



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** March 4, 2019

**MEMO TO:** Jessica Vealitzek, Chair  
Operations Committee

**FROM:** James L. Anderson  
Director of Natural Resources

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Invasive Plant Control at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin in the Contract Price of \$49,445.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The Middlefork Savanna project was estimated at \$46,000.00, with an actual cost of \$49,445.00 and will be charged to two accounts: \$40,000.00 to the Habitat Restoration account (20104100-803200-60004) and \$9,445.00 to the Farmland Management Fund (28644000-705100-62803).

**BACKGROUND:** Invasive plant management is the most time-consuming task faced by District crews, and is a significant challenge to habitat conservation. Management of invasive plants is necessary to improve and conserve habitat quality and species diversity on District properties throughout Lake County. In order to accomplish this work, the District hires contractors to augment the District's work. The Middlefork Savanna Project will provide season-long control of invasive plants at Middlefork Savanna.

The project was advertised on January 11, 2019 and seven bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Cardno, Inc.	95,700.00
Tallgrass Restoration	55,000.00
Native Restoration	53,339.00
V3	51,579.00
Integrated Lakes	88,000.00
McGinty Bros	50,600.00
Applied Ecological Services	49,445.00

Staff recommends that Applied Ecological Services, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin April 1, 2019. Work will be completed by December 31, 2019.

As part of this bid process a smaller project was included at Grant Woods. A low bid of \$13,000.00 was submitted by Tallgrass Restoration. As this bid was well below the \$25,000.00 threshold requiring Board approval, staff awarded the contract as provided in the District's Purchasing Policies.

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



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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL AT  
MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA FOREST PRESERVE TO APPLIED ECOLOGICAL  
SERVICES, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of work necessary to complete Invasive Plant Control at Middlefork Savanna 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 January 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and such bids are identified on Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids identified on Exhibit A and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin, to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work and award a contract for the Work to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (“the Contract”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Applied Ecological Services, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work; 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 a part of this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 2: Award of Contract.** The bid submitted by Applied Ecological Services, Inc. in the amount of \$49,445.00, (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Applied Ecological Services, Inc.; and

**Section 3: Execution of Contracts.** The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Work in the amounts of the Contract Price.

**Section 4: Payments.** The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract’s 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Angelo D. Kyle, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A

BID TABULATION  
 INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL, BID #19027

NO	PRODUCT	UNIT	QTY	CARDNO, INC		TALLGRASS RESTORATION		NATIVE RESTORATION		V3		INTEGRATED LAKES		MCGINTY BROS		APPLIED ECOLOGICAL	
				UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE
1	SEASON-LONG INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT	HOURS	1100	\$87.00	\$95,700.00	\$50.00	\$55,000.00	\$48.49	\$53,339.00	\$46.89	\$51,579.00	\$80.00	\$88,000.00	\$46.00	\$50,600.00	\$44.95	\$49,445.00

           = LOW BID BY PROJECT