



**DATE:** March 1, 2021

**TO:** Jessica Vealitzek, Chair  
Operations Committee

**FROM:** Alex Eichman  
Chief of Golf Course Operations

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the purchase of a new Irrigation Control System at ThunderHawk Golf Club to The Toro Company (via the “Omnia Partners Contract”) in the Contract Price of \$185,374.17.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** This expenditure was approved as part of the FY2021 budget. The cost of \$185,374.17 will be charged to account 83104100-806000. This account will also be used to pay for the installation of this system under a separately approved contract.

**BACKGROUND:** The irrigation control system being recommended will replace the original irrigation control system that was installed in 1999. The existing systems have begun to fail due to age and use. Further, the technology associated with irrigation control systems has advanced to the point that it is no longer economically or operationally feasible to maintain our current system.

For example, with the age and design of the current system, much of its equipment is outdated and discontinued, so that replacement parts are unavailable. Replacing the system with a new system with the existing design would cost substantially more in parts and labor, compared to replacement with a newly designed system. The recommended new system is controlled remotely from iPads or laptop or desktop computers from any location with an internet connection. The maintenance of the recommended new system will be quicker, more cost effective and more efficient than maintenance of the current system.

Omnia Partners has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive proposals for the recommended Irrigation Control System, including a proposal by The Toro Company. The District is eligible to purchase such equipment, under such proposal, pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/1, et seq.

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



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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE TORO COMPANY FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF AN IRRIGATION CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THUNDERHAWK  
GOLF CLUB**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") desires to purchase a Toro Irrigation Control System for ThunderHawk Golf Club or approved equivalent(the "Equipment"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/1, et seq., any governmental unit pay purchase personal property, supplies, and services jointly with one or more governmental units if one of the governmental units has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive, sealed bids or proposals, and has awarded a contract for such personal property, supplies, and services to the lowest responsible bidder or the highest ranking proposer, all in accordance with such Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Omnia Partners has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive proposals for the Equipment, including a proposal by The Toro Company; and

**WHEREAS**, Omnia Partners has awarded a contract for the Equipment to The Toro Company as the highest ranking proposer (the "Omnia Partners Contract"), and the Omnia Partners Contract provides that other units of local government may also enter into contracts with The Toro Company on the same terms as provided in the Omnia Partners Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the District to award a contract for the Product to The Toro Company on the same terms as provided in the Omnia Partners Contract (the "Contract") in a total price equal to \$185,374.17 (the "Contract Price");

**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 proposal submitted by The Toro Company for the Products in the total amount of the Contract Price is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Products is hereby awarded to The Toro Company in the amount of the Contract Price.

**Section 3: Execution of Contract.** The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract with The Toro Company.

**Section 4: Payments.** The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract 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:

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

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Angelo D. Kyle, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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