



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: 2015 District-Wide Invasive Plant Management

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the 2015 District-Wide Invasive Plant Management to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$140,400.00.

BACKGROUND: Invasive plant management is the most time-consuming task faced by District 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. In order to pursue this necessary and ongoing work by District staff, the District hires a contractor on an hourly basis to complete several projects to control herbaceous invasive plants.

This year's contract will include control of reed canary grass, common reed, teasel, crown vetch, exotic cattail, Japanese knotweed, leafy spurge, Oriental bittersweet, spotted knapweed, fig buttercup and common goldenrod. The following sites are anticipated to be treated: Captain Daniel Wright Woods, Cuba Marsh, Fort Sheridan, Gander Mountain, Grainger Woods, Grant Woods, Greenbelt, Lake Carina, Lakewood, Lyons Woods, Raven Glen, Rollins Savanna, Edward L. Ryerson (Welcome Center), Van Patten Woods, Pine Dunes, MacArthur Woods, Tanager Kames and Wadsworth Savanna Forest Preserves.

The project was advertised on December 8, 2015 and nine (9) bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois	\$140,400.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$144,000.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, Illinois	\$151,200.00
Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Leland, Illinois	\$154,404.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$158,184.00
ENCAP, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois	\$162,000.00
V3 Construction Group, LTD., Woodridge, Illinois	\$163,800.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$180,000.00
J.F. New & Associates, Inc., Monee, Illinois	\$216,000.00

Staff recommends that Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC 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 FY2014/2015 Farmland Management Fund budget in the amount of \$140,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$140,000.00. The actual cost of \$140,400.00 will be charged to account 28644000-705100-62806. The additional \$400.00 will be covered by excess proceeds in the Fund Balance of the Farmland Management Fund.

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:

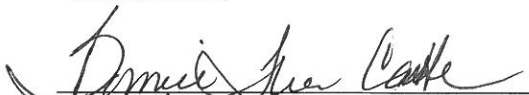
Your **PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE AND FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** present herewith "A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, for the 2015 District-Wide Invasive Plant Management," and request its adoption.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION
 COMMITTEE:**

YEA NAY

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
 COMMITTEE:**

YEA NAY



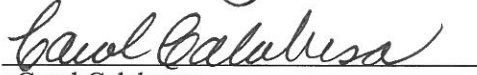
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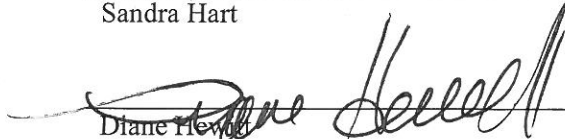
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**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LIBERTY PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS, LLC
FOR THE 2015 DISTRICT-WIDE INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the 2015 District-Wide Invasive Plant Management (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 alternates one and three):

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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 Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC to be the lowest responsible bidder, and award a contract for the Work to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC (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 Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, in the amount of \$140,400.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC.

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.

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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. _____