



DATE: February 1, 2021

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for the Purchase of Trees and Shrubs for various Forest Preserves to (i) Possibility Place Nursery in the Contract Price of \$37,781.70; and (ii) Majestic Oaks Nursery in the Contract Price of \$26,652.35.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: District-wide Reforestation was approved as part of the adopted FY 2021 Budget in the amount of \$100,000.00. These proposed contracts total \$64,434.05, which will be General Fund charged to the District-wide Reforestation Account (11104100-803200-60008).

BACKGROUND: The District implements a reforestation program to (i) restore historically altered or degraded lands to their natural condition as forests, woodlands, and savanna communities, (ii) reduce habitat fragmentation, (iii) restore woodland connectivity, (iv) enhance wildlife habitat, and (v) improve the aesthetic quality of its preserves. In the fall of 2021, 3,322 native trees and shrubs will be installed at Old School, Captain Daniel Wright Woods, Prairie Wolf, Lakewood, Singing Hills, and Fourth Lake Preserves, across more than 126 acres.

The project was advertised on December 3, 2020 and bids were received from three bidders each of which submitted bids on multiple species. The low bidders and their total bids are listed below:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Possibility Place Nursery, Monee, Illinois	\$ 37,781.70
Majestic Oaks Nursery, Spring Grove, Illinois	\$ 26,652.35

Materials were bid on a unit price per species.

Staff recommends that Possibility Place Nursery and Majestic Oaks Nursery each be awarded a contract as the lowest responsible bidder for the species for which it was the low bidder. Each submitted total low bids greater than \$25,000.00, thus requiring Committee recommendation and Board approval of the contracts for those bids. Work is anticipated to begin in September 2021 and be completed by October 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 FEBRUARY MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith "A Resolution Awarding Contracts for Tree and Shrub Purchases for Multiple Preserves" and request its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR TREE AND SHRUB PURCHASES
FOR MULTIPLE PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of Trees and Shrubs (the “Products”); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois, on January 6, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids identified on Exhibit A and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find (i) Majestic Oaks Nursery LLC to be the lowest responsible bidder with respect to the bids that it submitted and which are listed on Exhibit A (the “Majestic Oaks Nursery LLC Bids”); and (ii) Possibility Place Nursery LLC to be the lowest responsible bidder with respect to the bids that it submitted and which are listed on Exhibit A (the “Possibility Place Nursery LLC Bids”; the Majestic Oaks Nursery LLC Bids and the Possibility Place Nursery LLC Bids are, collectively, the “Low Bids”) and awards contracts for the Products consistent therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that each of Majestic Oaks Nursery LLC and Possibility Place Nursery LLC (collectively, the “Bidders”) is the lowest responsible bidder for the Products for which it submitted the Low Bids;

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 3: Award of Contract. 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 Bids.

Section 4: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Contract for the Products with Majestic Oaks Nursery LLC in the amount of its Low Bids and a Contract for the Products with Possibility Place Nursery LLC in the amount of its Low Bids.

Section 5: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts 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 _____, 2021

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

Majestic Oaks Nursery LLC							
SPECIES		TOTAL AMT. NEEDED	TIER 1? (YES/NO)	NOTES: FOR TIER 2 SEED	TOTAL QUANTITY AVAILABLE	UNIT PRICE (\$/PLS LB)	EXTENSION
Amelanchier laevis (Allegheny Shadblow)	5-Gallon	43	Yes		15	\$19.50	\$292.50
Ceanothus americanus (New Jersey Tea)	5-Gallon	16	Yes		16	\$11.75	\$188.00
Celastrus scandens (Climbing Bittersweet)	5-Gallon	99	Yes		99	\$11.95	\$1,183.05
Cephalanthus occidentalis (Buttonbush)	5-Gallon	35	Yes		41	\$12.65	\$518.65
Cercis canadensis (Redbud)	15-gallon	7	Yes		1	\$64.95	\$64.95
Cornus obliqua (Blue-Fruited Dogwood)	5-Gallon	13	Yes		13	\$12.75	\$165.75
Cornus stolonifera (Red-Osier Dogwood)	5-Gallon	42	Yes		12	\$12.75	\$153.00
Crataegus mollis (Downy Hawthorn)	5-Gallon	101	Yes		50	\$12.50	\$625.00
Hamamelis virginiana (Witch Hazel)	5-Gallon	36	Yes		12	\$19.50	\$234.00
Physocarpus opulifolius (Ninebark)	5-Gallon	43	Yes		43	\$12.25	\$526.75
Prunus virginiana (Choke Cherry)	5-Gallon	175	Yes		25	\$13.50	\$337.50
Quercus bicolor (Swamp White Oak)	5-Gallon	49	Yes		49	\$14.25	\$698.25
Quercus bicolor (Swamp White Oak)	1-inch	46	Yes		46	\$54.95	\$2,527.70
Quercus ellipsoidalis (Hill's Oak)	5-Gallon	10	Yes		25	\$17.95	\$448.75
Quercus ellipsoidalis (Hill's Oak)	1-inch	22	Yes		5	\$73.95	\$369.75
Quercus macrocarpa (Bur Oak)	5-Gallon	65	Yes		65	\$12.75	\$828.75
Quercus macrocarpa (Bur Oak)	1-inch	119	Yes		119	\$51.95	\$6,182.05
Quercus rubra (Red Oak)	1-inch	40	Yes		40	\$59.95	\$2,398.00
Quercus velutina (Black Oak)	1-inch	37	Yes		37	\$62.95	\$2,329.15
Rosa blanda (Early Wild Rose)	5-Gallon	37	Yes		37	\$12.95	\$479.15
Rosa carolina (Pasture Rose)	5-Gallon	110	Yes		110	\$12.95	\$1,424.50
Rosa setigera (Illinois Rose)	5-Gallon	123	Yes		123	\$11.35	\$1,396.05
Salix humilis (Prairie Willow)	5-Gallon	42	Yes		42	\$13.25	\$556.50
Sambucus canadensis (Elderberry)	5-Gallon	83	Yes		83	\$11.20	\$929.60
Viburnum prunifolium (Black Haw)	5-Gallon	123	Yes		100	\$17.95	\$1,795.00
							\$26,652.35

Possibility Place Nursery LLC

SPECIES		TOTAL AMT. NEEDED	TIER 1? (YES/NO)	NOTES: FOR TIER 2 SEED	TOTAL QUANTITY AVAILABLE	UNIT PRICE (\$/PLS LB)	EXTENSION
Carpinus caroliniana (Musclewood)	5-Gallon	63	y		63	\$14.50	\$913.50
Carya cordiformis (Bitternut Hickory)	5-Gallon	15	y		15	\$16.00	\$240.00
Carya ovata (Shagbark Hickory)	5-Gallon	25	y	Relatively small	25	\$16.00	\$400.00
Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry)	5-Gallon	2	y		2	\$16.00	\$32.00
Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry)	1-inch	9	y		9	\$80.00	\$720.00
Cercis canadensis (Redbud)	15-gallon	7	y		6	\$65.00	\$390.00
Cornus alternifolia (Pagoda Dogwood)	5-Gallon	10	y		10	\$16.00	\$160.00
Cornus stolonifera (Red-Osier Dogwood)	5-Gallon	42	y		30	\$13.50	\$405.00
Corylus americana (Hazelnut)	5-Gallon	543	y		543	\$11.15	\$6,054.45
Crataegus crus-galli (Cockspur Hawthorn)	5-Gallon	13	y	Germination dependant, 5 gallon only	13	\$22.00	\$286.00
Euonymus atropurpureus (Wahoo)	5-Gallon	22	y		22	\$22.00	\$484.00
Ilex verticillata (Winterberry)	5-Gallon	60	y		60	\$14.00	\$840.00
Juglans nigra (Black Walnut)	1-inch	3	y		3	\$65.00	\$195.00
Lonicera prolifera (Yellow Honeysuckle)	5-Gallon	70	y		70	\$13.00	\$910.00
Malus ioensis (Iowa Crab)	5-Gallon	107	y		107	\$14.50	\$1,551.50
Morus rubra (Red Mulberry)	1-inch	5	y	Germination dependant, 5 gallon only	5	\$25.00	\$125.00
Ostrya virginiana (Hop Hornbeam)	5-Gallon	42	y		42	\$22.00	\$924.00
Populus grandidentata (Large-toothed Aspen)	5-Gallon	6	y		6	\$22.00	\$132.00
Populus grandidentata (Large-toothed Aspen)	1-inch	3	y		3	\$65.00	\$195.00
Populus tremuloides (Quaking Aspen)	1-inch	2	y		2	\$65.00	\$130.00
Prunus americana (Wild Plum)	5-Gallon	100	y		100	\$13.25	\$1,325.00
Prunus serotina (Wild Black Cherry)	1-inch	5	y		5	\$65.00	\$325.00
Prunus serotina (Wild Black Cherry)	5-Gallon	2	y		2	\$22.00	\$44.00
Prunus virginiana (Choke Cherry)	5-Gallon	175	y		150	\$13.50	\$2,025.00
Quercus alba (White Oak)	5-Gallon	62	y		62	\$14.50	\$899.00
Quercus alba (White Oak)	1-inch	170	y		170	\$58.50	\$9,945.00
Quercus rubra (Red Oak)	5-Gallon	23	y		21	\$14.50	\$304.50
Quercus velutina (Black Oak)	5-Gallon	17	y		17	\$14.50	\$246.50
Rhus glabra (Smooth Sumac)	5-Gallon	17	y		17	\$13.00	\$221.00
Ribes americana (Wild Black Currant)	5-Gallon	63	y		63	\$13.00	\$819.00

Possibility Place Nursery LLC

SPECIES		TOTAL AMT. NEEDED	TIER 1? (YES/NO)	NOTES: FOR TIER 2 SEED	TOTAL QUANTITY AVAILABLE	UNIT PRICE (\$/PLS LB)	EXTENSION
Ribes americanum (Wild Black Currant)	5-gallon	9	y		9	\$13.00	\$117.00
Ribes missouriense (Wild Gooseberry)	5-Gallon	186	y		186	\$12.00	\$2,232.00
Rosa palustris (Swamp Rose)	5-Gallon	16	y		16	\$14.50	\$232.00
Salix nigra (Black Willow)	1-inch	2	y		2	\$22.00	\$44.00
Staphylea trifolia (Bladdernut)	5-Gallon	38	y		38	\$14.50	\$551.00
Viburnum acerifolium (Maple-leaved Viburnum)	5-Gallon	21	y		21	\$25.00	\$525.00
Viburnum lentago (Nannyberry)	5-Gallon	205	y		205	\$13.85	\$2,839.25
							\$37,781.70