



Lake County Forest Preserves

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DATE: May 2, 2022

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

Agenda Item # 9.3

FROM: Pati Vitt
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contract for the Growing of Pollinator Plants to Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC in the Contract Price of \$52,680.16.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This grant-funded project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2022 Budget in the amount of \$135,000.00 (69644100-803200-56068). Funding for the project is being supplied by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Improving Monarch and Pollinator Habitat Through the Barrington Greenway Initiative (IL) Grant.

Including the bid of \$16,853.76, which does not require Board approval, the total cost of the contracts for this project would be \$69,533.92.

BACKGROUND: The Barrington Greenway Initiative (BGI) is a collaborative effort of the Lake County Forest Preserve District (District), Audubon Great Lakes, Bobolink Foundation, Citizens for Conservation, Friends of the Forest Preserve, McHenry County Conservation District, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to preserve, restore and maintain the natural features of the Flint Creek and Spring Creek watersheds. Nature crosses boundaries, and BGI participants share priorities, plans, and resources to sustain larger, quality, strategic restorations. BGI creates a linked greenway across more than 14,000 acres of prairies, wetlands, and woodlands. Of particular importance is the potential to diversify restoration plantings across our shared preserves and to increase the scale and the quality of our combined restoration efforts. In addition, the group values the opportunity to support species of greatest conservation concern and to improve the ecological health and connectivity of the habitat at a landscape scale.

The District, in cooperation with the BGI, has been awarded a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant for “Improving Monarch and Pollinator Habitat Through the Barrington Greenway Initiative” for \$135,000.00 to improve pollinator habitat through habitat management, seed collection and production, and for the installation of milkweeds and other pollinator-friendly species into wild seed beds across the BGI project area (see attached map), while increasing seed production of milkweeds in the District’s Native Seed Nursery (the “Project”). The Project will result in the creation of wild seed beds throughout the BGI project area to provide nectar and other resources that native pollinators depend on.

The attached resolution would approve a contract with Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC for a portion of the Project, specifically, to grow approximately 40,000 milkweed plants and an additional approximately 10,000 native plants of various species (for a total of approximately 50,000 plants) from seed collected by BGI participants to ensure the plants grown are of local genotype. The remaining grant funds will be used for an additional contract for the Project (with a contract price below \$25,000.00) and to purchase and plant native shrubs that benefit pollinators and also to purchase equipment to assist with the installation and watering of the plants.

The request for bids for the Project was advertised on March 25, 2022 and three (3) bids were received. A summary of the lowest bids received and recommended for approval is listed below:

<u>LOWEST BIDDER – TOTAL BIDS GREATER THAN \$25,000.00</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC	\$ 52,680.16

<u>LOWEST BIDDER – TOTAL BIDS EQUAL TO OR UNDER \$25,000.00</u>	
Agrecol, LLC	\$ 16,853.76

Staff recommends that Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC be awarded a contract to grow those pollinator plants for which it was the low bidder.

Staff will award a contract to Agrecol, LLC (with a contract price less than \$25,000.00) to grow those pollinator plants for which it was the lowest bidder.

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 FOR
THE GROWING OF POLLINATOR PLANTS**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the growing of pollinator plants (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 April 8, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. local time; and such bids are summarized on the exhibit attached hereto (the "Exhibit"); 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 (i) finds that each highlighted bid listed under the column titled "Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC" on the Exhibit (collectively, the "Low Bids") is the lowest responsible bid for the corresponding "Species" identified in Exhibit A and (ii) awards a contract to Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC for that portion of the Work for which it submitted Low Bids (the "Pizzo Work") in the amount of \$52,680.16, which is the total of each Low Bid multiplied by its corresponding Extension (the "Contract Price"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the Low Bids are the lowest responsible bids for the Pizzo 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: Acceptance of Bids. The Low Bids are hereby accepted and a contract for the Pizzo Work (the "Contract") is hereby awarded to Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC in the amount of the Contract Price.

Section 3: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Pizzo 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's 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

Species	Plant Age	Total Amt. Needed	Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC		Agrecol, LLC		Shooting Star Native Seeds	
			Unit Price (\$/PLS LB)	Extension	Unit Price (\$/PLS LB)	Extension	Unit Price (\$/PLS LB)	Extension
<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>	1 year	874	\$ 1.04	\$908.96	\$ 1.12	\$978.88	\$ 1.68	\$1,468.32
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	1 year	760	\$ 1.04	\$790.40	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	1 year	20,368	\$ 1.04	\$21,182.72	\$ 1.12	\$22,812.16	\$ 1.68	\$34,218.24
<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>	1 year	570	\$ 2.00	\$1,140.00	\$ 1.12	\$638.40	\$ 1.68	\$957.60
<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	1 year	3838	\$ 1.16	\$4,452.08	\$ 1.12	\$4,298.56	\$ 1.68	\$6,447.84
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	1 year	1368	\$ 1.40	\$1,915.20	\$ 1.12	\$1,532.16	\$ 1.68	\$2,298.24
<i>Cirsium discolor</i>	1 year	874	\$ 1.40	\$1,223.60	\$ 1.12	\$978.88	\$ 1.68	\$1,468.32
<i>Cirsium muticum</i>	1 year	760	\$ 1.16	\$881.60	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Galium boreale</i>	1 year	760	\$ 1.40	\$1,064.00	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	1 year	1026	\$ 1.04	\$1,067.04	\$ 1.12	\$1,149.12	\$ 1.68	\$1,723.68
<i>Mentha canadensis</i>	1 year	760	\$ 1.04	\$790.40	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	1 year	608	\$ 1.04	\$632.32	\$ 1.12	\$680.96	\$ 1.68	\$1,021.44
<i>Symphotrichum oolentangiense</i>	1 year	608	\$ 1.16	\$705.28	\$ 1.12	\$680.96	\$ 1.68	\$1,021.44
<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	1 year	760	\$ 1.04	\$790.40	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	1 year	760	\$ 1.16	\$881.60	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Zizia aptera</i>	1 year	1558	\$ 1.04	\$1,620.32	\$ 1.12	\$1,744.96	\$ 1.68	\$2,617.44
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	1 year	2812	\$ 1.04	\$2,924.48	\$ 1.12	\$3,149.44	\$ 1.68	\$4,724.16
Subtotal								
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	1 year	20,368	\$ 1.04	\$21,182.72	\$ 1.12	\$22,812.16	\$ 1.68	\$34,218.24
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	1 year	38	\$ 1.16	\$44.08	\$ 1.12	\$42.56	\$ 1.68	\$63.84
<i>Asclepias viridiflora</i>	1 year	38	\$ 1.40	\$53.20	\$ 1.12	\$42.56	\$ 1.68	\$63.84
<i>Baptisia leucophaea</i>	1 year	114	\$ 1.40	\$159.60	\$ 1.12	\$127.68	\$ 1.68	\$191.52
<i>Phlox pilosa var. fulgida</i>	1 year	760	\$ 1.40	\$1,064.00	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80

<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>	2 year	760	\$ 1.16	\$881.60	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>	2 year	874	\$ 1.16	\$1,013.84	\$ 1.12	\$978.88	\$ 1.68	\$1,468.32
<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	2 year	38	\$ 2.00	\$76.00	\$ 1.12	\$42.56	\$ 1.68	\$63.84
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>	2 year	760	\$ 1.04	\$790.40	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	2 year	646	\$ 1.16	\$749.36	\$ 1.12	\$723.52	\$ 1.68	\$1,085.28
<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	2 year	760	\$ 1.40	\$1,064.00	\$ 1.12	\$851.20	\$ 1.68	\$1,276.80
<i>Viola pedatifida</i>	2 year	1368	\$ 1.40	\$1,915.20	\$ 1.12	\$1,532.16	\$ 1.68	\$2,298.24
<i>Viola pubescens</i>	2 year	114	\$ 1.16	\$132.24	\$ 1.12	\$127.68	\$ 1.68	\$191.52

