



**DATE:** October 4, 2021

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

Julie Simpson, Chair  
Finance Committee

**FROM:** John E. Nelson  
Director of Operations and Infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Sanitary Sewer Connection at Fourth Lake Forest Preserve to Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$213,000.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The adopted FY2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes funding in the Capital Facilities Improvement Fund for this project in the budgeted amount of \$150,000.00 (account code 39104100-803200-60022). The engineer's estimate for this project prior to bidding was \$210,000.00. The actual construction cost will be \$213,000.00 based on the contract to be awarded. The additional funding needed to accomplish this project will be charged to the Capital Facilities Improvement Fund, which has a limited fund balance available that is intended "to fund improvements to buildings and structures."

Connecting to the public sanitary sewer will increase utility costs for the sewer bill, but will reduce electric utility costs by eliminating the pump station for the septic system and the costs of the wastewater hauling. It is expected that this project will provide a net reduction in operating costs of approximately \$5,000.00 per year. In addition the costs of repairs and replacement of the existing system, which is now 12 years old, would be well in excess of \$100,000.00 over the next 10-15 years if it were to be retained.

**BACKGROUND:** The Operations and Public Safety Facility was constructed at Fourth Lake Forest Preserve in 2008-2010. At that time, the District decided to install an on-site wastewater system that includes a wastewater pump station and septic field for 'domestic' wastewater and a large holding tank for 'oily' wastewater from mechanical services work areas. It was determined at the time that an on-site system was preferred to connecting to the local sanitary sewer system because connecting would have required payment of a recapture fee in accordance with the Lindenhurst East Side Sanitary Sewer Recapture Agreement (recorded document number 3735915) dated October 16, 1995 between Westfield Homes of Illinois, Inc. and the Village of Lindenhurst that was estimated to cost between \$600,000 - \$750,000. The term of the recapture agreement was twenty (20) years, so it expired in 2015 and is no longer applicable.

Recently, the District worked with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on the improvements to Illinois Route 132 – Grand Avenue that include a shared use path in the right-of-way up to the Operations and Public Safety Facility entrance with the understanding that the District would then provide a bike path connection through Fourth Lake Forest Preserve to the Millennium Trail. Since the bike path connection follows much of the same route as the sanitary sewer connection, it has always been envisioned that the efforts would be coordinated and occur at the same time.

The project was advertised on August 4, 2021 and five (5) bids were received and opened on August 26, 2021. The base bid amounts for pavement patching are as follows, with Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder:

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc.	\$213,000.00
Campanella & Sons, Inc.	\$265,508.64
V3 Construction Group, Ltd.	\$281,500.00
Bolder Contractors, Inc.	\$310,000.00
DK Contractors, Inc.	\$313,275.00

**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 BERGER EXCAVATING  
CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION AT  
FOURTH LAKE FOREST PRESERVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the Sanitary Sewer Connection at Fourth Lake 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 August 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders:

Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc., Wauconda, IL	\$	213,000.00
Campanella & Sons, Inc., Wadsworth, IL	\$	265,508.64
V3 Construction Group, Ltd, Woodridge, IL	\$	281,500.00
Bolder Contractors, Inc., Cary, IL	\$	310,000.00
DK Contractors, Inc., Pleasant Prairie, WI	\$	313,275.00;

and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Operations and Infrastructure, the Operations and Finance Committees have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds Berger Excavating Contractors, 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 Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$213,000.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Berger Excavating Contractors, 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

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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. \_\_\_\_\_