

DATE: October 3, 2022

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: Pati Vitt
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for Woody Invasive Plant Clearing – Winter 2022 Project at Multiple Forest Preserves to (a) Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, for Cahokia Flatwoods, Ethel’s Woods and Van Patten Woods Forest Preserves, in the Contract Price of \$424,130.30; and to (b) Integrated Lakes Management, at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve, in the Contract Price of \$50,595.68.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: These individual projects were approved as part of the adopted FY2022 Budget and are included in the proposed FY2023 Budget. In the following chart, the “Overall Project Budget” identifies the overall restoration budget for each listed Preserve, the “Clearing Portion Estimate” identifies the estimated cost of the invasive plant clearing portion of that project (i.e., the work that will be performed pursuant to the contract that would be approved by the attached resolution), and the “Actual Low Bid Amount” identifies the recommended lowest responsible bid received for the clearing work in each Preserve. Various accounts would fund the proposed work.

PRESERVE (PROJECT)	OVERALL PROJECT BUDGET	CLEARING PORTION ESTIMATE	ACTUAL LOW BID AMOUNT	ACCOUNT
CAHOKIA FLATWOODS	\$ 126,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,486.40	11104100-803200-60004
ETHEL'S WOODS	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 146,721.90	11104100-803200-60004
PRAIRIE WOLF	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,595.68	24614100-803200-62506
VAN PATTEN WOODS	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 166,922.00	11104100-803200-60004

BACKGROUND: Invasive plants are 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. 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

The District advertised for bids for multiple clearing projects, each indicated as a separate preserve (Project) located within Lake County, under one consolidated bid process. Each Project has its own Scope of Work and Specifications. Work includes all labor equipment and materials to selectively remove invasive woody trees and shrubs and thin select native species, and includes disposal services and follow-up selective herbicide applications.

The projects were advertised on August 11, 2022. Work is anticipated to begin December 15, 2022 and to be completed by August 1, 2023.

Staff recommends the following lowest responsible bidders be awarded contracts for the following Projects:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>CONTRACT PRICE</u>
Cahokia Flatwoods	Tallgrass Restoration, LLC	\$ 110,486.40
Ethel's Woods	Tallgrass Restoration, LLC	\$ 146,721.90
Prairie Wolf	Integrated Lakes Management	\$ 50,595.68
Van Patten Woods	Tallgrass Restoration, LLC	\$ 166,922.00

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE
WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CLEARING – WINTER 2022 PROJECT 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 the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing – Winter 2022 Project for Multiple Forest Preserves (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 September 2nd at 11:00 a.m. local time and such bids are identified 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 (i) finds that each highlighted bid on Exhibit A (collectively, the “Low Bids”) is a lowest responsible bid for each corresponding “Location” identified in Exhibit A and (ii) awards a contract for the portion of the Work at each of the Locations to the bidder who submitted the Low Bid for such Work (collectively the “Low Bidders”) in the amount of the Low Bidder’s Low Bid (collectively, the “Contract Prices”) as follows:

(a) to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, IL, for Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve, Ethel’s Woods Forest Preserve, and Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve, in the total Contract Price of \$424,130.30;

(b) to Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, IL, for Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve, in the Contract Price of \$50,595.68; collectively, (the “Contracts”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that each Low Bid is the lowest responsible bid for each corresponding Location as set forth above;

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 listed on Exhibit A are hereby accepted and a Contract for a portion of the Work is hereby awarded to each Low Bidder in the amount of the Contract Price, which shall equal the total of such Low Bidder’s Low Bids.

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 Gagnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

BID 22031

WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CLEARING WINTER 2022 PROJECT AT MULTIPLE FOREST PRESERVES

	INTEGRATED LAKES MANAGEMENT	TALLGRASS RESTORATION	ENCAP	CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICES	MCGINTY BROS
Location					
Cahokia Flatwoods	\$120,329.00	\$110,486.40	NO BID	\$122,400.00	NO BID
Ethel's Woods	NO BID	\$146,721.90	NO BID	\$165,750.00	NO BID
Prairie Wolf	\$50,595.68	\$56,508.00	\$85,600.00	\$102,000.00	\$58,323.60
Van Patten Woods	\$182,204.70	\$166,922.00	NO BID	\$267,350.00	NO BID