



DATE: April 6, 2020
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 the 2020 Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team Project at Spring Bluff Forest Preserve to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$78,448.50.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation; Leadership

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$82,000.00. The actual cost of \$78,448.50 will be charged to the Natural Resources Grant Fund, (69644100-803200-56061). This project was awarded an \$82,000.00 grant by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Program with funding from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

BACKGROUND: The proposed contract would provide Lake Plain partners a means to effectively and efficiently control a suite of 18 priority invasive plant species across approximately 350 populations within 4,000 acres of high quality coastal natural areas in Lake County Illinois. Working on an hourly basis, the Contractor will provide invasive plant management control with the majority of the work occurring during the growing season.

The project was advertised on February 4, 2020 and four bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois	\$78,448.50
V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, Illinois	\$95,355.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$117,000.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$165,555.00

Staff recommends that Native Restoration Services, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin April 29, 2020 and be completed by March 31, 2021.

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 THE 2020 LAKE PLAIN
INVASIVE PLANT STRIKE TEAM PROJECT AT SPRING BLUFF
FOREST PRESERVE TO NATIVE RESTORATION SERVICES INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the work necessary to complete the Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team Project at Spring Bluff 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 February 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders:

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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 find Native Restoration Services, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Native Restoration Services, Inc. (the Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Native Restoration Services, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work;

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 Native Restoration Services, Inc. in the amount of \$78,448.50 (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 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 _____, 2020

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____