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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: 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve

Agenda Item# 8.5

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$32,257.50.

BACKGROUND: Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve contains many of the County's rarest plants and, at the same time, harbors some of the region's most invasive plants (i.e. crown vetch, buckthorn, and purple loosestrife). Control of these invasive species is necessary to protect the site's rich native plant and animal diversity, and to expand and maintain the successful restoration efforts in place at the site. This hourly-based contract, not to exceed 850 hours, will control invasive species through careful herbicide treatment throughout the year.

The project was advertised on September 10, 2014 and nine (9) bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois	\$32,257.50
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$32,600.00
Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois	\$34,000.00
Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois	\$34,610.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$37,544.50
Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois	\$38,887.50
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$50,575.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$55,207.50
Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Leland, Illinois	\$59,194.00

Staff recommends that Native Restoration Services, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin January 5, 2015 and be completed by December 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 (Habitat Restoration) in the amount of \$500,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$38,250.00. The actual cost of \$32,257.50 will be charged to account 20104100-803200-60004.

PRESENTER: Randall L. Seebach

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 COUNTY OF LAKE)

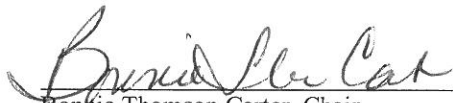
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
 REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING
 NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

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 Native Restoration Services, Inc. for the 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve," and request its adoption.


PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:



 Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair

YEA NAY



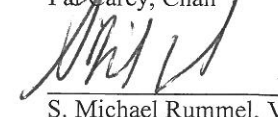
 Pat Carey, Chair

YEA NAY



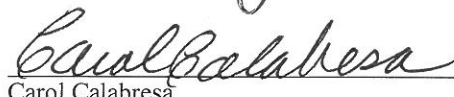
 Nick Sauer, Vice-Chair

YEA NAY



 S. Michael Rummel, Vice Chair

YEA NAY



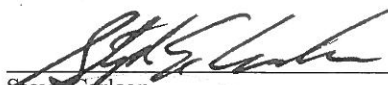
 Carol Calabresa

YEA NAY



 Sandra Hart

YEA NAY



 Steve Carlson

YEA NAY



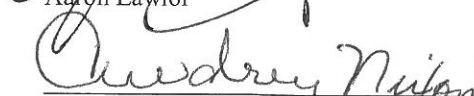
 Aaron Lawlor

YEA NAY



 Bill Durkin

YEA NAY



 Audrey Nixon

YEA NAY

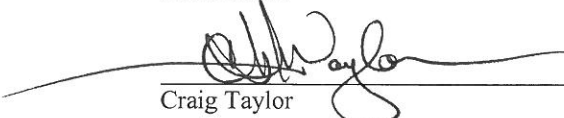


 Sandra Hart

YEA NAY

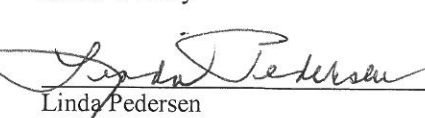
 Diana O'Kelly

YEA NAY



 Craig Taylor

YEA NAY



 Linda Pedersen

YEA NAY

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO NATIVE RESTORATION SERVICES, INC.
FOR THE 2015 INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROJECT AT FORT SHERIDAN FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project at Fort Sheridan 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, which include bid alternates one and two:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois	\$32,257.50
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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 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

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 Native Restoration Services, Inc. in the amount of \$32,257.50 (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 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. _____