

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

County Board Room, County Building

**Board Meeting of
Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. STEELE
LARRY SUFFREDIN
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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10:00 A.M.

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OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Collins (1)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Father James Perluzzi of St. Peter's gave the invocation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

CONSENT CALENDAR

14-0215

Sponsored by: JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, and JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, STANLEY MOORE, ROBERT B. STEELE, AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2014 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, April is Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a neurological disorder characterized in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released revised figures indicating a 30 percent increase in the number of individuals diagnosed with autism since 2012 with 1 in 68 children currently diagnosed with autism; and

WHEREAS, autism is even more common among boys, affecting 1 in 42; and

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people and it is an urgent public health crisis that demands national, state, and local responses; and

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual’s ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, as the effort to address autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis, and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Brookfield Zoo, a jewel of the Forest Preserves of Cook County that is managed by the Chicago Zoological Society is advancing the role that accredited zoos play in supporting those affected by autism; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Zoological Society is supporting individuals with autism by: advancing the guest experience at Brookfield Zoo; launching the first of its kind zoo-based pilot project for early learners on the autism spectrum; and building and leveraging partnerships with organizations that include Autism Speaks, Easter Seals, Misericordia, Best Buddies of Illinois, Helping Hand, Aspire, Community Support Services, local special education classrooms, special recreation associations, and others; and

WHEREAS, at Brookfield Zoo, the Society has created innovative care kits for individuals with autism, that include noise-dampening headphones, self-identifying stickers that communicate, “I’m not misbehaving, I have autism,” visual schedules, and personal identification bracelets and name tags; and

WHEREAS, the care kits are available at the zoo’s North and South Guest Relations booths and can be utilized by any zoo guest; and

WHEREAS, to better prepare individuals with autism for their zoo visit and support them during their visit, the Society has also created social stories for high sensory areas of the zoo in addition to its visual schedules, both of which are available through its website; and

WHEREAS, as part of its efforts to ensure that guests of all abilities receive stellar service, the Society revamped its customer serving training in 2014 in partnership with the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE) to better equip and educate staff to meet the needs of guests with developmental and intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Society has also focused programmatic resources on improving the lives of those affected by autism by launching an innovative project to support early learners on the autism spectrum-the first such program developed by an accredited zoo; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2013, the Society launched “Family Fun Saturdays at Brookfield Zoo,” in partnership with Easter Seals to create inclusion and animal-centric experiences for early learners with autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, this innovative project was based on recent research which found that the presence of an animal can significantly increase positive social behaviors among children with autism and that inclusive learning/experiential environments support the development of adaptive behavior and communication for early learners with autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, inclusion-based and animal-centric activities were developed and facilitated by Easter Seals therapists and Brookfield Zoo staff and volunteers to address or even advance developmental milestones for early learners with autism; activities sought to engage individuals in sensory, social, visual, fine, and gross motor skill development in an inclusive and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, the project took place for six consecutive Saturdays with more than 20 families participating; and

WHEREAS, this marked the first time any accredited zoo has leveraged such research and zoo-based resources to support early learners on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, based on feedback from parents, Easter Seals, and Brookfield Zoo staff, the Society is working to make the program a permanent resource for families and will subsequently assess scalability potential among other zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums; and

WHEREAS, to mark Autism Awareness Month, Brookfield Zoo is participating in the national Zoos Go Blue initiative in partnership with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and Autism Speaks; and

WHEREAS, in April, the zoo’s lights will go blue and an autism awareness day will be held at the zoo in partnership with Autism Speaks where families supported by Autism Speaks will receive complimentary parking and admission to this Forest Preserves of Cook County resource; and

WHEREAS, as part of Autism Awareness Month, the Chicago Zoological Society will leverage its social media and communications outlets to educate the public and, in particular, zoo supporters and guests about autism; and

WHEREAS, at Brookfield Zoo and in diverse communities throughout Cook County, the Chicago Zoological Society is working to transform the role that accredited zoos play in supporting children and adults with disabilities, including the developmental needs and goals of individuals with autism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Toni Preckwinkle, along with the members of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, recognize the Chicago Zoological Society and its partners on their collective work to improve the lives of those affected by autism and for the leadership role that Brookfield Zoo serves in supporting those with developmental and intellectual disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Dr. Stuart Strahl, President and CEO of the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0217

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioner

IN MEMORY OF CONRAD DRUST

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has called Conrad Drust from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conrad Drust was born into life on July 6, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drust was a life- long Cook County resident, an avid outdoorsman with a passion that carried over from his personal life into his professional life; and

WHEREAS, he served the district in many capacities including as an instructor for the District’s outdoor Education Teacher Workshops at what was then called Camp Sagawau, which is where he met his wife Patricia; and

WHEREAS, they married on October 19, 1968, together they had two children and he was a proud grandfather of three grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Mr. Drust was a 41 year employee of the Cook County Forest Preserve District, he began his career at the CCFPD as a Naturalist Aide at the River Trail Nature Center, in 1965 he became a full time naturalist, throughout his career he contributed to the growth and development of the District's educational programming; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in opening the Crab Tree Nature Center, which he later became the director of which he served until his retirement until December 2007, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Forest Preserve Commissioners of Cook County offer their deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Conrad Drust,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread up the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Conrad Drust, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14-0204

Real Estate Committee Report

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

9:15 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin and Tolbolski (12)

Absent: Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Gainer, García, and Moore (5)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14-0101

PROPOSED LICENSE RENEWAL REQUEST

Department(s): Planning & Development

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”), as Licensor to Renew and Amend a License Agreement with ComEd (“Grantee”), to allow Grantee to continue to operate, replace, and maintain electric transmission facilities on nine parcels owned by the Preserves, as described in the License Agreement dated 7/14/1958 and recorded as Document 17271279 in the Office of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds on 7/25/1958.

The original License Agreement expired on 7/14/2008. The amended Agreement, as proposed, will extend the term of the License for 20 years, commencing on 7/14/2008 and terminating on 7/14/2028.

Term: Twenty (20) Years

License Fee: \$7,500,000.00. One-time upfront fee of \$2,250,000.00 to bring the License current. Annual fee of \$375,000.00 due on or before the renewal date for the remaining 14 years of the License, commencing on 7/14/2008 and ending on 7/14/2028.

Renewal Application Fee: \$500.00, included in License Fee

YELAR Fee: \$3,400.00, included in License Fee. ~~One-time upfront fee of \$2,250,000.00 to bring the License current. Annual fee of \$375,000.00 due on or before the renewal date for the remaining 14 years of the License, commencing on 7/14/2008 and ending on 7/14/2028.~~

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 109.26 Acres

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

District(s): 6 and 17

Legislative History 3/11/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate

Committee

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chair Doody Gorman, that this License Request be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin and Tolbolski (12)

Absent: Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Gainer, García, and Moore (5)

14-0170

Sponsors: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A Resolution ~~Opposing~~ Concerning the United States Army Corps of Engineers Proposed Use of the Fullerton Woods and Harry Semrow Golf Driving Range for Stormwater Management

WHEREAS, in August of 2013, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“U.S. Army Corps”) issued an Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment for the Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries of Illinois and Wisconsin (the “Report”);

WHEREAS, the Report sought to create a comprehensive plan for addressing flooding and stormwater along the Des Plaines River; and

WHEREAS, the Report proposed a variety of remediation measures along the Des Plaines river, including the creation of a reservoir within the Aptakisic Creek watershed, in Lake County, Illinois, near the Village of Buffalo Grove; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2013, the Village of Buffalo Grove passed a resolution opposing the siting of the reservoir at Aptakisic Creek; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps issued a “Documentation of Changes to the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment” (the “Documentation of Changes”) in response to the Village of Buffalo Grove’s resolution;

WHEREAS, the Documentation of Changes removed the proposal for a reservoir within the Aptakisic Creek watershed and proposed the creation of two reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Driving Range within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County were never presented with and have not ruled upon the proposal within the Documentation of Changes;

WHEREAS, the proposed creation of the reservoirs is not supported as a land use under law and is against the mission and land use policies of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners convene a public hearing to discuss the proposed creation of reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Driving Range; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and/or his designee, report to the Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioners on the proposed reservoirs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County will investigate the creation of reservoirs at Fullerton Woods and the Harry Semrow Golf Driving Range; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an official copy of this Resolution be tendered to the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Legislative History 3/11/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee

Commissioner Suffredin asked for leave to amend the title of the Resolution on its face. Leave was Granted

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be deferred. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin and Tolbolski (12)

Absent: Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Gainer, García, and Moore (5)

14-0172

Sponsors: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REPURPOSING THE WATCHMAN’S HOUSE AT 87TH AND BEVERLY AVENUE IN THE DAN RYAN FOREST PRESERVES

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) watchman’s house at 87th and Beverly Avenue in the Dan Ryan Preserves has been unoccupied for a few years; and recently, this structure sustained significant damage due to water pipes breaking and will need extensive renovation; and

WHEREAS, the Dan Ryan Preserves has another watchman’s house located at 91st and Longwood Drive, which is approximately one half mile away from the house located at 87th and Beverly Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the watchman’s house at 87th and Beverly Avenue is conveniently located along the Major Taylor Bicycle Trail. Marshall Walter “Major” Taylor was an American cyclist who won the world 1-mile track cycling championship in 1899 after setting numerous world records and overcoming racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, this unfortunate property damage at the watchman’s house located on 87th and Beverly Ave provides a unique opportunity for the Preserves to explore alternative use for the structure; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the local community and elected officials and with the identification of the appropriate funds, the watchman’s house located at 87th and Beverly Ave. can become a new public destination for the Preserves; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Real Estate Committee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners requests that the Superintendent of the Preserves, and/or his designee, examine the cost and benefit of removing the watchman’s house located at 87th and Beverly from the Preserve’s Resident Watchman program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is also requested that the Superintendent of the Preserves, and/or his designee conduct outreach with the Dan Ryan Preserves local community and elected officials to explore interest in alternative uses and funding sources for said watchman’s house.

Legislative History 3/11/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin and Tolbolski (12)

Absent: Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Gainer, García, and Moore (5)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Steele, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

SECTION 2

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN

FILE ID 14-0104	Recommended for Approval
FILE ID 14-0170	Deferred
FILE ID 14-0172	Recommended for Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0206

Report Rules Committee

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

9:45 AM Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele (7)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Gainer (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Secretary announced that there were no public speakers.

14-0203

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 3/11/2014.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele (7)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Gainer (2)

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Gorman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by. Commissioner Daley The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

File Id Number 14-0203Recommended for Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0208

Report of the Finance Committee

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

10:00 AM Cook County Building, Board Room, Room 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60602

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Goslin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

COMMITTEE REPORT

14-0212

Committee Name: Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Committee Date: 3/11/ 2014

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present: \$167,492.02
\$192,492.02

Proposed Settlements to be Approved:
\$1,100.70

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present:
\$144,913.92

Legal Fees for 3/11/2014 to be Approved:
\$100,247.82

*For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for 3/11/2014.

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Vice Chairman Steele, that this Committee Report be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

DISBURSEMENT

14-0173

Department(s): Planning and Development

Action: Renovation and Remodeling of Poplar Creek Wildlife Management Headquarters

Payee: Path Construction Company, Arlington Heights, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction

Fiscal Impact: \$259,209.00

Account(s): Buildings, 51-6710

Contract Number(s): 10-80-61

Summary: Work Completed

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Disbursement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

BID RECOMMENDATION

14-0187

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Planning & Development

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Burling Builders, Inc., Chicago Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-80-01 G3R1 and G3R2 consists of constructing a total of four (4) new pre-engineered buildings at the Thorn Creek Maintenance Division Headquarters, Palos Trails Headquarters and the District’s Central Garage. Work includes the construction of two (2) buildings with offices and vehicle storage bays, one (1) building with a multi-stall, high-bay service garage, one (1) large vehicle garage and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 03/12/2014

Bid Results:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Recommended Deduct</u>	<u>Alternate Bids</u>
1. Burling Builders Inc. \$3,993,343.00	\$5,395,030.00		*
2. Tri-State Enterprises, Inc. \$4,236,786.00	\$5,521,786.00		
3. Cornerstone Contracting, Inc. \$4,155,477.00	\$5,605,477.00		
4. The Lombard Company \$4,461,000.00	\$5,811,000.00		

* Burling Builders Inc.'s bid was read into record as \$5,400,000.00, but after further examination, Burling Builders Inc. made a mathematical error in their calculations. Their actual Base Bid is \$5,395,030.00.

Base Bid amounts include costs for the construction of a total of six (6) buildings. Deduct Alternate Bids were requested in the Bid Documents and represent the costs for the construction of a total of four (4) buildings. The Recommended Deduct Alternate Bids respond to the amount of available funding for this contract and address the highest priority buildings as determined by District needs.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$3,993,343.00

Contract Period: 360 days after issuance of Notice To Proceed

Account Name/Number: Buildings, 25-6710

District(s): 6, 16, 17

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

The vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (14)

Present: Commissioner Daley (1)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

14-0195

Sponsored by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Planning & Development

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Century Contractors Inc., Bedford Park, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-80-02-06C1 is for Thatcher Woods and Thatcher Woods Glen Parking Lot Improvements. The work includes, but is not limited to, resurfacing, concrete path reconstruction, parking lot lighting and electrical, bio-swale and landscape planting and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 2/14/2014

Bid Results:

1. Century Contractors, Inc.	\$546,208.00
2. Chicagoland Paving	\$554,300.00
3. J&R 1st in Asphalt, Inc.	\$700,513.79
4. Matthew Paving	\$716,539.29
5. Burling Builders	\$717,357.28
6. Accu-Paving	\$728,598.55
7. Brothers Asphalt Paving	\$743,192.65
8. Pan Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.	\$762,397.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$546,208.00

Contract Period: 4 months from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Site Amenities, Accounts 25-6770, 51-6770, 52-6770 and 54-6770

District(s): 9

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

The vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

14-0196

Sponsored by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-80-02-01C2 is for shoreline stabilization at River Trail Nature Center. Work includes cutting and removal of existing sheet pile, construction of limestone slab rock ledge, earth excavation, topsoil seeding and erosion control blanket, storm sewer maintenance and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 2/26/2014

Bid Results:

1. Conservation Land Stewardship	\$154,329.02	
2. Elanar Construction	\$179,780.00	
3. Industria		\$209,745.00
4. Hyde Park	\$234,935.00	
5. Pan Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.	\$278,600.00	
6. Robe, Inc.	\$637,286.95	

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$154,329.02

Contract Period: 5 months from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Restoration (Landscape) Accounts 25-6750, 51-6750, 52-6750 and 54-6750

District(s): 17

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

The vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

14-0197

Sponsored by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with J&R 1st in Asphalt, Inc., Hickory Hills, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-80-02-07C1 is for resurfacing the parking lot and the runway at Schiller Model

Airplane Flying Field. Work includes, but is not limited to, asphalt pavement repairs to existing parking lot, reconfiguration and restriping of the asphalt parking lot, an asphalt pavement model airplane runway, an ADA asphalt pavement walk from the runway to the parking lot, site grading with seeding and hydromulch, and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 2/26/2014

Bid Results:

1. Robe, Inc.	\$147,027.78*
2. J&R 1st in Asphalt, Inc.	\$179,875.41
3. Elanar Construction	\$202,117.10
4. RNR Contractors	\$210,052.80
5. Century Contractors	\$243,409.50

* The Compliance Administrator deemed Robe, Inc. as non-responsive bidder for lack of MBE/WBE participation

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$179,875.41

Contract Period: 5 months from notice to proceed.

Account(s): Recreation (Landscape Improvements) , 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760 and 54-6760

District(s): 9

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

The vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

14-0199

Sponsored by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Request: requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Robe, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-80-54 is for the Demolition and Disposal of 13 existing camp ground buildings, structures, and foundations at Camp Reinberg in Palatine. The project also includes the installation of tree protection fencing, asbestos abatement, LBP mitigation, hazardous materials abatement, and miscellaneous items noted on the plans and in the specifications, as well as backfilling, top dressing with topsoil, seeding and mulch of the disturbed areas and other related work as specified in the plans &

specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 3/14/2014

Bid Results:

*1. KLF Enterprise	\$260,300.00
2. Robe, Inc.	\$294,544.15
3. Hyde Park	\$304,780.00

* KLF Enterprise was deemed to be a non-responsible bidder.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$294,544.15

Contract Period: 90 days from Notice To Proceed.

Account(s): Building, 25-6710, 51-6710, 52-6710 and 54-6710

District(s): 14

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

The vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

REVENUE REPORT

14-0209

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Revenue and Expense Report, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Corporate Fund

Report Period: Analysis of Revenue and Expense as of 2/28/2014

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tolbolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Fritchey (2)

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN**

File Id Number 14-0212.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0173.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0187.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0195.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0196.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0197.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0199.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0209.....	Recommended for Receiving and Filing

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

14-0156

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Cook County Sheriff's Office

Request: authorization to enter into and execute

Goods or Services: Cook County Sheriff’s Office plans to pilot a new program to train inmates and post release participants from the Vocational Rehabilitation Impact Center (a/k/a “Boot Camp”) and participants in the Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program (“SWAP”) to provide deconstruction and building material salvage services for removal of cabins at Forest Preserve campgrounds (Dan Beard, and Sullivan) and at a residential property (7 Hickory Lane in Westchester).

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 3/11/2014 - 3/10/2015, with option to extend for and additional one (1) year period.

Fiscal Impact: \$84,839.00

Accounts: Building, 51-6710 & 52-6710 Real Estate Land Acquisition, 06-6801

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) is in need of demolition/deconstruction services to clear old campground cabins for redevelopment, as well as remove a residential building for grant compliance purposes. Under the terms of the IGA, the Sheriff’s Office is responsible for inmate deconstruction training, transportation, supervision, equipment, reconstruction and demolition of buildings specified by the Preserves, packaging and removal of reusable building materials according to the Preserves’ specifications, and hauling of remaining construction debris. The Preserves would commit capital demolition funds to compensate the Sheriff’s office for deconstruction training, job site supervision, waste hauling and other costs for each site up to an agreed cap.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Intergovernmental Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0185

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Department: Planning and Development

Grantee: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”)

Grantor: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Park and Recreation Facility Construction Grant Program (PARC)

Request: Authorization to apply for grant and provide match funds if awarded

Purpose: Approval of resolution authorizing the Preserves to apply for a grant and provide match funds if the grant is awarded to the Preserves. This grant would provide funding to develop the existing barn at Camp Sullivan into a recreation activity barn. The barn will be transformed into a recreation hub where visitors can utilize an indoor rock climbing wall, a ropes course and participate in

indoor adventure activities.

Grant Amount: \$1,700,250.00

Grant Period: Two (2) Years from award date

Fiscal Impact: The Preserves Match Amount - \$566,750.00 over a two (2) year period is contingent on the Forest Preserve District Board of approval.

Account(s): Construction and Development, 54-6730

Concurrences:

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

Summary: The proposed barn renovation for recreational and program activities for Camp Sullivan was determined to be a fit for the state PARC grant program. The priorities for this program are indoor recreation facilities. The grant program requires a resolution confirming that the applicant has committed matching funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Grant Award be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0186

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming Department

Grantee: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”)

Grantor: ComEd Green Region Grant Program

Request: Authorization to apply for grant

Purpose: The Preserves and its partners, including the Field Museum, Audubon Chicago Region, Eden Place Nature Center, and the Chicago Housing Authority, propose to engage in an effort to reactivate Beaubien Woods Forest Preserves. The project proposes to engage the Altgeld Riverdale Community Working Group and other site stakeholders in a community planning process that will identify how to make Beaubien Woods a more appreciated resource for area stakeholders.

Grant Amount: \$10,000.00 with matching contributions of \$7,500.00 from the Forest Preserve Foundation and \$2,500.00 from the National Audubon Society for a total of \$20,000.00 that is contingent on the Forest Preserve District Board of approval.

Grant Period: 7/1/2014 - 12/31/2015

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

Concurrences:

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

Summary: This project advances the goals of the Preserves' Centennial Campaign Plan to expand and increase usership in urban areas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Grant Award be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0192

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Fox & Fox Architects, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to increase a previously executed task order contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional Services

Original Contract Period: Twenty-four (24) months from the issuance of the Notice To Proceed

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$157,851.00

Original Approval: 7/16/2013, \$149,851.00

Previous Increase(s): 11/4/2013, \$8,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$55,300.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$55,300.00

Accounts: Professional Services, 25-6740

Contract Number(s): Task Order #13-80-01-7R1D

Concurrences:

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

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

The Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Summary: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-01-7R1D is for architectural and engineering design services for the Preserves’ building capital improvement program. This contract was originally approved at the 7/16/2013 Board Meeting. The original project scope for Package 7R1D included design and construction administration for the renovation of the Preserves’ General Headquarters and Corner Pavilion based on a preliminary estimated construction budget of \$1,500,000.00. As the project has become more developed, a more detailed building condition assessment and cost estimate have been completed.

The estimated construction budget is now \$2,072,500.00 and additional services are needed to address the increased scope of construction.

The Purchasing Agent approved an additional \$8,000.00 on 11/4/2013 to fund additional design services provided by the Consultant to that date. The proposed \$55,300.00 addition to the Consultant’s contract would increase the total contract amount to \$213,151.00.

Original Task Order (approved on 7/16/2013)	\$149,851.00
Task Order Increase (executed on 11/4/2013)	\$8,000.00
<u>Task Order Increase (requested)</u>	<u>\$55,300.00</u>
Total Adjusted Amount (requested)	\$213,151.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Present: 1 - Commissioner Daley

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0193

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): City of Chicago Heights, Illinois

Request: Approval

Goods or Services: This agreement will allow the City of Chicago Heights to participate with the reserves in the construction funding for a ¼ mile portion of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail Project on property owned by Chicago Heights from 14th Street (Lincoln Highway) to 16th Street. The cost for the City’s segment is estimated at \$128,497.55 of which the City will be responsible for 20% (\$25,699.51). The Preserves previously received the Illinois Department of Transportation’s ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) funding for all phases of Engineering and Construction for the 4.75 mile Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail Completion.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: One-time agreement

Fiscal Impact: None (The Preserves will be reimbursed by Chicago Heights in the amount of \$25,699.51)

Account(s): Professional Services, 25-6740 and Working Cash Grant Fund - Fund 07

Summary: The Forest Preserve District legal department reviewed and approved the Intergovernmental Agreement and the City of Chicago Heights has accepted and executed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Intergovernmental Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0194

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Ross Barney Architects, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to increase a previously executed task order contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional Services

Original Contract Period: Twenty-four (24) months from the issuance of the Notice To Proceed

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$179,801.00

Original Approval: 7/16/2013, \$179,801.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$113,867.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Up to \$113,867.00 pending grant reimbursement

Account(s): Professional Services, 25-6740 and Working Cash Grant Fund - Fund 07

Contract Number(s): Task Order #13-80-01-7R2D

Concurrences:

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

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

The Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Summary: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-01-7R2D is for architectural and engineering design services for the Preserves' building capital improvement program. This contract was originally approved at the 7/16/2013 Board Meeting. The original project scope for Package 7R2D included master plan, design and construction administration at Swallow Cliff Woods with an estimated construction budget of \$1,000,000.00. The Preserves has increased the estimated construction budget to \$1,490,000 and additional services are needed to address the increased scope of construction, perform redesigns due to changes in schematic plans, and register this project with the U. S. Green Building Council as a LEED Silver certified building. Up to \$113,867.00 of the additional A/E Fees relating to LEED design and certification will be offset by a grant that has been awarded to the Preserves by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF).

The Preserves is currently seeking approval of a \$113,867.00 addition to increase the total contract amount to \$293,668.00.

Original Task Order (approved on 7/16/2013)
\$179,801.00

Task Order Increase (requested)	<u>\$113,867.00</u>
Total Adjusted Amount: (requested)	\$293,668.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0202**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT****Department(s):** Facilities and Fleet Maintenance**Vendor:** Integrys Energy Services, DePere, Wisconsin**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County the ("Preserves") to extend for one year and increase the contract.**Good(s) or Service(s):** Delivery of Districtwide Electricity**Original Contract Period:** 12/1/2012 - 11/30/2014**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 12/1/2014 - 11/30/2015**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$200,000.00**Original Approval Date:** 11/15/2012, \$200,000.00**Previous Increase(s):** N/A**This Increase Requested:** \$600,000.00**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2014 \$300,000.00 FY 2015 \$300,000.00**Accounts:** Electricity and Natural Gas, 01-6400**Contract Number(s):** 11-87-004**Concurrences:**

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

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

The Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Summary: Participating in Cook County's contract for electricity will allow the Preserves to aggregate electric usage and obtain an approximate cost savings. The Preserves has acquired additional property and is in the process of designing buildings in relation to the Camping Master Plan which will increase electricity usage along with over 50 buildings and landscape/civil construction packages. The original amount that was budgeted in December of 2012 was for one fiscal year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0216

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and file

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 2/1/2014 - 2/28/2014

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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14-0200

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Forest Preserves of Cook County Events and activities from 4/8-5/20/2014

Ongoing until 5/26

Birdhouse Building Contest, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Build a creative birdhouse this spring! We’ll set them up along our trails, and visitors can vote for their favorites all summer. Limited entries. Call or visit fpdcc.com for details and birdhouse specifications. Houses due 5/26.

Tuesday, 4/8, 7:30 pm

Nightlife: Passenger Pigeons with Joel Greenberg, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Author Joel Greenberg will give a one-hour program and sign his new book, *A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon’s Flight to Extinction*. Register by 4/1. \$5.00.

Friday, 4/11 - Sunday 4/13, 10 am - 5 pm

Antique and Garden Fair, Chicago Botanic Garden

Develop the unique character of your garden and home with garden furniture, antiques, vintage décor, and botanically themed merchandise offered by more than a hundred dealers from around the world. Ticket fee applies.

Tuesday, 4/15 10 am to 3 pm Caldwell Woods, Chicago

Friday, 4/18, 10 am to 3 pm, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Spring Breakout Adventures

Spring is finally here-time to “break out” and enjoy the outdoors. Youth and families are invited for a day of exploration. Activities include team-building fun, hikes using GPS, animal pelt stations, art making and more. Come for the whole day or just an hour. Call 708-771-1010 for details.

Saturday, 4/19 • 10 am - 2 pm

Earth Day, Little Red School House, Willow Springs

We only have one planet, and most of its surface is water. Fun water activities will show you how important water really is.

Sunday, 4/20, 10:00 am; 11:30 am and 1 pm

Easter Day Brunch, Chicago Botanic Garden

Enjoy a delicious buffet and Easter egg hunt! Registration and fee apply.

Sunday, 4/20 • 1 pm

Snake Migration, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

As temperatures rise, snakes leave their burrows, often pausing on pavement to warm up. Learn ways to protect migrating snakes.

Saturday, 4/26, 10 am - 3 pm

Earth Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for a day set aside as a reminder to be good stewards of our planet. Activities include hikes, puppet shows, a craft and Earth Day Jeopardy!

Saturday, 4/26, 1 pm

Earth Day Walk to McDonald Woods, Chicago Botanic Garden

Meet at the *What's in Bloom* cart in front of the Visitor Center.

Saturday, 4/26, 9 am - 2 pm

Annual Earth Day Parks and Preserves Cleanup

Whistler Woods, 480 Acme Dr., Riverdale

Help clean up the preserves in the morning, and then celebrate with fun activities, recycling, hikes and more. Register at www.earthdaychicago.com <<http://www.earthdaychicago.com>> in partnership with Friends of the Parks.

Sunday, 4/27, noon - 4 pm

Arbor Day Celebration, LaBagh Woods, 5400 N. Cicero, Chicago

Enjoy tree plantings, tree ID, tree-caching, scavenger hunts, art projects and more.

Sunday, 5/4, 10 am - 3 pm

Spring Festival, Trail Side Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including guided hikes, dip netting, a meet-and-greet

with our newest animal, animal encounters, craft corner and much more.

Saturday, 5/10, noon - 4 pm

International Migratory Bird Day, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Celebrate the return of birds to their breeding range with an afternoon of activities.

Saturday, 5/10, 7:30 am - 3 pm

International Migratory Bird Day Festival, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Spend the day celebrating migratory birds as they travel north to their breeding areas. Learn simple ways to identify and protect these birds by visiting our Tip Stations. Answer the question “Why do birds matter?” by learning about the American robin.

Thursday, 5/15, 6 - 9 pm

Third Thursdays: Papier-Maché Birds with Urban Craft Lab, Cummings Square River Forest

Create a sculpture using newspaper, paste and wire. Birdsong sets the tone and nature provides the inspiration! Best for adults and families with children 12 & up. Space is limited, so call 708-771-1373 to reserve your spot.

Saturday, 5/17, noon - 4 pm

Nature Block Party: A Celebration of Biodiversity, Eggers Grove, 11201 S. Ave B, Chicago

Discover the flora and fauna of the urban preserves with restoration activities, bird hikes, tree hikes, biking and more. Nearby Powers Recreation Area will be open for additional activities. Part of Urban Biodiversity Week, May 11-18. More at www.urbanbioweek.illinois.gov <<http://www.urbanbioweek.illinois.gov>>

Sunday, 5/18, 8 am

Des Plaines River Canoe and Kayak Marathon

Join the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States! Race begins at Oak Springs Road in Libertyville and ends at Dam #2 in Mount Prospect. Free for spectators. Race starts at 8 am. Activities at Dam #2 start at 11 am. To register, visit www.canoemarathon.com <http://www.canoemarathon.com>

A motion was made by Commissioner Doody Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that this Miscellaneous Item of Business be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 - Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Collins