



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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DATE: November 4, 2019

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

Terry Wilke, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: John E. Nelson
Director of Operations and Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the purchase of four John Deere Z997R Mowers to Buck Bros., Inc., Wauconda, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$67,428.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability; Public Access and Connections

FINANCIAL DATA: A total of \$72,000.00 is budgeted in FY2018-19 to purchase these four replacement equipment pieces. The total cost of \$67,428.00 will be charged to the Equipment Replacement Fund (account number 92104100-8041000).

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the District's Equipment Replacement guidelines, staff determined that four 2012 John Deere 997Z Trak 72" Zero-Turn mowers (Units 365, 366, 367 and 368) are due for replacement, and subsequently advertised for bids for four new mowers. Nine bids were received and opened from seven different bidders on September 19, 2019. Of the nine bids received, six of the bids are considered non-responsive, including five for failing to bid equivalent products and one for being an incomplete bid. Of the three responsive bids, the lowest bidder is Buck Bros., Inc.

Below is a listing of the bids received:

Bidder	Bid Amount	Comments
Buck Bros., Inc. – Alternate 1	\$36,909.80	Not Approved Equivalent
Russo Power Equipment – Alternate 1	\$54,064.00	Not Approved Equivalent
Ralph Helm Inc.	\$55,999.96	Not Approved Equivalent
Arlington Power Equipment Inc.	\$56,966.00	Not Approved Equivalent
Outdoor Power Sales and Service LLC	\$56,984.00	Not Approved Equivalent
AHW LLC	\$67,196.00	Incomplete Bid
Buck Bros., Inc.	\$67,428.00	Product as specified
Grower Equipment and Supply Co.	\$73,196.00	Approved Equivalent
Russo Power Equipment – Alternate 2	\$100,020.00	Approved Equivalent

The four new mowers are expected to be in service for eight (8) years per the District's equipment replacement guidelines.

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** and **FINANCE COMMITTEE** present herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Four Zero-Turn Mowers” and request its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
FOUR ZERO-TURN MOWERS**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of four new John Deere Z997R Zero Turn Mowers or approved equivalents (the “Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on September 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and such bids are identified on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the bids submitted by Buck Bros., Inc. (Alternate 1), Russo Power Equipment (Alternate 1), Ralph Helm Inc., Arlington Power Equipment Inc., Outdoor Power Sales and Service LLC, and AHW LLC are not responsive bids; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Operations Committee, and the Finance Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Buck Bros, Inc., with its bid of \$67,428.00 (“Buck Bros, Inc. Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Equipment identified in the Bid Documents as (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Buck Bros, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Equipment;

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: Rejection of Bids. The bids submitted by Buck Bros., Inc. (Alternate 1), Russo Power Equipment (Alternate 1), Ralph Helm Inc., Arlington Power Equipment Inc., Outdoor Power Sales and Service LLC, and AHW LLC are hereby rejected.

Section 3: Award of Contract. Buck Bros, Inc. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Equipment in the amount of \$67,428.00 (“Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to Buck Bros, Inc.

Section 4: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Equipment in the amount of the Contract Price.

Section 5: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contracts terms.

Section 6: 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

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

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