



DATE: April 1, 2024

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: Daniel Stearns
Director of Facilities

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the purchase of a Mean Green 60” Zero-Turn Electric Mower to Russo Power Equipment in the Contract Price of \$32,273.98.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2024 Equipment Replacement Budget in the amount of \$44,000.00. The actual cost of \$32,273.98 will be charged to the Equipment Replacement fund, account 92104100-804100.

BACKGROUND: As a part of the District’s Equipment Replacement program, certain pieces of equipment are identified for replacement annually. Replacements are based on factors such as useful age and operational efficiencies. Staff has determined that a 2015 John Deere 1575 Terrain Cut Front Mower (Unit 373) is due for replacement.

It has further been determined that the use of the attachments for the 2024 Compact Track Loader approved by the Board in March 2024, as well as the acquisition of a Mean Green 60” Zero-turn Electric Mower, will enable staff to perform the requisite job functions while providing the benefits of greater efficiency and operator safety.

Pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/1, et seq., any governmental unit may purchase personal property, supplies, and services jointly with one or more other governmental units in certain circumstances. Staff determined that the Mean Green 60” Zero-Turn Electric Mower is available under Sourcewell Contract #031121-GRN with Russo Power Equipment as the agent of Generac.

The Mean Green Mower will be based at the Ryerson Woods Conservation Area and will be used throughout the Southeast District. The mower is expected to be in service for eight years per the District’s equipment replacement guidelines.

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR APRIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2024**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Russo Power Equipment for the Purchase of a Mean Green Electric Mower” 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 TO
RUSSO POWER EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MEAN GREEN
ELECTRIC MOWER**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) desires to purchase one Mean Green electric mower, or approved equivalent (the “Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act, 30 ILCS 525/1, et seq., any governmental unit may purchase personal property, supplies, and services jointly with one or more other governmental units if one of the governmental units has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive, sealed bids or proposals, and has awarded a contract for such personal property, supplies, and services to the lowest responsible bidder or the highest ranking proposer, all in accordance with such Act; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has publicly advertised for, and received, competitive proposals for the Equipment, including a proposal by Generac for the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has awarded contract #031121-GRN to Generac as the highest-ranking proposer for the Equipment (the “Sourcewell Contract”) and the Sourcewell Contract provides that other units of local government may also enter into contracts with Generac on the same terms as provided in the Sourcewell Contract; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to award a contract for the Equipment to Russo Power Equipment, as the agent of Generac, on the same terms as provided in the Sourcewell Contract (the “Contract”) in a total price equal to \$32,273.98 (the “Contract Price”);

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 proposal submitted by Russo Power Equipment, in the total amount of the Contract Price is hereby accepted and the Contract is hereby awarded to Russo Power Equipment.

Section 3. Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract with Russo Power Equipment, 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 _____, 2024

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gagnani, Secretary

Exhibit No. _____



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Subtotal	32,273.98
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Authorized Dealer Letter

Michael Hoban
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February 26, 2024

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to certify that Russo Power Equipment is an authorized dealer for Mean Green Mowers, a division of Generac Power Systems, Inc. Authorized Mean Green dealers can sell our products through Sourcewell using contract #031121-GNR.

Please let me know if you have any further questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hoban" with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Hoban
Vice President – B2B Sales

[Type here]

HBO finale details tawdry side of Tiger



Mike Freeman
Columnist
USA TODAY

When the National Enquirer is one of the stars of a documentary, you know what's going to follow is absolute trash.

The second and final part of HBO's documentary "Tiger" aired on Sunday and it's dramatically different from the first. The initial one was deep, thoughtful and fearlessly examined the issue of race in Woods' life.

The second one was ... none of those things.

If you were going to give part two a title it would be: *Βασισμένη στην πραγματικότητα*. It's necessary to examine Woods, and how he created a phony image, and chronicle his downfall, his arrogance. That's all a part of the Woods story. It makes sense.

The Enquirer reporter being interviewed, and the tabloid's role in uncovering that Woods was having an affair, is just hard to take. It's Woods' fault. He played himself. He's in the wrong, but after watching the Enquirer part of the story you'll need a shower.

The reporter, for example, says in the documentary the tabloid took photographs of Woods having sex, and — this is insane to write but here we go — picked up a discarded tampon used by the woman Woods was having an affair with and kept it in their vault as some sort of proof.

Just imagine what the inside of that vault must have looked like.

Once Woods was caught, the documentary says, he and his camp cut a deal. They did a catch-and-kill with the story. This phenomenon became more generally known during the presidency of Donald Trump and it turns out Woods was ensnared by this as well. The Enquirer would kill the story if Woods appeared on the cover of *Men's Fitness*,



The new Tiger Woods documentary is streaming on HBO Max. HBO

which was owned by the same company. Woods agreed and appeared on the cover. It was all done in secret.

Other parts of the documentary deal with what people close to Woods say was his search for a substitute for his father's presence and approval. Earl Woods died in 2006 and after that Woods became an adrenaline junkie, once telling his caddie, Steve Williams, he wanted to quit golf and join the Navy SEALs.

Rachel Uchitel, who had an affair with Woods, gives a highly personal and honest interview to HBO, and the best part is how she describes how Woods could go on with his life but she never fully recovered.

"That was the end of my life as I knew it," she says in the documentary.

We don't hear from Woods' ex-wife, Elin Nordegren, the real victim in this story.

What Woods either didn't know, or he didn't care about, was that the Enquirer had been tracking him all along. Then came the infamous driveway car crash. After that, everything else in Woods' life crashed, too, until the comeback in 2019

when he won the Masters. It was his first major championship win in 11 years.

The second installment does chronicle other things besides the scandals, including Woods coming back from a series of injuries.

But there's so much scandal it overwhelms everything else about the second part of the doc.

The Enquirer tends to have this effect.

And for those who waited to view both parts together, here are observations from Part One:

It was after Tiger's historic 1997 Masters win that in many corners of the country, particularly the conservative ones, Woods' accomplishment was presented as proof that America wasn't racist.

Woods was a way for some to say: see, how bad could racism be? A Black dude just won the Masters.

Says Gary Smith, senior writer for *Sports Illustrated*, in the doc and speaking about Woods' Masters win: "It was like white America almost patting itself on the back. Like, 'Look, this is the promise that America makes. That any-

one can use the tools that this country offers and make it to the highest levels. Regardless of race, color creed."

"We like to believe we're this place without racism, but that's a great American myth."

Broadcaster Bryant Gumbel puts it even more bluntly: "It's a racial society."

Again, as people then were trying to use Woods as proof that America had a Black friend, Gumbel, like many others, knew better. Gumbel in the documentary told a poignant story about how he felt when Woods first publicly referred to himself as "Cablinasian."

"People of color had so much invested in him," Gumbel said. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed. You know my grandkids are biracial. And somebody asked me, they said, 'Well, what do you tell them?' And I tell them, 'They're Black. They're African American.' They said, 'Why?' And I said that's how America is going to look at them."

We knew then how silly the notion of Woods as a racial healer was, and we particularly know it now, considering what's happening in the country at this moment.

What the documentary also shows is how the pressure on Woods to not just be an outstanding golfer, but to also be some type of unifying figure, was instigated by his father, Earl.

It should be noted the documentary absolutely savages Earl. He's portrayed as uber-controlling — and that's a nice way to put it.

Earl believed his son could flip the great American myth of a non-racist country on its head and transform it from myth to reality. He spoke about Woods after his Masters win like Woods was an Avenger.

"Other people now know what I knew all along," Earl said in the documentary. "They were just too stubborn to see it. He is just getting aware that he has this power. When he is in full control of that power, he can then make a difference in the world."

Olympic gold is target for 5-time US champ



Christine Brennan
Columnist
USA TODAY

The greatest U.S. male figure skater in a generation had just decisively won another national title Sunday, his fifth in a row, when attention immediately turned to where it always turns for Nathan Chen.

The Olympics. The next Winter Olympic Games, now just 13 months away in Beijing.

Three years ago, Chen was an 18-year-old gold medal favorite at the 2018 Olympics in South Korea when his nerves got the best of him and he bombed in the men's short program, finishing a dismal 17th. Having no chance to win a medal, with the weight of the world lifted from his shoulders, Chen went on to win the long program and finish fifth overall.

He has not lost a competition since. World championships, national championships, Grand Prix events — Chen,



Nathan Chen poses with his medal at the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

ORLANDO RAMIREZ/USA TODAY SPORTS

now 21, is undefeated since Pyeongchang, a remarkable achievement in any sport at any time, but especially now, at the most competitive time in his sport's history.

In the old days, with the 6.0 scoring system, competitions were more like coronations, with the skaters who possessed the most glowing résumés often getting preferential treatment from

judges who could get away with almost anything back in the day.

There will always be shenanigans in figure skating, but because the foundation of the sport's infamous judging system now is built on a rigid points system, the skaters truly have to deliver the goods to have a chance to win.

Skating also is a slippery sport, where athletes such as Chen land multiple quadruple jumps on a sliver of a blade of steel, on ice of course. So to do what Chen has done, to win over and over again on both the national and world stage, is extraordinary.

But he knows, as we all do, that the 2022 Olympic gold medal in men's figure skating is his ultimate prize.

"It's always been a dream of mine to be able to win a national title, to win a world title, to win an Olympic title," he said. "Easier said than done. I thought that I had a chance in 2018 and that didn't happen and I'm able to live with that."

"Of course I would love to be able to win the next Olympics, but if that doesn't happen, it's not like my legacy or who I am is ultimately diminished. I'm

still happy with everything that I've done. I'm proud of everything that I've already accomplished in skating. I still would love to improve and be better, but truthfully, I'm really happy with where I am and what I've already done, so whether or not I get that title at the Olympics is not going to define me as a person."

By easily defeating countrymen Vincent Zhou and Jason Brown on Sunday inside the skating bubble at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Chen became the first American man to win five consecutive national titles since the legendary Dick Button in the 1940s and 1950s. Brian Boitano never did it. Nor did Scott Hamilton. Michelle Kwan won eight national titles in a row, and nine overall, during her stellar career, but what Chen has accomplished is a rare feat indeed.

A rising junior at Yale, Chen is on a leave of absence from his studies during the pandemic to focus on this skating season, and, of course, the next, with all of its promise and pressure.

"The future will come," he said, "so right now, I'm just going to be happy in this moment."

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