



DATE: November 2, 2020
MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: John E. Nelson
Director of Operations and Infrastructure

Agenda Item #8.6

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Water Tank, Hydronic Pumps, and VAV Box Upgrades at Independence Grove Forest Preserve Visitors Center to American Combustion Service, Inc., Mokena, Illinois in a contract amount of \$178,304.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability.

FINANCIAL DATA: This expenditure is included in the adopted FY2020 budget in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as part of the Facility and Infrastructure Improvements project (project number 60022). The current budget for the entire CIP line item project is \$1,293,409.16. Of that amount, \$200,000.00 was estimated for these improvements to the Independence Grove Visitor Center. The actual cost of \$178,304.00 will be charged to account 11104100-803200-60022.

BACKGROUND: The Visitors Center at Independence Grove was originally constructed in 2001. As such, certain plumbing and mechanical systems in the building are approximately twenty years old and beginning to decline in performance or fail. Staff recommends that the work to remove and replace the water tank and hydronic pumps and upgrade the Variable Air Volume (VAV) boxes occur now.

Three bids for this work were received and opened on September 22, 2020. American Combustion Service, Inc. is the low bidder. American Combustion Service, Inc. has not worked directly with the District before. Staff checked several project references for comparable or larger projects, and received positive feedback. Awarding the contract now will allow the vendor to perform a significant portion of the work, especially replacement of the well tank, during the regularly scheduled lull in annual catering activity during the winter holiday period (December 21, 2020 – January 8, 2021).

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
WATER TANK, HYDRONIC PUMPS, AND VAV BOX UPGRADES
AT INDEPENDENCE GROVE FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for work necessary for the purchase and installation of a Water Tank and Hydronic Pumps and VAV Box Upgrades at Independence Grove 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 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
American Combustion Service, Inc., Mokena, Illinois	\$178,304.00
Ideal Heating Company, Brookfield, Illinois	\$209,666.00
Core Mechanical, Inc., Chicago, Illinois	\$221,465.00

and;

WHEREAS, the District's staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Operations and Infrastructure, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find American Combustion Service, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to American Combustion Service, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that American Combustion Service, 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 American Combustion Service, Inc. in the amount of \$178,304.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to American Combustion Service, 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. _____