



DATE: June 28, 2021

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

Julie Simpson, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Enhanced Monitoring and Recovery Activities Services to Chicago Botanic Garden for the Rare Plant Recovery Project in the Contract Price of \$30,000.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project will be funded from the Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves, at \$10,000.00 a year for three years in the total amount of \$30,000.00 and will be charged to the Land Development Fund (27644000-701500-56060).

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Forest Preserve District (District) strives to maintain viable populations of all naturally occurring species native to its preserves. For many widespread and common species, standard management practices, such as burning and invasive control, suffice to support thriving populations. Other species – principally those with highly specialized biotic and abiotic requirements – require specialized management practices such as genetic augmentation of existing populations, hand pollination to ensure a high-quality seed set, and propagation by either seed or cuttings to increase both the size and number of existing populations. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy and Chicago Wilderness these species are identified as “species of special concern”.

While there are more than 100 plant species of special concern on District lands, the District has received Preservation Foundation funds to support specialized management of those species of concern most critically in need of these specialized interventions. These species include Carolina Vetch, Prairie Gentian, White Lady’s slipper, Prairie Fringed and Grass Pink Orchids. Work with these species will occur at multiple forest preserve sites, including those with remnant populations and new sites where re-introductions are feasible. This project aligns with the District's strategic objective to ensure no species are lost within Lake County.

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR JULY MEETING
JULY 14, 2021**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** and **FINANCE COMMITTEE** present herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Enhanced Monitoring and Recovery Activities Services to Plants of Concern, Chicago Botanic Garden,” and request its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____
 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**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
ENHANCED MONITORING AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES SERVICES TO
PLANTS OF CONCERN, CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) desires to purchase enhanced monitoring and recovery activities services for the District’s Rare Plant Recovery Project; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Natural Resources and the Purchasing Manager have determined that the Services require personal confidence; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Natural Resources has solicited a proposal for the Services from Plants of Concern, Chicago Botanic Garden (“CBG”); and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations and Finance Committees have reviewed the proposal and recommend that the Board of Commissioners (i) find that the proposal submitted by CBG is the proposal that is most advantageous to the District; and (ii) award a contract for the Services to CBG in substantially the form attached hereto (the “Contract”) in the amount of \$30,000.00 (the “Contract Price”); and.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the proposal for the Services submitted by CBG is the proposal that is most advantageous to the District;

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 a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Award of Contract. The Contract in the amount of the Contract Price, in substantially the form attached hereto, is hereby awarded to Plants of Concern, Chicago Botanic Garden.

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

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. _____