



**DATE:** April 4, 2022

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

**FROM:** Pati Vitt  
Director of Natural Resources

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Tree Protection Fencing Materials for Multiple Preserves to Far North International in the Contract Price of \$27,205.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The District-wide Reforestation project was approved as part of the adopted FY22 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$100,000.00. This portion of the project (tree protection fencing material) was estimated at \$30,000.00. The contract price of the proposed contract is \$27,205.00, which will be charged to the District-wide Reforestation account (1104100-803200-60008).

**BACKGROUND:** The District will be installing native trees and shrubs in fall of 2022 at Old School, Captain Daniel Wright Woods, Cuba Marsh, Fox River, Grant Woods, Ray Lake and Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area Forest Preserves as part of ongoing ecological restoration efforts. District staff recommends that the District purchase tree protection fencing, which would then be installed by District crews around newly planted trees to prevent wildlife damage.

A notice was published on February 8, 2022 seeking bids for a contract for the purchase of tree protection fencing and two bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Far North International, New Lenox, IL	\$ 27,205.00
Shoop and Sons, Decatur, IL	\$ 38,295.00

Staff recommends that Far North International be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin September, 2022 and be completed by October, 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 APRIL MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2022**

**MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Tree Protection Fencing Materials for Multiple Preserves” 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  
TREE PROTECTION FENCING MATERIALS FOR MULTIPLE PRESERVES**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids to purchase Tree Protection Fencing Materials for Multiple Preserves (the “Materials”); and

**WHEREAS**, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on February 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.; and

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

	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Far North International, New Lenox, Illinois	\$27,205.00
Shoop & Sons, Decatur, Illinois	\$38,295.00

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 finds Far North International, to be the lowest responsible bidder and awards a contract for the Materials to Far North International (the “Contract”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Far North International is the lowest responsible bidder for the Materials;

**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 Far North International in the amount of \$27,205.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Materials is hereby awarded to Far North International.

**Section 3: Execution of Contract.** The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Materials 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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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. \_\_\_\_\_