



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 11:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

PRESIDENT

[17-0343](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**IN MEMORY OF DR. GEORGE B. RABB, Ph.D., FORMER PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, over the course of his more than 50-year career, Dr. George B. Rabb gained prominence globally as a conservation leader and a highly respected spokesman for wildlife conservation issues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rabb earned an undergraduate degree in biology from the College of Charleston in his home city of Charleston, South Carolina, and both a master's and doctoral degree in zoology from the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Dr. Rabb married Mary Sughrue Rabb, a fellow College of Charleston graduate who worked with Dr. Rabb on conservation issues until her passing in 2006; and

WHEREAS, a herpetologist by training, Dr. Rabb joined Brookfield Zoo in 1956 as one of the first Ph.D.'s to work in an American Zoo; he passionately served as the President of the Chicago Zoological Society from 1976 until 2004, at which time he was appointed President Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Rabb's tenure, the Chicago Zoological Society developed innovative approaches to the science of animal care and welfare, education and conservation, prompting the zoology field's first zoo nutrition lab for animals, first behavioral endocrinology testing for animal stress levels, and the first family play zoo, among many other notable firsts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rabb was instrumental in driving the concept of naturalistic and immersive animal exhibits and during his career, Brookfield Zoo enjoyed unprecedented revitalization and growth of its exhibits and programs; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Rabb published widely on many topics, including the evolutionary relationships of viperid snakes, behavioral development in okapi, social behavior in captive wolf packs, and the breeding behavior of pipid frogs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rabb served as the chair of the Species Survival Commission of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) from 1989 to 1996, the leading scientific group charged with monitoring biodiversity conservation and advising world governmental agencies and conservation organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rabb was extremely active in the local conservation community as well, serving as an active board member with the Center for Humans and Nature, Chicago Wilderness, and the Illinois State Museum; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rabb continued to be at the forefront of the amphibian conservation movement throughout his career, founding the Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force within IUCN to determine the causes of sudden declines and extinctions around the world, and maintaining involvement through the Amphibian Survival Alliance and the Amphibian Ark; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their lifetime commitment to amphibians and work as conservationists and herpetologists, a new species of frog discovered in 2005 - colloquially known as "Rabbs' fringe-limbed treefrog" - was named in honor of George and Mary Rabb; and

WHEREAS, widely respected in his field, Dr. Rabb received many prestigious awards, including the 1996 Heini Hediger Award, 1997 Silver Medal of the Zoological Society of London and the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment - the Chicago Zoological Society's George B. Rabb Conservation Medal is named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rabb inspired thousands of individuals to pursue conservation careers and advocacy, and he touched the hearts and lives of so many who worked with him; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2017, Dr. George B. Rabb passed away at the age of 87, surrounded by friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, as one of the world's leading conservationists, Dr. Rabb will be best remembered for his caring ethic, his deep concern and advocacy for animals, people and the environment, and his unwavering energy and commitment to make a difference for the natural world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County do extend their deepest

condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. George B. Rabb; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a means of communicating our deep respect and admiration for Dr. Rabb’s achievements at the Chicago Zoological Society and significant impact on the conservation of wildlife around the globe, suitable copies of this Resolution will be tendered to; Mildred Thrush, as Dr. Rabb’s sister, Stuart D. Strahl, Ph.D., as Dr. Rabb’s successor, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Zoological Society; Brooke Hecht, Ph.D., as Dr. Rabb’s friend and President of the Center for Humans and Nature, and Kevin Ogorzalek, as Dr. Rabb’s mentee and Chair of the Board of Brushwood Center.

[17-0369](#)

Sponsored by: GREGG GOSLIN and TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 17-0021 - FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserve”) adopted resolution 17-0021 establishing the Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and number of members of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Forest Preserve District Board; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve now wishes to amend its previous selection of vice-chair for one of its standing sub-committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, that Resolution 17-0021 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Forest Preserve Board shall be Commissioner ~~Steele~~ Sims.

Section 2. The Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committees (identified by all capital letters) and of the Subcommittees (identified by initial capital letters) of the Forest Preserve District Board shall be as follows:

AUDIT (8 members)	Chair:	Tobolski
	Vice-Chair:	Gainer
BOTANIC GARDEN (9 members)	Chair:	Goslin
	Vice-Chair:	Schneider
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9 members)	Chair:	Steele <u>Arroyo</u>

Vice-Chair: Silvestri

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (10 members)

Chair: Arroyo

Vice-Chair: Sims

~~ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL~~ ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (7 members)

Chair: ~~Steele~~ Deer

Vice-Chair: Morrison

FINANCE (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Goslin

Vice-Chair: ~~Steele~~ Deer

Litigation (7 members)

Chair: Silvestri

Vice-Chair: Fritchey

Labor (9 members)

Chair: Arroyo

Vice-Chair: Tobolski

Workers' Compensation (5 members)

Chair: Schneider

Vice-Chair: Moody

LAW ENFORCEMENT (7 members)

Chair: Moore

Vice-Chair: Silvestri

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Suffredin

Vice-Chair: Fritchey

REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Moody

Vice-Chair: Moore

RECREATION (9 members)

Chair: Morrison

Vice-Chair: Moody

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION (7 members)

Chair: Suffredin

Vice-Chair: Daley

ZOOLOGICAL (9 members)

Chair: Tobolski

Vice-Chair: Moore

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County do hereby approve this Resolution Amendment.

[17-0370](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE and GREGG GOSLIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AMENDING RESOLUTION 17-0022 - DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserve”) adopted resolution 17-0022 establishing the members of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Forest Preserve District Board; and

WHEREAS, there now exist various vacancies on the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Forest Preserve that must be filled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, that Resolution 17-0022 is hereby amended as follows:

AUDIT	Members:	Tobolski Gainer Arroyo Boykin Butler Goslin Morrison Schneider
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BOTANIC GARDEN	Members:	Goslin Schneider Arroyo Butler Daley Morrison Sims Steele <u>Deer</u> Suffredin
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CONTRACT COMPLIANCE	Members:	Steele <u>Deer</u> Silvestri Arroyo Butler Garcia
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Moore
Moody
Sims
Tobolski

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Members:

Arroyo
Sims
Fritchey
Gainer
Goslin
Morrison
Moody
Schneider
Silvestri
~~Steele~~ Deer

~~ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL~~ ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Members:

~~Steele~~ Deer
Morrison
Boykin
Gainer
Moody
Schneider
Silvestri

FINANCE

Members:

All Commissioners,
including the Chair
and Vice-Chair

Labor

Members:

Moody
Tobolski
Arroyo
Butler
Fritchey
Gainer
Garcia
Moore
Sims

Litigation

Members:

Silvestri
Fritchey
Boykin
Gainer
Schneider

		Suffredin Tobolski
Workers' Compensation	Members:	Schneider Tobolski Moody Goslin Moore <u>Deer</u>
LAW ENFORCEMENT	Members:	Moore Silvestri Arroyo Butler Fritchey Goslin Tobolski
LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	Members:	All Commissioners, including the Chair and Vice-Chair
REAL ESTATE	Members:	All Commissioners, including the Chair and Vice-Chair
RECREATION	Members:	Morrison Boykin Moody Daley Gainer Goslin Schneider Steele <u>Deer</u> Tobolski
RULES	Members:	Suffredin Daley Fritchey Gainer Morrison Schneider Silvestri Sims

Steele Deer

ZOOLOGICAL

Members:

- Tobolski
- Moore
- Boykin
- Daley
- Garcia
- Goslin
- Morrison
- Silvestri
- Steele Deer

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners do hereby approve this Resolution Amendment.

[17-0315](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TITLE 4 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 2 - PARKING REGULATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 4 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 2 - Parking Regulations, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 4-2-1: General Parking.

Any person found in violation of any provision of this Section will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) ~~thirty five dollars (\$35.00)~~. A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each four-hour period in which the owner of the vehicle continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply.

Sec. 4-2-2: Stopping, Standing and Parking, Prohibited in Various Locations.

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any provision of the above section shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) ~~thirty five dollars (\$35.00)~~ for each offense. A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each four-hour period in which the owner of the vehicle continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply.

Sec. 4-2-3: Violation of Posted Signs; Penalty.

B. Any person that stops, stands or parks a vehicle contrary to what is indicated on a sign erected in accordance with Subsection A. shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~ for each offense. A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each day, during which the owner of the vehicle continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply.

Sec. 4-2-5: General Parking Restrictions.

D. *Penalty:* Any person who violates Subsection A., B. or C. shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~ for each offense. A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each four-hour period in which the owner of the vehicle continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply.

Sec. 4-2-7: Loading Zones.

B. *Use Restrictions:* It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, or for the unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials, and in no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials exceed thirty (30) minutes. Any person in violation of this Subsection shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~. A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each four-hour period in which the owner of the vehicle continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply.

Sec. 4-2-10: Unattended Motor Vehicles.

C. Any person who violates Subsection A. shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~ for each offense. A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each four-hour period in which the owner of the vehicle continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply.

Sec. 4-2-11: Parking Meters or Other Devices.

B. These provisions shall not apply during such hours of the day as designated from time to time by order of the General Superintendent. Any person who violates any part of Subsection A. shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~ for each offense. A separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each four-hour period in which the owner of the vehicle continues or permits any such violation to continue, or fails to make a reasonable effort to comply.

Sec. 4-2-12: Removal of Parking Permit Notice of Violation.

B. Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be fined not less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~.

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect ten (10) days after publication.

[17-0338](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

1-8-1(B): RECEIPTS OF MONEY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 1(B) - Receipts of Money of the Forest Preserve District Cook of County Code is hereby enacted as Follows:

Sec. 1-8-1: RECEIPTS OF MONEY.

A. The heads of departments shall transmit all moneys of the Forest Preserve District received by them to the Comptroller and take his receipt therefor.

B. Payment Via Credit Card. With respect to any fine, fee, charge, or cost imposed by, owing to, or collected by or on behalf of the District, the District is authorized to accept electronic payment by credit card.

The District may impose a convenience fee or surcharge upon such payments to the extent allowable under the applicable credit card service agreement. Such convenience fee shall not exceed the actual cost to the District for such transactions. Alternatively, the District may enter into agreements, with one or more financial institutions, Internet companies, or other business entities to act as third party payment agents for the payment of fees. These agreements may authorize the third party payment agent to retain a service fee out of the payments collected, or to impose an additional convenience fee. Any credit card service provider, financial institution, Internet company, or other business entity to be selected by the District in connection with credit card payments to the District shall be procured in accordance with the District's Code of Ordinances. If a convenience fee is charged, such fee must be

clearly posted.

Receipt by the District of the amount of the fee or other charge paid by credit card or through a third party payment agent authorized by the District, less the amount of any service fee retained under the District's agreement with the credit service provider or third party payment agent, shall be deemed receipt of the full amount of the fee or other charge and shall discharge the payment obligation in full.

For purposes of this section, "credit card" shall mean an instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, bank card, charge card, debit card, automated teller machine card, secured credit card, smart card, electronic purse, prepaid card, affinity card, or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of the holder to obtain credit, money, goods, services, or anything else of value.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[17-0267](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Chicago Botanic Garden ("CBG"), Glencoe, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Plants of Concern program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2017

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$100,000.00

Original Approval: 3/11/2014, Not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year or \$100,000.00 over four (4) years

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$35,000.00 per year or \$175,000.00 over the five (5) years of the contract extension

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2018 \$35,000.00, FY 2019 \$35,000.00, FY 2020 \$35,000.00, FY 2021 \$35,000.00, FY 2022 \$35,000.00

Accounts: Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Intern Programs 51009.521525, Vegetation Management 51009.521455, Potential Grant Match & Work 51009.521440, Grant Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Preserves would like to continue its collaborative partnership with the CBG in its efforts to identify and monitor rare plant species on the Preserves' holdings through the Plants of Concern ("POC") program. Plants of Concern engages citizen scientists to monitor the Chicago region's rarest plants, assess trends in their populations and provide important data used to conserve our rapidly declining floral heritage. The Preserves' work with the CBG allows for a dedicated intern to work specifically on Forest Preserve property in order to assess long-term trends in critical plant species. The data collected by the POC program provides critical information for the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan and continues to be an important component in deciding where to conduct restoration. The Preserves entered into the existing agreement with the CBG in 2014 for a period of four (4) years and are requesting an extension for an additional five (5) years, at a rate not to exceed \$35,000.00 per year.

[17-0307](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department(s): Resource Management

Other Part(ies): City of Park Ridge, Park Ridge, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into agreement

Good(s) or Service(s): Right of Entry to perform storm water outflow maintenance and improvements

Agreement period: Date of execution - 9/1/2022

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: None

Agreement Number(s): None

Summary/Notes: The proposed agreement would grant the City of Park Ridge limited access to Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") lands for the purpose of removing debris that is obstructing water movement from small swales and outflows. The right of entry would also allow the City of Park Ridge to remove small swathes of vegetation to improve access for maintenance of stormwater infrastructure. The work is intended to improve water flow and mitigate stormwater-related issues throughout the Preserves and its adjacent communities.

[17-0327](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Fiscal Year Audit Services for 2017, 2018 and 2019

Contract Value: \$206,070.00

Contract period: Date of execution - 10/31/2020 with two (2) one (1) year extension options

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2018 \$66,670.00, FY 2019 \$68,670.00, FY 2020 \$70,730

Accounts: 51001.520895

Contract Number(s): 17-20-101

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): N/A

Summary: Contract 17-20-101 consists of providing auditing services for the Preserves to complete its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Preserves issued a Request for Proposal for the aforementioned services and received six (6) responses. The selection committee determined that Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and its team was the most qualified and had the lowest cost proposal submitted. The final contract shall be subject to review and approval by the Chief Attorney.

[17-0339](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Department: Law Enforcement

Other Part(ies): Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System ("ILEAS"), Urbana, Illinois

Request: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") is requesting to permission to enter into an interagency agreement with ILEAS.

Goods or Services: The Preserves will become the custodian of two vehicles, along with an equipment trailer, for the principal purpose of facilitating mutual aid and interagency regional emergency response as requested either by ILEAS or the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Date of execution until terminated by either party

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

District(s): N/A

Summary: ILEAS is a Public Agency of the State of Illinois created by various local law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Illinois pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.). ILEAS is dedicated to a regional approach utilizing cooperative and inter-agency mutual aid for

law enforcement in Illinois. The Preserves is a member of ILEAS and supports the aforementioned strategy. ILEAS, using grant funds provided by the Department of Homeland Security through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (herein known as IEMA), has purchased a number of vehicles for law enforcement mutual aid use. ILEAS and IEMA have determined that the most effective use of those vehicles would be to locate such vehicles in various regions throughout the State of Illinois to provide prompt response to emergencies and to facilitate mutual aid throughout the State. The Preserves has agreed to become custodian of two those vehicles, along with an equipment trailer, with the understanding that the principal purpose of such vehicles is to facilitate mutual aid and interagency/regional emergency response.

[17-0356](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (“UICVM”), Urbana, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Wildlife pathology and diagnostic services

Original Contract Period: 3/11/2014 - 12/31/2017

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$240,000.00

Original Approval: 3/11/2014, \$240,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year or \$250,000.00 over the five (5) years of the contract extension

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2018 \$50,000.00, FY 2019 \$50,000.00, FY 2020 \$50,000.00, FY 2021 \$50,000.00, FY 2022 \$50,000.00

Accounts: Wildlife Management 51001.521447, Integrated Wildlife Services 51009.521451, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Grant and Mitigation Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Preserves have utilized the UICVM since 2008 to conduct a variety of on-demand wildlife pathology and diagnostic services. This important work allows Forest Preserve wildlife biologists to track changes in disease transmittal in the wildlife community and assess how those diseases may affect human populations. Information acquired through this analysis is dispersed throughout the health services community to better inform them of potential risks of zoonotic disease transmission. The Preserves entered into the existing Board approved agreement with UICVM in 2014 for a period of four (4) years, and are requesting an extension for an additional five (5) years.

[17-0075](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 8/1/2017 - 8/31/2017

Summary: Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of August 2017. This Report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[17-0340](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Forest Preserve Foundation

Request: Oral report by Forest Preserve Foundation Executive Director Shelley Davis

Report Title: N/A

Report Period: 2017 Event

Summary: 6th Annual Conservation Cup Report

[17-0345](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the “CAFR”)

Report Period: Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2016

Summary: The CAFR has been prepared by the District for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2016. The report has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board and audited by a firm of independent auditors retained by the District.

[17-0363](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/24/2017 to 11/14/2017

Wednesday, 10/25; 4 - 7 pm

Preparing for the Cold: How Animals Transition from Summer to Winter; Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Learn how the animals of the Forest Preserves prepare for colder seasons. Explore the area and learn how to find evidence of these animals.

Thursday - Sunday, 10/26 - 29; 6:30 - 10:30 pm

Night of 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

This spooky cool event is a rare opportunity to experience the moonlit Garden after hours. See the work of master carvers on 1,000 LED-lit pumpkins. There will be costumed entertainment along the path, and ghost rains running in the Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America.

Friday, 10/27; 5 - 8 pm

Stars, Stories, & S'mores; Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Bring your family and friends for an opportunity to enjoy an evening in the Forest Preserves. Join us for a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, natural material building and other nature-based activities.

Friday, 10/27; 7 pm

Somewhat Scary Stories, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Enjoy storytelling and treats around a campfire. Family-friendly program. \$2 per person.

Friday, 10/27; 7 pm

Ghosts of Conservation; Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Do you believe in ghosts? Celebrate Theodore Roosevelt's birthday with Chicago Audubon's John Elliott by taking a virtual trip to iconic places where some of our heroes and heroines of conservation lived and worked. A few surprises might be on the itinerary.

Saturday, 10/28; 5 - 9 pm

Halloween Hike and Happenings Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Take a night hike, try ghost hunting and listen to scary stories at Bachelor's Grove Cemetery. Try our

climbing wall, and enjoy live music and s'mores. Costumes are welcome.

Saturday, 10/28; 10 am

Ornithology 101; Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn how hollow bones and feathers offer the perfect mix of biology and physics making avian flight a reality.

Saturday, 10/28; 7:30 - 10 pm

Howl-O-Wines in the Wild, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Sample a wonderful variety of wine and exquisite hors d'oeuvres while participating in a raffle and silent auction featuring fabulous items available throughout the evening. The event is hosted by the Women's Board of the Chicago Zoological Society. Additional information and tickets available online.

Saturday, 10/28 & Sunday, 10/29; 1:30 pm

Un-Haunted Forest; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Come in costume for a magical hike through the forest. Registration required. \$1/child.

Saturday & Sunday, 10/28 & 29; 10 am - 4 pm

Boo! at the Zoo, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Little ghosts and goblins of all ages are sure to have a howlin' good time! Our not-so-scary and fun-filled event has something-bats, wolves, costume contests and parades, pumpkin carving and more--for the entire family to enjoy!

Sunday, 10/29; 10 am

Fossil Quarry Tour; Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn about the formation of Silurian Sea fossils during an indoor presentation. Visit an ancient coral reef with a 1-mile hike to the quarry. Family program.

Sunday, 10/29; 1 pm

Owls, Bats, & Spiders; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Who, who would be scared of an owl, bat or spider? Not you. Dissect an owl pellet, listen to bat calls and meet an owl up close.

Sunday, 10/29; 1 pm

Skins & Skulls; Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Learn about the unique characteristics of local wildlife as we examine our collection of pelts and skulls.

Sunday, 10/29; 1:30 pm

A Sand Ridge Halloween; Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Bats, spiders and snakes are just a few critters which help make the spookiest holiday so fun. Come learn about these fascinating creatures and why they're really not so scary. Costumes strongly encouraged.

Friday, 11/3; 5 - 8 pm

Stars, Stories, & S'mores; Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Bring your family and friends for an opportunity to enjoy an evening in the Forest Preserves. Join us for a cozy fire, s'mores, storytelling, astronomy, night hikes, natural material building and other nature-based activities.

Friday, 11/3; 6:30 - 8 pm

Full Moon Qigong; Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Under the full moon, we will awaken our life force (Qi) to the energies of the earth. Alice Kornblum, a certified Qigong instructor, will guide us on a mindful walk and then a moving meditation. Adults & interested teens.

Friday - Sunday, 11/3 - 5, 10 am - 5 pm

Fine Art of Fiber; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

The area's oldest, largest, and most unique fiber event is hosted by three artistry guilds: Illinois Quilters, Inc., North Suburban NeedleArts Guild, and Wavers Guild of the North Shore. The exhibition and sale includes display pieces, sales items, lectures, fashion shows, demonstrations, and a silent auction.

Saturday, 11/4; 10 am - Noon

Conservation @ Home: Composting; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

University of Illinois Extension North Cook Master Gardeners will demonstrate the three bin composting technique. Learn how composting can reduce waste from fall garden clean up and help you prepare your garden for spring. Drop-in adult program.

Saturday, 11/4; 9 am - Noon

Bird Walk; Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Invasive shrubs threaten our native plant populations. Help protect the woodlands by helping us remove these invaders. Families welcome.

Sunday, 11/5; 1 pm

Migration Mysteries; Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

There's a lot to learn about animal migration. Take a quick peek at what we do know with Chicago Audubon Society's John Elliott. Birds will be featured, with a glimpse at other migrants. Registration requested.

Tuesday, 11/7; 3 - 6 pm

Archery 101; Joe Orr Woods, Chicago Heights

Never tried archery before? Attend one of these sessions to learn all things archery: history, bow parts and proper technique.

Thursday, 11/9; 5 - 7 pm

All about Fire; Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago

Discover the benefits of fire and what it can do for our land. Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, then make your own fire! Marshmallows to conclude the evening. All ages.

Saturday, 11/11; 1 pm

Celebrating Native American History Month: Powwow 101; Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Learn about dances and songs of an Inter-Tribal Powwow. Hear the stories of the jingle dress, fancy shawl and grass dancers.

Saturday, 11/11; 1:30 pm

Irruption!; Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Every few winters, the forest preserves experience a bird invasion. Come learn about Snowy Owls and other temporary visitors that you can see and why these avians of the arctic pay us such rare visits.

Sunday, 11/12; 1 pm

Kaleidoscope of Colors; Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Just like the autumn leaves, wildlife comes in a rainbow of colors and patterns. Discover why some animals are bright while others blend in.

Sunday, 11/12; 1:30 pm

Raptors: Predators in Flight; Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn about the natural history and captive husbandry of our resident raptors. This program will include a short PowerPoint presentation, and a close-up raptor encounter. Ages 13 & up.

Tuesday, 11/14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

One Book One Garden book discussion group, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Free, but preregistration required. Book is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

District(s): all

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/24/2017

17-0378 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 9/12/2017

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/24/2017

17-0355 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION, Stantec Consulting Services

17-0360 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION, Trees "R" Us

17-0361 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION, Trees "R" Us

17-0074 REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2017 - 8/31/2017

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/24/2017

17-0178 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Resolution To Officially Recognize And Adopt Names Of Forest Preserve Lands And Amenities