

DATE: August 30, 2021

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing – Winter 2021 Project at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve to Clean Cut Tree Service in the Contract Price of \$115,200.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The estimated cost for the project was \$160,000.00. The actual cost of the project under the contract that would be approved by the attached resolution is \$115,200.00.

The Woody Invasive Plant Clearing for Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve will begin in the winter of 2021 and will be completed in the fall of 2022. Funding comes from the FY 2021 Wetland Restoration Fund (24614100-803200-62506) in the amount of \$115,200.00.

BACKGROUND: Invasive plants are a significant challenge to habitat restoration. Management of invasive plants is necessary to improve and restore habitat quality and species diversity on District properties throughout Lake County. The District conducts removal of invasive woody species as part of a Land Management Program to restore and enhance woodlands, savannas, prairies and wetlands to increase the health, diversity, and sustainability of flora and wildlife populations and to restore or enhance ecosystem services.

In 2020, the District was awarded a grant in the amount of \$177,260.00 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi-Cal Rivers Fund Grant. This grant funds restoration work within the Chicago and Calumet River Watersheds in the Chicago region. This grant will allow the District to restore the northern portion of Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve. In addition to clearing work, this project also includes wetland restoration, streambank stabilization, and invasive herbaceous species management.

The project was advertised on June 24, 2021 and seven bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Clean Cut Tree Service	\$ 115,200.00
Integrated Lakes Management	\$ 123,675.84
JH Landworks	\$ 144,000.00
Tallgrass Restoration	\$ 164,067.84
V3 Companies	\$ 189,792.00
Cardno	\$ 302,976.00
ENCAP	\$ 380,160.00

Staff recommends that Clean Cut Tree Service be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 13, 2021 and to be completed by August 1, 2022.

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 SEPTEMBER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing - Winter 2021 Project at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve” and requests its approval.

OPERATIONS 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 THE
WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CLEARING - WINTER 2021 PROJECT AT
PRAIRIE WOLF FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing - Winter 2021 Project at Prairie Wolf 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 July 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders;

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$115,200.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, Illinois	\$123,675.84
JH Landworks, LLC, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin	\$144,000.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$164,087.84
V3 Companies, LTD., Woodridge, Illinois	\$189,792.00
Cardno, Inc., Englewood, Colorado	\$302,976.00
Encap, Inc., Dekalb, Illinois	\$380,160.00

and;

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work and award a contract for the Work to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work;

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 bid submitted by Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$115,200.00 (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 Contract for the Work in the amount of the Contract Price.

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:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021

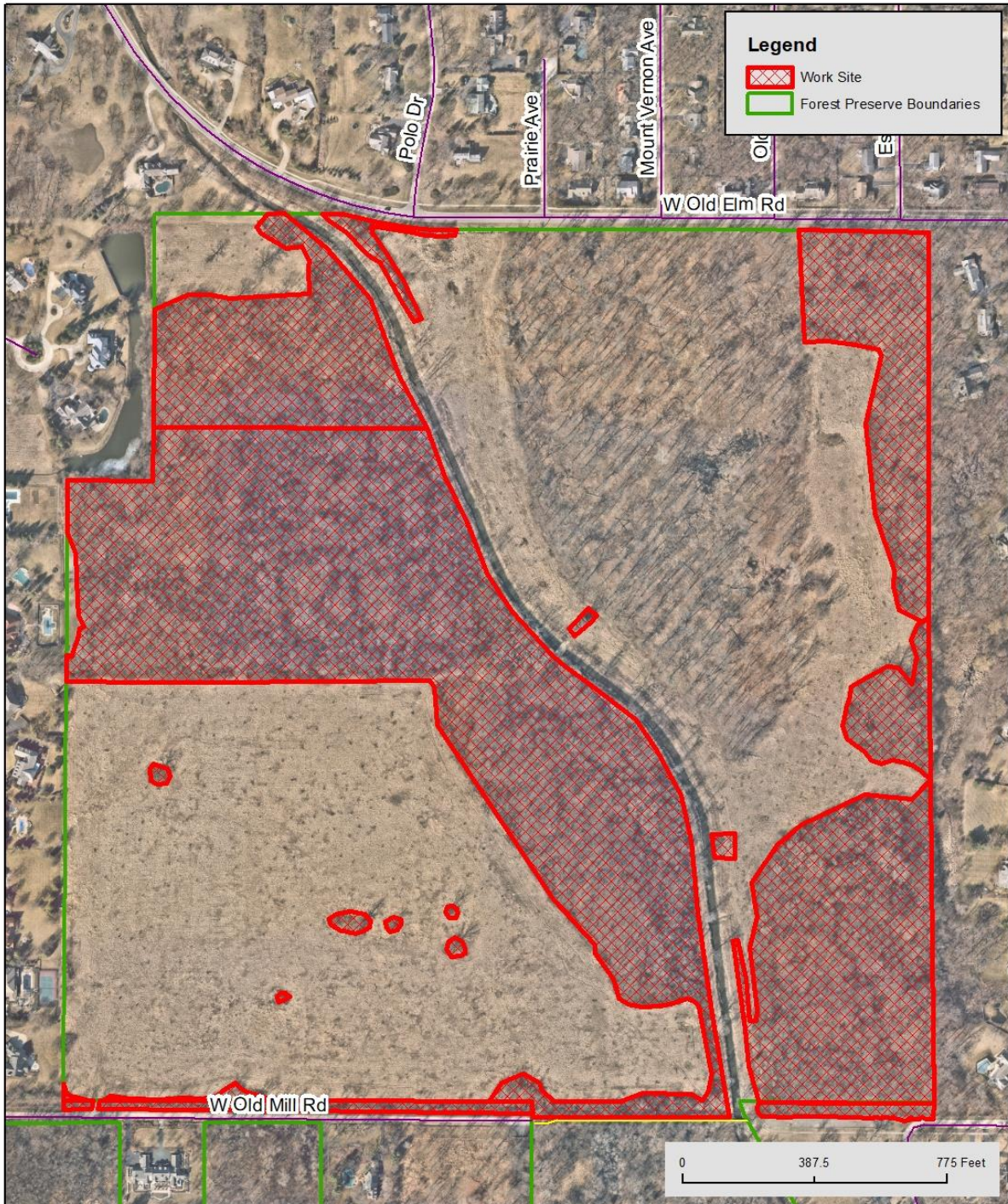
Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
PRAIRIE WOLF FOREST PRESERVE
WOODY INVASIVE CLEARING PROJECT 2021