



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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**DATE:** February 3, 2020  
**MEMO TO:** Jessica Vealitzek, Chair  
Operations Committee  
**FROM:** James L. Anderson  
Director of Natural Resources

**Agenda Item#** 8.3

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for Invasive Plant Management 2020 at Multiple Preserves for (a) Sun Lake Teasel Management project to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$14,025.00, (b) Buffalo Creek Teasel Management project to Liberty Prairie Restorations, Libertyville, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$13,260.00, (c) East Invasive Plant Management to Liberty Prairie Restorations, Libertyville, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$85,312.50, (d) West Invasive Management to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$96,118.75.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** These individual projects were approved as part of the adopted FY 2020 Budget. Funding accounts from the Farm Management Fund (28644000), Wetlands Management Fund (24614100), Land Development Levy (20104100) and the Natural Resource Grant Fund (35634100) and are listed in the table below. In the following chart, the “Actual Low Bid Amount” identifies the recommended lowest responsible bid received for the corresponding invasive species work in the chart.

PROJECT	BUDGETED AMOUNT	ACTUAL LOW BID AMOUNT	ACCOUNT
Sun Lake Teasel Management	\$15,000.00	\$14,025.00	28644000-705100-62806
Buffalo Creek Teasel Management	\$15,000.00	\$13,260.00	28644000-705100-62806
East Invasive Plant Management	\$90,000.00	\$85,312.50	24614100-803200-62404 (\$4,312.50) 20104100-803200-60008 (\$5,000.00) 28644000-705100-62806 (\$76,000.00)
West Invasive Plant Management	\$98,000.00	\$96,118.75	28644000-705100-56055 (\$1,596.00) 35634100-803200-61006 (\$3,000.00) 20104100-803200-60008 (\$14,807.75) 28644000-705100-62806 (\$76,715.00)

**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. To more efficiently accomplish this work, the District hires contractors on an hourly basis to complete several projects to control herbaceous invasive plants.

The District advertised for bids for multiple, separate clearing projects within Lake County. Work includes all labor, equipment and materials to control select invasive plants, including, but not limited to: reed canary grass, teasel, cattails, common reed, Japanese knotweed, leafy spurge, fig buttercup, crown vetch, common goldenrod, and oriental bittersweet.

The multiple District sites included in the projects include, but are not limited to:

- Sun Lake Forest Preserve
- Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve
- East Invasive Plant Management (IPM):  
Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area, Grainger Woods Nature Preserve, MacArthur Woods, Captain Daniel Wright Woods & Stevenson Home, Greenbelt, Wadsworth Prairie Nature Preserve, Lake Carina, Pine Dunes, Oriole Grove, Lyons Woods, Old School, Fort Sheridan, and Prairie Wolf Slough
- West Invasive Plant Management (IPM):  
Lakewood, Almond Marsh, Van Patten, Rollins Savanna, Gander Mountain, Ray Lake, Raven Glen, Nippersink, Singing Hills, Heron Creek, and Kettle Grove

The projects were advertised on November 26, 2019 and seven bids were received. Work is anticipated to begin April 1, 2020 and be completed by February 28, 2021. A summary of the bids received is listed below, with the low bids highlighted:

VENDOR	Sun Lake Teasel Mgmt Crew	Buffalo Creek Teasel Mgmt Crew	East IPM Crew	West IPM Crew
McGinty Bros.	\$ 19,040.00	\$ 19,040.00	No Bid	\$ 127,400.00
Graf Tree Care	No Bid	\$ 26,520.00	No Bid	No Bid
V3	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 113,750.00	\$ 113,750.00
Tallgrass Restoration	\$ 17,102.00	\$ 16,320.00	\$ 111,475.00	\$ 111,475.00
Red Buffalo Nursery	\$ 14,025.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 96,118.75
Liberty Prairie Restoration	No Bid	\$ 13,260.00	\$ 85,312.50	No Bid
Applied Ecological Services	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 118,300.00

Staff recommends that the low bidders be awarded contracts as the lowest responsible bidders.

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



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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR  
INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT AT MULTIPLE FOREST PRESERVES**

**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 the Invasive Plant Management 2020 at Multiple Forest Preserves (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 December 18, 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 and recommend that the Board of Commissioners (i) find that each highlighted bid listed on Exhibit A, (collectively, the "Low Bids") is the lowest responsible bid for each corresponding Work Location identified in Exhibit A and (ii) award a contract for the portion of the Work at each of the Work Locations to each such low bidder for such work (collectively the "Bidders") in the amount of the Bidder's Low Bid (collectively, the "Contract Prices"), as follows: (a) for Sun Lake Teasel Management Work to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$14,025.00, (b) for Buffalo Creek Teasel Management to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$13,260.00, (c) for East Invasive Plant Management to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$85,312.50, (d) for West Invasive Plant Management to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$96,118.75 (the "Contracts"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that each Low Bid is the lowest responsible bid for each corresponding Work Location as set forth above;

**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: Acceptance of Bids.** The Low Bids in the amounts listed on Exhibit A are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to each Bidder in the amount of the Bidder's Low Bid.

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

