



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 2, 2016

MEMO TO: Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
Planning and Restoration Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach, Director
Planning, Conservation and Development

SUBJECT: 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to Homer Environmental, LLC, Lockport, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$28,500.00.

BACKGROUND: Middlefork Savanna contains some of the highest quality remnant plant communities and habitat restorations in Lake County. This project will expand the scope of previous projects to further control invasive species found at Middlefork Savanna. The project was advertised on December 8, 2014 and ten bids were received. Initially, two vendors, Homer Environmental, Inc. and Liberty Prairie Restoration, submitted equal bids for this project. Project and company references were checked for both vendors and found to be satisfactory. In order to recommend only one vendor for this project, the District’s Purchasing Manager asked each low bidder to submit a revised, lower bid. Homer Environmental revised and lowered its bid to \$28,500.00, making it the sole low bidder for this project. The work of this project will be used as matching contributions to the recently acquired Chicago-Calumet Rivers Fund Grant.

A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Homer Environmental, LLC, Lockport, Illinois	\$ 28,500.00
Liberty Prairie Restoration, Libertyville, Illinois	\$ 30,000.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, Illinois	\$ 31,500.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$ 32,955.00
Pizzo & Associates, Leland, Illinois	\$ 36,840.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$ 37,500.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$ 38,250.00
V3 Construction Group, LTD., Woodridge, Illinois	\$ 41,250.00
Cardno J.F. New, Walkerton, Indiana	\$ 41,250.00
Conservation Land Stewardship, Elmhurst, Illinois	\$ 44,625.00

Staff recommends that Homer Environmental, LLC, of Lockport, Illinois be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin in April 2015 and be completed by December 2015.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Committee recommendation and Board approval are required in accordance with District policy.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Director of Operations and Public Safety, Director of Finance, Legal Counsel

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Plan for Habitat Restoration in the amount of \$500,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$30,000.00. The actual cost of \$28,500.00 will be charged to account 201041000-803200-60004.

PRESENTER: Randall L. Seebach

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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 COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
 REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING
 FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE** AND **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** present herewith "A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Homer Environmental, LLC, for the 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve," and request its adoption.

PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:	YEA	NAY	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:	YEA	NAY
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Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair			S. Michael Rummel, Chair		
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Sid Mathias			Audrey Nixon		
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Craig Taylor					
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Tom Weber					

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HOMER ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC
FOR THE 2015 INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROJECT 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 2015 Invasive Plant Control Project 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 December 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders (which include bid alternate four):

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Homer Environmental, LLC., Lockport, Illinois	\$28,500.00
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WHEREAS, the District's staff; the Purchasing Manager; the Director of Planning Conservation, and Development; the Planning and Restoration Committee, and the Finance and Administrative Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Homer Tree Service, Inc., to be the lowest responsible bidder, and award a contract for the Work to Homer Tree Service, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

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 part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Homer Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$28,500.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Homer Tree Service, Inc.

Section 3: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract in the amounts of the Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The District 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 _____, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____