



Lake County Forest Preserves

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DATE: February 28, 2022

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: Pati Vitt
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for Invasive Plant Control to (a) McGinty Brothers, for Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve and Grassy Lake Forest Preserve, in the Contract Price of \$57,070.00; (b) to Native Restoration Services, at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve and Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve, in the Contract Price of \$66,107.20; and (c) to Integrated Lakes Management for Teasel Control at several Forest Preserves, in the Contract Price of \$39,960.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The District’s adopted FY2022 Budget provides funding for the Projects (defined below). Funding accounts for these projects come from the Farm Management Fund (2800), Development Fund (2000) and the Development Bond Projects Fund (3563) listed in the table below. The low bids total \$163,137.20. The total amount budgeted for these Projects was \$164,000.00. The table also identifies the “Actual Low Bid Amount”, which is the recommended lowest responsible bid received for the corresponding Project listed in the table.

PROJECT	ACTUAL LOW BID AMOUNT	ACCOUNT
Cuba Marsh	\$26,340.00	28644000-705100-62803
Middlefork Savanna	\$32,635.20	28644000-705100-62803
Grassy Lake	\$30,730.00	35634100-803200-60701
Fort Sheridan	\$33,472.00	35634100-803200-60406
Teasel Control Only	\$39,960.00	27644000-704800

BACKGROUND: Invasive plant management includes the removal of invasive plants from District lands to improve and conserve habitat quality. It is the most time-consuming task faced by District natural restoration 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. To more efficiently accomplish this work, each year, the District hires contractors on an hourly basis to complete several projects to manage herbaceous invasive plants.

The District advertised for bids for season-long control of invasive plants at Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna, Grassy Lake, and Fort Sheridan and for control of teasel (an invasive flowering plant) at several other preserves (the “Projects”).

The projects were advertised on January 14, 2022 and bids were received from six bidders. Work is anticipated to begin in April and to be completed by December 2022. A summary of the bids received is listed below, with each low bid highlighted:

VENDOR	Cuba Marsh	Middlefork Savanna	Grassy Lake	Fort Sheridan	Teasel Control Only
Tallgrass Restoration	\$39,000.00	\$50,700.00	\$45,500.00	\$52,000.00	\$57,720.00
RES Great Lakes	\$35,100.00	NO BID	\$39,900.00	NO BID	NO BID
V3 Construction Group	NO BID	NO BID	\$40,250.00	\$46,000.00	NO BID
Native Restoration Services	NO BID	\$32,635.20	NO BID	\$33,472.00	\$52,392.00
Integrated Lakes Management	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$39,960.00
McGinty Brothers	\$26,340.00	NO BID	\$30,730.00	NO BID	NO BID

Staff recommends that the Board find that the bidders submitting the highlighted bids above are the lowest responsible bidders for the associated Projects and awards contracts to such bidders accordingly.

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR
INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL AT MULTIPLE FOREST PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for Invasive Plant Control at Multiple Forest Preserves (the "Work") pursuant to the bidding documents for such work (the "Bid Documents"); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on February 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. local time and such bids are summarized on Exhibit A; 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 (a) McGinty Bros., Inc., with its bid of \$26,340.00 ("McGinty Bros., Inc. Cuba Marsh Bid"), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as "Project 1" (Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve); (b) Native Restoration Services, Inc., with its bid of \$32,635.20 ("Native Restoration Services, Inc., Middlefork Bid"), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as "Project 2" (Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve); (c) McGinty Bros., Inc., with its bid of \$30,730.00 ("McGinty Bros., Inc. Grassy Lake Bid") to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as "Project 3" (Grassy Lake Forest Preserve); (d) Native Restoration Services, Inc., with its bid of \$33,472.00 ("Native Restoration Services, Inc., Fort Sheridan Bid") to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as "Project 4" (Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve); (e) Integrated Lakes Management, with its bid of \$39,960.00 ("Integrated Lakes Management Teasel Control Bid"), with the McGinty Bros., Inc. Cuba Marsh and Grassy Lake Bids, and the Native Restoration Services, Inc. Middlefork Savanna and Fort Sheridan Bids (the "Low Bids") to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as "Project 5" (Teasel Control); and award contracts for the Work to McGinty Bros., Inc., Native Restoration Services, Inc., and Integrated Lakes Management for the Work for which each submitted the Low Bids (the "Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that each Low Bid is the lowest responsible bid as set forth in the previous clause;

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: Acceptance of Bids. The Low Bids in the amounts highlighted on Exhibit A are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to each Low Bidder in the amount of the Low Bidder's Low Bid (for each Low Bidder, a "Contract Price").

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contracts for the Work in the amounts of the Contract Prices.

Section 4: Payments. The 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 _____, 2022

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

Projects Location	Quantity	UOM	Integrated Lakes Management		McGinty Bros		Native Restoration Services		RES Great Lakes		Tallgrass Restoration		V3 Construction	
			Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price	Unit Price	Extension Price
Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve	600	Hours		\$0.00	\$43.90	\$26,340.00		\$0.00	\$58.50	\$35,100.00	\$65.00	\$39,000.00		\$0.00
Middlefork Savanna	780	Hours		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$41.84	\$32,635.20		\$0.00	\$65.00	\$50,700.00		\$0.00
Grassy Lake Forest Preserve	700	Hours		\$0.00	\$43.90	\$30,730.00		\$0.00	\$57.00	\$39,900.00	\$65.00	\$45,500.00	\$57.50	\$40,250.00
Fort Sheridan	800	Hours		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$41.84	\$33,472.00		\$0.00	\$65.00	\$52,000.00	\$57.50	\$46,000.00
Teasel Control	888	Hours	\$45.00	\$39,960.00		\$0.00	\$59.00	\$52,392.00		\$0.00	\$65.00	\$57,720.00		\$0.00