



**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 Invasive Plant Control at (a) Cuba Marsh to McGinty Bros., Inc. in the Contract Price of \$27,930.00, (b) Middlefork Savanna to Native Restoration Services, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$46,024.00, and (c) Grassy Lake to McGinty Bros., Inc. in the Contract Price of \$29,925.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The District’s adopted FY 2021 Budget provides funding for the Projects (defined below). Funding accounts for these Projects come from the Farm Management Fund (28644000), Development Fund (20104100) and the General Fund (1110400) are listed in the table below. The table also identifies the “Actual Low Bid Amount,” which is the recommended lowest responsible bid received for the corresponding Project listed in the table.

PROJECT	ACTUAL LOW BID AMOUNT	ACCOUNT	ESTIMATE
CUBA MARSH	\$27,930.00	20104100-803200-64104	\$30,000.00
MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA	\$46,024.00	28644000-705100-62803	\$50,000.00
GRASSY LAKE	\$29,925.00	11104000-803200-62803	\$30,000.00

**BACKGROUND:** Invasive plant management includes the removal of invasive plants from District lands to improve and conserve habitat quality. It is the most time-consuming task faced by District natural restoration 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, each year, the District hires contractors on an hourly basis to complete several projects to manage herbaceous invasive plants.

The District has advertised for bids for season-long control of invasive plants at Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna, and Grassy Lake Forest Preserves (the “Projects”).

The Projects were advertised on November 19, 2020 and bids were received from seven bidders. Work is anticipated to begin April 1, 2021 and be completed by December 1, 2021. A summary of the bids received is listed below, with each low bid highlighted:

VENDOR	CUBA MARSH	MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA	GRASSY LAKE
Integrated Lakes Management	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 31,500.00
Cardno	\$ 41,300.00	\$ 64,900.00	\$ 44,250.00
Native Restoration Services	\$ 29,288.00	\$ 46,024.00	\$ 31,380.00
Tallgrass Restoration LLC	\$ 36,400.00	\$ 57,200.00	\$ 39,000.00
Red Buffalo Nursery	\$32,900.00	\$52,800.00	\$35,250.00
V3 Companies	\$33,250.00	\$52,250.00	\$35,625.00
McGinty Bros.	\$27,930.00	\$0.00	\$29,925.00

Staff recommends that the Board find the bidders submitting the highlighted bids above are the lowest responsible bidders for the associated Projects and award contracts to such bidders accordingly.

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
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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 Invasive Plant Control at Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna, and Grassy Lake Forest Preserves” and requests 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  
INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL AT CUBA MARSH, MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA, AND  
GRASSY LAKE FOREST PRESERVES**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of Invasive Plant Control at Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna, and Grassy Lake Forest Preserves (the “Work”) pursuant to the bidding documents for such Work (the “Bid Documents”); and

**WHEREAS**, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on December 17, 2020 at 12:00 noon local time and such bids are summarized 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 find (a) McGinty Bros., Inc., with its bid of \$27,930.00 (“McGinty Bros., Inc. Cuba Marsh Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as “Project 1” (Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve); (b) Native Restoration Services, Inc., with its bid of \$46,024.00 (“Native Restoration Services, Inc. Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as “Project 2” (Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve); and (c) McGinty Bros., Inc., with its bid of \$29,925.00 (“McGinty Bros., Inc. Grassy Lake Bid”) to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as “Project 3” Grassy Lake Forest Preserve (the McGinty Bros., Inc. Cuba Marsh Bid, the Native Restoration Services, Inc. Bid, and the McGinty Bros., Inc. Grassy Lake Bid are, collectively, the “Low Bids”) and award contracts for the Work to McGinty Bros., Inc. and Native Restoration Services, Inc. for the Work for which each submitted the Low Bid (the “Contracts”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that McGinty Bros., Inc. and Native Restoration Services, Inc. (collectively, the “Low Bidders”) are the lowest responsible bidders for the Work, as set forth in the previous clause;

**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 highlighted on Exhibit A are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to each Low Bidder in the amount(s) of the Low Bidder’s Low Bid(s) (for each Low Bidder, a “Contract Price”).

**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 Contract Prices.

**Section 4: Payments.** The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contracts’ 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

ATTEST:

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Angelo D. Kyle, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A

### Invasive Plant Control 2021 At Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna, & Grassy Lake Forest Preserves Bid 21005

PROJECTS LOCATION	Quantity	UOM	INTEGRATED LAKES MANAGEMENT		CARDNO		NATIVE RESTORATION SERVICES		TALLGRASS RESTORATION LLC		RED BUFFALO NURSERY		V3 COMPANIES		MCGINTY BROS.	
			Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price
Cuba Marsh FP	700	Hours	\$70.00	\$49,000.00	\$59.00	\$41,300.00	\$41.84	\$29,288.00	\$52.00	\$36,400.00	\$47.00	\$32,900.00	\$47.50	\$33,250.00	\$39.90	\$27,930.00
Middlefork Savanna FP	1,100	Hours	\$70.00	\$77,000.00	\$59.00	\$64,900.00	\$41.84	\$46,024.00	\$52.00	\$57,200.00	\$48.00	\$52,800.00	\$47.50	\$52,250.00	NO BID	N/A
Grassy Lake FP	750	Hours	\$42.00	\$31,500.00	\$59.00	\$44,250.00	\$41.84	\$31,380.00	\$52.00	\$39,000.00	\$47.00	\$35,250.00	\$47.50	\$35,625.00	\$39.90	\$29,925.00