



DATE: October 31, 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 Removals along the Des Plaines River Corridor to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$178,498.24.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY ‘22 and ‘23 Budget in the amount of \$300,000.00 (\$150,000.00 each FY). The actual cost of \$178,498.24 will be charged to the Land Development fund, account (20564400-704600).

BACKGROUND: The Tree Removal project to be performed within multiple preserves along the Des Plaines River Corridor includes a mixture of flatwoods, prairie, and savanna communities. Dead or dying trees near public use areas of the District can present a hazard to the public. Therefore, staff monitors public areas, such as trails and parking lots, for dead or dying trees and then addresses identified hazard trees. There are more identified hazard trees than staff is able to address, so funding for contractual tree removal has been allocated in the District’s operating budget.

Work shall include mechanical cutting and hand cutting (chain saws, hand saws), brush disposal via chip and haul. Most of the work site is located in upland areas, but will also include a few areas near or within wetlands. The goal of this project is to mitigate hazardous trees.

The project was advertised on September 14, 2022 and three bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc.; Grayslake IL	\$ 178,498.24
Trees ‘R Us, Inc.; Ingleside, IL	\$ 350,606.99
Homer Tree Service, Inc.; Lockport, IL	\$ 352,350.00

Staff recommends that Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 15, 2022 and be completed by December 31, 2023.

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
TREE REMOVALS ALONG THE DES PLAINES RIVER CORRIDOR**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for a Contract for Tree Removals along the Des Plaines River Corridor (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 October 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. local time; and

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

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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 Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work and awards a contract for the Work to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Clean Cut Tree Service, 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 Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$178,498.24 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Clean Cut Tree Service, 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 _____, 2022

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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. _____