



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Finance Committee

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:30 AM

**Brookfield Zoo Chicago,
8400 31st Street, Brookfield, Illinois**

Issue Date: 9/3/2025

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the committee or subcommittee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners at the date, time and location listed above.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered, with the Secretary, to speak 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live at Brookfield Zoo Chicago, 8400 31st Street, Brookfield, Illinois. 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 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, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record. The public will be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>, or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor, Conference Room F, Chicago, Illinois.

[25-0335](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/01/2025

[25-0308](#)

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Great Lakes Landscape Company, primary place of business Bartlett, Illinois, for construction of a new trail connecting Beaubien Woods Boat Launch to Altgeld Gardens in Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Contract #74000016702 issued under Solicitation #25-80-012896 for Project #25-80-02, Beaubien Woods - Altgeld Gardens Trail Connection. The work includes, but is not limited to, construction of a new aggregate-surface trail with a box culvert. Work also includes building a temporary hauling road with natural prairie land restoration. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) will reimburse up to \$315,000.00 of the trail cost as mitigation for impacts from a future 130th Red Line Extension station pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the CTA (Board Item No. 23-0520).

Bid Opening Date: 8/12/2025

Bid Results:

1. Great Lakes Landscape Company	\$1,074,397.00
2. Meru Corporation	\$1,239,177.00
3. Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.	\$1,330,229.95
4. MYS, Inc.	\$1,533,909.86
5. Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.	\$1,813,869.69

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,074,397.00

Contract Period: Four hundred forty-seven (447) calendar days from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51033.560019, 51034.560019 and 51036.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

District: 4

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

[25-0313](#)

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 9/9/2025

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present: \$3,500,000.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present: \$511,003.54

Legal Fees for 9/9/2025 to Be Approved: \$97,295.28

[25-0314](#)

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 9/9/2025

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2025 to present: \$254,671.29

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$25,000.00

[25-0093](#)

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 7/31/2025

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for July 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynne M. Turner", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Secretary

Chairman: Anaya

Vice-Chairman: K. Morrison

Members: Committee of the Whole