

DATE: November 2, 2020

MEMO TO: John Wasik, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing Winter 2020; Buckthorn Eradication Initiative at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$35,455.74.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation; Leadership; Organizational Sustainability; Education and Outreach

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY2020 Budget. The total cost of implementing work across all project areas was estimated at \$72,000.00. This portion of the project, \$35,455.74, will be charged to the Middlefork Savanna Pilot Buckthorn Eradication Grant Fund, (69644100-803200-61104).

The bids under \$25,000.00 that do not require Committee recommendation and Board approval will be accepted by staff and total \$19,389.09 and, combined with the price of the recommended Native Restoration Services contract, total \$54,844.84.

BACKGROUND: Invasive plants are 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. The District conducts removal of invasive woody species as part of a Land Management Program to restore and enhance woodlands, savannas, prairies and wetlands to increase the health, diversity, and sustainability of flora and wildlife populations and to restore or enhance ecosystem services.

In 2019, the District applied for and received funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi Cal Rivers Fund grant opportunity for the District's proposed Pilot Buckthorn Project. This grant funds important work within the Chicago and Calumet River watersheds in the Chicago region. The focus of the District's Pilot Buckthorn Project proposal was to work collaboratively with landowners near Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to remove buckthorn and other invasive species on District property and neighboring properties. We proposed a cost-share initiative to support buckthorn removals on private land, whereby neighboring landowners will contribute funds to the project and the District will provide technical assistance to landowners by conducting bidding and contract/contractor management, and also provide financial assistance from grant funds. The District will enter into separate access agreements with the neighboring landowners so the contractors can complete the project on their properties.

The District advertised for bids for multiple clearing projects, each indicated as a separate Project, under one consolidated bid process. Each project has its own Scope of Work and Specifications. Work includes all labor, equipment and materials to selectively remove invasive woody trees and

shrubs and thin select native species, and includes disposal services and follow-up selective herbicide applications.

The project was advertised on August 21, 2020 and seven bids were received. A summary of the lowest bids received and recommended for approval is listed below:

<u>LOWEST BIDDER GREATER THAN \$25,000.00</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Native Restoration Services, Inc.; Lake Bluff, Illinois	\$35,455.74
<u>SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS EQUAL TO OR UNDER \$25,000.00</u>	
V3 Companies; Woodridge, Illinois	\$10,101.99
Integrated Lakes Management; Waukegan, Illinois	\$5,375.10
Baxter & Woodman Natural Resources, LLC; Crystal Lake, Illinois	\$3,912.00

Staff recommends that Native Restoration Services, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder for the Project areas for which it was the low bidder (Project Areas A, C, D1, and D3). The total of low bids for these Project Areas is greater than \$25,000.00, thus requiring Committee recommendation and Board approval of the contract. Work is anticipated to begin December 1, 2020 and to be completed by August 1, 2021.

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **PLANNING COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Winter 2020 Woody Invasive Plant Clearing; Buckthorn Eradication Initiative at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve” and requests its approval.

PLANNING 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 THE WINTER 2020
WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CLEARING, BUCKTHORN ERADICATION INITIATIVE
AT MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing Winter 2020; Buckthorn Eradication Initiative 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 September 15, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. local time and such bids are identified on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Planning Committee, have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Native Restoration Services, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work for Project Areas A, C, D1, and D3 identified in Exhibit A (the “Identified Work”) and award a contract for the Identified 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 Identified 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 bids submitted by Native Restoration Services for the Identified Work are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Identified Work in an amount not to exceed \$35,455.74 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to Native Restoration Services, Inc.

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Identified 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’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

AYES:

NAYS:

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. _____

EXHIBIT A

			Native Restoration Services, Inc.	
PROJECT AREA A - LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES				
	Unit of Measure	Number of Units	Unit Price	Extended Price
Initial clearing & stump herbicide treatment; includes treatment of all individually marked trees for girdle/removal	Acre	1.62	\$1,495.00	\$2,421.90
Brush removal	Acre	1.62	\$200.00	\$324.00
Resprout treatment	Acre	1.62	\$500.00	\$810.00
TOTAL BASE BID AREA A				\$3,555.90
BID ADDITION - PROJECT AREA A - HALAS HALL				
	Unit of Measure	Number of Units	Unit Price	Extended Price
Initial clearing & stump herbicide treatment; includes treatment of all individually marked trees for girdle/removal	Acre	1.46	\$2,189.00	\$3,195.94
Brush removal	Acre	1.46	\$500.00	\$730.00
Resprout treatment	Acre	1.46	\$500.00	\$730.00
TOTAL BASE BID - ADDITION			\$3,189.00	\$4,655.94
PROJECT AREA C - ROTH PARCEL				
	Unit of Measure	Number of Units	Unit Price	Extended Price
Initial clearing & stump herbicide treatment; includes treatment of all individually marked trees for girdle/removal	Acre	8.49	\$1,294.00	\$10,986.06
Brush removal	Acre	8.49	\$200.00	\$1,698.00
Resprout treatment	Acre	8.49	\$500.00	\$4,245.00
TOTAL BASE BID AREA C			\$1,994.00	\$16,929.06
PROJECT AREA D - CITY OF LAKE FOREST				
AREA D1: ELAWA FARMS				
	Unit of Measure	Number of Units	Unit Price	Extended Price
Initial clearing & stump herbicide treatment; includes treatment of all individually marked trees for girdle/removal	Acre	0.38	\$1,616.00	\$614.08
Brush removal	Acre	0.38	\$500.00	\$190.00
Resprout treatment	Acre	0.38	\$500.00	\$190.00
AREA D1 TOTAL				\$994.08
AREA D3: ROUTE 60				
	Unit of Measure	Number of Units	Unit Price	Extended Price
Initial clearing & stump herbicide treatment; includes treatment of all individually marked trees for girdle/removal	Acre	3.84	\$1,489.00	\$5,717.76
Brush removal	Acre	3.84	\$200.00	\$768.00
Forestry Mowing of small stems & stump herbicide treatment (in center of field)	Acre	0.83	\$602.41	\$500.00
Resprout treatment	Acre	4.67	\$500.00	\$2,335.00
AREA D3 TOTAL				\$9,320.76
TOTAL BASE BID AREA D				\$10,314.84