecological Monitoring for this agreement in the amount of \$35,000 will be 100% funded by the Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant, awarded August 2017, and will be charged to the Natural Resource Grant Fund (69644100-803200-56056).

BACKGROUND: On August 10, 2017, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (District) was awarded a Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship grant on behalf of the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain Partnership for the restoration of coastal habitat within the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain (“Lake Plain”). The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is one of many partners that will benefit from this funding to improve coastal wetland and upland habitat in the Lake Michigan Watershed. Pursuant to the contract that would be approved by this resolution, the District would reimburse UW-Parkside for resampling vegetation and initiating invertebrate sampling to study the impacts of restoration and management on plant community composition and habitat use by short and long distance invertebrate species across the Lake Plain.

The Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain is located from the Kenosha Dunes in Wisconsin south to Waukegan Harbor in Illinois. The lake plain makes a significant contribution to the notable biodiversity of the Lake Michigan watershed and our Great Lakes ecosystem.

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 APRIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2018**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **PLANNING COMMITTEE** presents herewith "A Resolution Approving an Agreement to Reimburse the University of Wisconsin-Parkside for Restoration of Coastal Habitat within the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain" and requests its approval.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: 4-2-2018 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: 0

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

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT
TO REIMBURSE THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE
FOR RESTORATION OF COASTAL HABITAT WITHIN THE CHIWAUKEE PRAIRIE
ILLINOIS BEACH LAKE PLAIN**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") owns certain property known as Spring Bluff Forest Preserve, in Lake County, Illinois that is adjacent to other natural areas owned by other entities, including the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, and the Illinois Beach State Park owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in Lake County, Illinois (collectively, the "Lake Plain"); and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the District was awarded a Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 (the "Grant") for the restoration of critical Lake Michigan natural communities within the Lake Plain, which includes sampling vegetation and invertebrate populations to study the impacts of restoration and management on plant community composition and habitat use by short and long distance invertebrate species (the "Work"); and

WHEREAS, the agreement in the form attached hereto between the District and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside ("UWP") (the "Agreement") provides for the District to administer Grant funds to reimburse UWP a Not-to-Exceed amount of \$35,000.00 for portions of the work performed by UWP at the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain, Illinois and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, units of local government, such as the District, may contract or otherwise associate with other states to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine or transfer any power or function, in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., any power, privilege, function or authority exercised, combined or transferred and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of another state, to the extent not prohibited by law;

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. Approval of the Agreement. The Agreement is hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto.

Section 3. Execution of Agreement. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement with UWP.

Section 4. 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. _____