



DATE: February 1, 2021

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

Julie Simpson, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: Nan Buckardt
Director of Education

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of an Ordinance approving an interim License Agreement with Possibility Place Nursery (PPN) to provide plants and support services for an online annual Native Plant Sale.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: The net revenue from the 2021 Native Plant Sale is anticipated to be approximately \$7,000.00.

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Forest Preserve District has worked with Possibility Place Nursery, Monee, IL as its Native Plant Sale vendor since 2008. The District and Possibility Place currently have a five-year license agreement pursuant to which Possibility Place conducts the District's annual Native Plant Sale (the "Five-Year License Agreement"). Possibility Place Nursery provides high quality product for Native Plant Sale customers and the Five-Year License Agreement is economically advantageous to the District.

The Five-Year License Agreement with PPN expires on December 31, 2022. Because of health concerns associated with the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the District and Possibility Place desire to enter into the Interim License Agreement attached to the attached ordinance, which would (i) suspend their rights and obligations under the Five-Year License Agreement and (ii) for 2021, provide for Possibility Place to conduct an online Native Plant Sale commencing on March 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and ending on December 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. The District and Possibility Place entered into a similar Interim Agreement for the 2020 Native Plant Sale.

The Interim License Agreement requires Possibility Place Nursery to provide for a virtual plant sale, in which (i) Possibility Place will provide an online portal to conduct the sale and receive, process, and deliver all plant orders and (ii) the District will promote the sale (promotion activities will include promoting the sale on the District website and providing social media links to the sale portal). The District will receive commissions on all sales as follows: 10% on the first 200 orders and an additional .5%, cumulative, on each 50 orders thereafter until 13% is reached.

The virtual plant sale still allows the District to achieve the goals of the sale: to provide local native plant stock to private land owners while providing revenue for the District (though at a reduced rate in this situation). In addition, the virtual plant sale will minimize any public health risks for plant sale purchasers, vendor staff and District staff and volunteers.

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
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** and **FINANCE COMMITTEE** present herewith “an Ordinance approving an interim License Agreement with Possibility Place Nursery for the 2021 Native Plant Sale” and request its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: 2/1/21 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERIM LICENSE AGREEMENT
WITH POSSIBILITY PLACE NURSERY FOR THE 2021 NATIVE PLANT SALE**

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2018, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") and Possibility Place Nursery (the "Licensee") entered into a five-year license agreement, pursuant to which (i) the Licensee sells native plants and provide other services related to the District's annual Native Plant Sale, (ii) the District allows the Licensee to conduct the annual Native Plant Sale at the District's Independence Grove Forest Preserve, and (iii) the Company shares its gross receipts from the Native Plant Sale with the District (the "Five-Year Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Agreement has a term commencing on May 8, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2022, unless sooner terminated or extended as provided in the Five-Year Agreement (the "Five-Year Term"); and

WHEREAS, because of health concerns associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the District and Licensee desire to enter into an interim license agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto (the "Interim License Agreement"), pursuant to which they would agree (i) for 2021, to suspend their rights and obligations under the Five-Year Agreement, (ii) for 2021, that Licensee will conduct an online Native Plant Sale commencing on March 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and ending on December 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (the "2021 Native Plant Sale"); and (iii) Licensee would share revenue from the 2021 Native Plant Sale with the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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 part of this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Approval of Interim License Agreement. The Interim License Agreement with Possibility Place Nursery, in substantially the form attached hereto, is hereby approved.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance 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. _____

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
2021 NATIVE PLANT SALE INTERIM AGREEMENT

This Agreement (the "Interim Agreement"), made as of February 9, 2021 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the Lake County Forest Preserve District, an Illinois unit of local government and a political subdivision, with its principal office located at 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois 60048 ("District"), and Possibility Place Nursery, Incorporated, an Illinois Corporation ("Company"),

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, District and Company entered into an agreement on May 8, 2018, pursuant to which the parties agreed, among other matters, that (i) Company would sell native plants and provide other services related to District's annual Native Plant Sale, (ii) District would allow Company to conduct the annual Native Plant Sale at District's Independence Grove Forest Preserve, and (iii) Company would share its gross receipts from the Native Plant Sale with District (the "Five-Year Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Agreement has a term commencing on May 8, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2022, unless sooner terminated or extended as provided in the Five-Year Agreement (the "Five-Year Term"); and

WHEREAS, because of health concerns associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, District and Company desire to suspend their rights and obligations under the Five-Year Agreement and, for 2021, conduct an online Native Plant Sale commencing on March 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and ending on December 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., or such earlier date or time as may otherwise be determined by District in its sole discretion (the "2021 Native Plant Sale"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the mutual covenants and agreements set forth below, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The recitals set forth above are by this reference incorporated into, and made a part of, this Interim Agreement.

SECTION 2. SUSPENSION OF FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT; TERM. The parties' rights and obligations under the Five-Year Agreement are suspended during the term of this Interim Agreement, which shall commence on the Effective Date and terminate on December 31, 2021, or such earlier date as may otherwise be determined by District in its sole discretion (the "Temporary Term"). Upon the expiration of the Temporary Term, the Five-Year Agreement will resume to be in full force and effect for the Five-Year Term, as provided in the Five-Year Agreement.

SECTION 3. DEDICATED LINK; PROMOTION. On the Effective Date, Company shall provide to District a dedicated website link for purposes of promoting the 2021 Native Plant Sale (the "Dedicated Link"). District, at its cost, shall promote the 2021 Native Plant Sale to the general public by making the Dedicated Link available via its website, social media, and other means.

SECTION 4. FULFILLMENT OF ORDERS. Company shall, absent circumstances outside of its control, take all actions necessary to fulfill all orders placed to Company via the Dedicated Link during the 2021 Native Plant Sale ("Sales"), including, without limitation, by receiving and processing the orders and the payments therefor and by delivering the orders to the customers in a timely and commercially reasonable manner. Company will be the selling party and in privity with the customer.

SECTION 5. PAYMENT.

- A. Payment. Within fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the 2021 Native Plant Sale, Company shall pay to District the following amounts (the aggregate amount being the "Payment"):

	Percentage of Gross Receipts
Customer Orders 1 – 200	10.0 %
Customer Orders 201 – 250	10.5 %
Customer Orders 251 – 300	11.0 %
Customer Orders 301 – 350	11.5 %
Customer Orders 351 – 400	12.0 %
Customer Orders 401 – 450	12.5 %
Customer Orders 451 +	13.0 %

Company may elect to characterize the Payment as a donation for tax purposes. However, District makes no representation or warranty as to whether the Payment is a donation and, if any government agency determines that the Payment is not a donation, that determination will not reduce or offset the Payment or diminish or limit District's rights or Company's obligations under this Interim Agreement.

- B. Late Payment Penalties. If any Payment is not paid when due and payable, Company shall pay to District an additional twenty-five and 00/100 dollars (\$25.00) each month or fraction thereof the Payment is late as an administrative processing charge. The parties agree that this late charge represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs that District will incur by reason of late Payment by Company. Acceptance of any late charge shall not constitute a waiver of Company's default with respect to the overdue amount or prevent District from exercising any of the other rights and remedies available to District.
- C. Gross Receipts. The term "Gross Receipts," as used in this Interim Agreement, is defined as all money, cash, receipts, assets, including but not limited to gross charges, sales, fees and commissions made, or earned, and all gross sums received by Company, its assignees, or successors in interest, when collected or accrued, from any business, use or occupation, or any combination thereof, originating, in whole or in part, from the Sales.
- (1) There shall be no deduction from Gross Receipts of any overhead or expense of operation, such as, but without limitation to, salaries, wages, cost of goods, advertising, interest, debt amortization, discount, collection, credit card and bad debt charges, insurance and taxes, except as specifically provided for herein.
 - (2) Gross Receipts shall include the amount of any manufacturer's or importer's excise tax included in the prices of any property or material sold, even though the manufacturer or importer is also the retailer thereof; and it is immaterial whether the amount of such excise tax is stated as a separate charge.
 - (3) Gross Receipts shall not include Federal, State, Municipal, or other taxes collected from the consumer (regardless of whether the amount thereof is stated to the consumer as a separate charge) and paid periodically by Company to a governmental agency, accompanied by a tax return or statement ("Consumer Taxes"). However, the amount of Consumer Taxes shall be shown on the books and records elsewhere herein required to be maintained.

SECTION 6. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS.

- A. **Records and Accounts.** Company shall keep or cause to be kept at its principal place of business, true and complete books, records, and accounts of all financial transactions relating to the Sales and Gross Receipts of the 2021 Native Plant Sale (the "Records") for the duration of the Five-Year Term and such obligation shall survive the expiration of the Interim Term. If any Records are maintained by any accountant, consultant, or other entity, upon District's request, Company shall provide District with the name and address of such entity.
- B. **Recording of Sales.** Company shall record each Sale in an invoice or receipt that is emailed directly to the customer immediately following a Sale and displays for such Sale the products sold and the amounts paid, including any Consumer Taxes.
- C. **Reports.** Company shall deliver to District, with its Payment, a true and correct sworn statement of all Gross Receipts for the Sales.
- D. **Inspection of Records.** All Records shall at all reasonable times be open and made available for inspection or audit by District or its accountants, agents, or employees, upon District's request.
- E. **Audit.** District shall have the right to audit, at no cost to Company except as hereinafter provided, any or all Records for the purpose of verifying the Payment. If such audit shows that the Payment due is \$500 or greater than the amount paid by Company, District shall conduct a special audit. If such special audit confirms that a greater Payment is due to District, Company shall pay for such audit. Within ten (10) days after the audit or special audit report is furnished to Company, it shall pay to District the full amount of any underpayment demonstrated by such audit or special audit, together with interest on the amount of such underpayment at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

SECTION 7. **AMENDMENTS.** No provision of this Interim Agreement may be amended or added to except by an amendment in writing properly approved and signed by the parties hereto expressing by its terms an intention to modify this Interim Agreement.

SECTION 8. VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT.

- A. **Default.** If Company violates any of the terms and conditions of this Interim Agreement, District shall give Company a written notice specifying such violation and demanding correction ("Default Notice").
- B. **Termination for Default.** If Company receives a Default Notice for a violation, Company shall within fourteen (14) days thereafter (i) if the violation was not a failure to make a full Payment, either (a) cure such violation or (b) if such violation cannot reasonably be cured within such 14-day period, commence and diligently pursue a cure or (ii) if the violation was a failure to make a full Payment, cure such violation by making full Payment. If Company does not take the required action within the 14-day period, District may immediately terminate this Interim Agreement and the Five-Year Agreement and may pursue any and all remedies available to it at law or in equity.
- C. **Liability for Breach.** Termination for default shall not excuse Company from any liability for breach of contract; such breach shall be deemed total. If District sends a Default Notice prior

to the end of the Interim Term, then its rights related to such Default Notice survive the expiration of the Interim Term.

SECTION 9. NOTICE.

Notice or communications required or permitted to be given under this Interim Agreement shall be given to the respective parties in writing, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid or otherwise delivered as follows:

(a) To District:

Lake County Forest Preserve District
1899 West Winchester Road
Libertyville, IL 60048
ATTN: Executive Director

(b) To Company:

Kelsay Shaw
Possibility Place Nursery
7548 W. Monee-Manhattan Rd.
Monee, IL 60449.

or at such other address or to such other persons as either of the parties may from time to time designate by written notice given as herein provided. The requirements of this Section will not be deemed to void or invalidate any notice that is actually received.

SECTION 10. HOLD HARMLESS, INVALIDITY.

- A. **Hold-Harmless Agreement.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, and irrespective of any insurance carried by Company for the benefit of District, Company agrees to protect, indemnify, and hold harmless, and defend District and its commissioners, officers, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and employees from any and all losses, expenses, claims, costs, causes, and damages including, without limitation, litigation costs and attorneys' fees and items that may arise, or be alleged to have arisen, out of or in connection with Company's performance of, or failure to perform, its obligations under any of the terms or conditions of this Interim Agreement or any part thereof.
- B. **Invalidity.** In the event that this Interim Agreement or any provision thereof shall be determined to be null and void by a court of competent jurisdiction, neither District nor any of its commissioners, officers, agents, or employees shall be liable to any person holding under or through Company for any claim, loss or damage of any nature whatsoever suffered or alleged to be suffered by Company or such person by reason of such determination.

SECTION 11. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. **No Assignment.** Company shall not assign or encumber its rights or obligations in this Interim Agreement.
- B. **Use of Name.** Any of Company's advertising, promotion, or notices related to the operation of the 2021 Native Plant Sale and that references District is subject to prior written approval by District, which may require that any such advertising, promotion, or notices bear/display the phrase "Operated through Agreement with the Lake County Forest Preserve District," along with displaying District logo and other identifying information as required by District.

- C. **No Partnership.** It is expressly understood and agreed that District does not, in any way nor for any purpose, become a partner, agent, or principal of, or joint venturer with, Company by reason of any provision of this Interim Agreement.
- D. **Binding Effect.** Each and all of the covenants, conditions, and agreements herein contained shall, in accordance with the context, inure to the benefit of District and apply to and bind Company and its respective heirs, legatees, devisees, executors, administrators, successors, agents, assignees, concessionaires and licensees.
- E. **Captions.** The captions of articles and paragraphs of this Interim Agreement are for convenience only and do not in any way limit or amplify the terms and provisions hereof.
- F. **No Waiver.** No waiver by District at any time of any of the terms and conditions of this Interim Agreement shall be deemed to operate as a waiver at any time thereafter of the same or of any other terms or conditions contained herein or of the strict and timely performance of such terms and conditions.
- G. **No Discrimination.** Company shall not unlawfully discriminate in its recruiting, hiring, promotion, demotion, or termination practices on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, disability, marital status, or any other with respect to the 2021 Native Plant Sale, and Company shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and all other acts and laws of whatever kind and all administrative rules and regulations issued pursuant to said Acts.
- H. **Non-Disparagement.** During the Temporary Term and thereafter, Company agrees not to disparage nor take any other action that harms the reputation or goodwill of District.
- I. **Invalidity.** The invalidity of any provision in this Interim Agreement as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction shall in no way affect the validity of any other provision hereof.
- J. **Designee.** The Executive Director of District or his designee shall be responsible for the administration of this Interim Agreement on behalf of District.
- K. **Time of Essence.** Time is of the essence of each provision of this Interim Agreement which specifies a time within which performance is to occur. In the absence of any specified time for performance, performance must be made within a reasonable time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their respective names to be hereunto subscribed by their respective proper officers thereunto dully authorized.

WITNESS:

COMPANY:

Possibility Place Nursery, Inc.

BY: _____

ITS: _____

ATTEST:

DISTRICT:

Lake County Forest Preserve District

BY: _____

ITS: President