



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 2, 2015

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: Site Restoration of the Former Equestrian Facility at Dutch Gap Forest Preserve

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Site Restoration of the Former Equestrian Facility at Dutch Gap Forest Preserve to Clean Cut Tree Service, Grayslake, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$157,708.00.

BACKGROUND: The District acquired the Dutch Gap Forest Preserve in 2010. On one portion of the preserve, an existing equestrian facility was licensed to the previous owner for a term of two years after acquisition. At that time it was noted that buildings and facilities were in poor condition. In 2013, the District pursued proposals for a new license to operate this facility; however, due to the poor condition of the buildings and grounds it was later determined that the operation of the equestrian facility was not cost effective and a new license agreement was not executed. The property has been vacant since that time. This project will include the removal of all remaining fences and debris, eliminate invasive trees that have colonized the site, repair a damaged drain tile that is causing flooding, and remove the existing equestrian training/racing track. When this work is complete, the site will become part of the Farm Management Program and will be licensed for farming as a cost-effective interim land management strategy until other site uses are established.

The project was advertised on December 11th, 2014 and three (3) bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$157,708.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$203,891.75
Native Landscape Contractors, LLC, Leland, Illinois	\$311,603.80

Staff recommends that Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin in February and be completed by July.

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 item was approved as part of the adopted FY2014/2015 Budget in the amount of \$100,000. Additional funds will be taken from the Fund Balance of the Land Preparation Fund. This portion of the project was estimated at \$165,000.00. The actual cost of \$157,708.00 will be charged to the Land Preparation Fund account 26134000-705100.

PRESENTER: Randall L. Seebach

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICE, INC.
FOR SITE RESTORATION AT DUTCH GAP FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for site restoration of former equestrian facility at Dutch Gap 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 30, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

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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 Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder, and award a contract for the Work to Clean Cut 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 Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$157,708.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc.

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

Section 4: Payments. The District 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 _____, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie A. Gagnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____