

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

County Board Room, County Building

Board Meeting of

Tuesday, January 12 2016, 10:00 A.M.



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SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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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 Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Bishop Simon Gordon, Senior Pastor for Triedstone Full Gospel Baptist Church **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.

- 1. George Blakemore, concerned citizen

CONSENT CALENDAR

16-0051

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Resolution Honoring the Winning Photographers of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Calendar

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby issues this formal recognition to the winners of the 2016 Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar photo contest; and

WHEREAS, the winning photographs were nominated by Forest Preserve staff from hundreds of submittals and ultimately selected by public voting for final inclusion in the yearly calendar; and

WHEREAS, the winning photographs stood out for their ability to skillfully capture and showcase the unique landscape and wildlife which exists in the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Preserves thanks all winners for their participation in the annual contest and their enthusiasm and passion to celebrate and call attention to the remarkable nature that can be found within the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Toni Preckwinkle, President; the Board of Commissioners, and Arnold L. Randall, General Superintendent of the Preserves; thank and congratulate each winner for their contribution to celebrating the remarkable beauty of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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PRESIDENT**16-0036**

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT AND PAY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) THE LOCAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE NORTH BRANCH BICYCLE TRAIL SOUTHERN EXTENSION-STAGE 2**

WHEREAS the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") has sought, and been awarded, funds from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality ("CMAQ") federal grant program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") for the construction of a 2.96 mile southern extension of the North Branch Bicycle Trail (hereafter the "Project");

WHEREAS, due to the amount of available funding the project will be constructed in two stages: Stage 1 from Devon and Caldwell Avenue to Forest Glen Avenue and, pending available funding, Stage 2 from Forest Glen to Foster & Kostner Avenues; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2014, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to enter into a local agency agreement (the "Local Agency Agreement"), with the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to pay 20% of the Phase III Construction Engineering (\$530,000) and total estimated Construction costs (\$6,710,000) associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, due to increased construction estimates the District requested and was awarded \$1,600,000.00 in additional funds under the Transportation Alternatives program (TAP) program to supplement the existing CMAQ funds. This increase in federal funding allows for construction of Stage 2 construction.

WHEREAS, to proceed with Stage 2 construction and confirmation of costs "IDOT" requires an additional Local Agency Agreement. The Local Agency Agreement provides for the division of construction costs for the Project and payment of 20% of the construction costs to IDOT by the District as the Local Agency; and

WHEREAS, the grant award was based on an estimated construction cost of \$2,000,000.00 of which IDOT will be responsible for 80% (\$1,600,000.00) maximum participation and the Local Agency 20% (\$400,000.00); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County hereby authorize the District to enter into the Local Agency Agreement and authorize payment not to exceed 20% or \$400,000.00 of the construction cost to IDOT pursuant to the Local Agency Agreement. The total estimated construction cost for the Project is now \$8,710,000 and the District is responsible for 20% of such amount or \$1,742,000.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

16-0065

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Paul Borg Construction Co., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend a previously executed contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services at River Trail Nature Center Sugar Shack, Des Plaines Division Headquarters and Mathew Bieszczat Visitor Center. Work includes interior and exterior renovations, accessibility upgrades and installation of emergency exit and fire alarm systems.

Original Contract Period: 10/17/2014 - 7/14/2015, Administrative Extension (7/15/2015 - 9/12/2015), Board approved extension on 10/6/2015 (9/13/2015 - 1/10/2016)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Ninety (90) day extension period (1/11/2016 - 4/10/2016)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$218,919.80

Original Approval: 5/20/2014, \$218,919.80

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 13-80-01 G6R3A-1

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): 9 and 17

Summary: Work is substantially complete, however, an extension is proposed due to the amount of

time taken to obtain final approval of the fire alarm system from the local fire prevention district. This extension is for time only. The contractor has completed all construction work. Items remaining include gaining approval from the local fire prevention district and close out activities.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0030

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: All-Bry Construction Company, Burr Ridge, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase a previously executed contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services for a new warming shelter building and site improvements at the Swallow Cliff Woods Stairs. The project includes a multi-use space, a concession area, a small office, flush toilets, patio area, utilities and improvements to the overlook area located at the top of the hill

Original Contract Period: Three hundred (300) calendar days from Notice to Proceed 9/23/2014 - 7/20/2015,

Administrative Extension: Sixty (60) calendar day extension days granted by the Purchasing Agent (7/21/2015 - 9/18/2015)

Board Approved Extension: One hundred eighty (180) calendar day retroactive extension days approved on 10/6/2015 (9/19/2015 - 3/16/2016)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,564,000.00

Original Approval: 7/22/2014, \$1,564,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$218,836.96

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$218,836.96

Accounts: Building Accounts, 25-6710, 26-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710, 55-6710 and Grant Account 10-6710.

Contract Number(s): 13-80-01-7R2

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): 17

Summary: Work is substantially complete, but additional funds are required to compensate the contractor for changes in the scope of work to address unforeseen soil conditions, which required additional excavation and footings, purchase of an electrical transformer as prescribed by ComEd, various user requests (such as 3 compartment sink requiring grease trap) additional work stipulated by AT&T, address building code requirements for existing buildings not under the scope of this contract but located on the site, water treatment facility and additional work required to institute cold weather construction techniques to allow construction to continue during winter. Value of the change modification requests was still in negotiation when the contract time was extended by the Board in October.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0031

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Robe, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend a previously executed contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction services for the renovation and addition to the Palos Division Headquarters located near Willow Springs. This work includes improvements for ADA accessibility, life safety issues, and office and restroom functionality.

Original Contract Period: Two hundred forty (240) days from issuance of Notice to Proceed (4/13/2015 - 12/9/2015)

Administrative Extension: Sixty (60) days (12/10/2015 - 2/8/2016)

Proposed Contract Period Extension: One hundred eighty (180) days (2/9/2016 - 8/8/2016)

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$633,646.00

Original Approval: 2/11/2015, \$633,646.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: Building Accounts 25-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710, 55-6710

Contract Number(s): 13-80-01 G6R1

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): 17

Summary: The start of construction was suspended due to delays in getting a new electrical transformer from ComEd.



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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0033

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Grantor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Request: Authorization to accept grant and provide 50% matching funds

Purpose: Hydrologic restoration at Somme Prairie Nature Preserve

Grant Amount: \$86,000.00

Grant Period: 12/1/2015 - 12/31/2017

Fiscal Impact: \$43,000.00

Accounts: Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, 09-6757 and Grant Expense Account, 10-6750/5800

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 14

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County has received a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a project to expand and improve habitat for state-listed and federally-listed species through restoration of essential hydrology and ground function at Somme Prairie Nature Preserve.

The Forest Preserves' contribution is 50% of the total grant amount of \$86,000.00.

The project will positively impact a total of twenty-five (25) acres at the site and advances the work of an existing group of dedicated volunteers.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0034

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Planning & Development

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Gateway Master Plan

Report Period: 2015

Summary: The Gateway Master Plan was developed in response to a challenge identified in the Next Century Conservation Plan that many residents are unaware of forest preserves nearby and have difficulty finding their way once they arrive. This report identifies 30 special forest preserve sites in highly visible, high-traffic locations throughout Cook County that have special qualities, access, support amenities and partnership opportunities. The Plan recommends enhanced signage, way-finding, art and other amenities, as well as programs and marketing to encourage people to get outdoors and get healthy at these sites. Major support for the Plan was provided by the Cook County Department of Public Health through a Partners in Community Healthy (PICH) grant from the federal Center for Disease Control.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0035

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): City of Chicago

Request: Permission to enter into an IGA with the City of Chicago, Dept. of Planning and Development

Goods or Services: Open Space Impact Fee Fund (OSIF) grant of \$191,636.00 to reimburse the Forest Preserve District for a portion of the cost of construction of the southern extension of the North Branch Bicycle Trail - Stage 1

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Five (5) years after “Closing Date” as stated in the IGA

Fiscal Impact: Positive \$191,636.00 (Grant Revenue Account)

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 10

Summary: The City of Chicago is proposing to grant \$191,636.00 in Open Space Impact Fee funds toward the southern extension of the North Branch Bicycle Trail. The requested funds will go towards the cost of covering the bridges. The southern extension will continue the North Branch Trail south to LaBagh Forest Preserve in Chicago, providing Chicago residents with easy and safe access to the North Branch trail, as well as access to bike paths that lead to Chicago’s lakefront trails. The Board of Commissioners approved a Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation to pay 20% of the construction cost on October 10, 2014. The OSIF grant would be applied to the 20% local cost share. This proposed IGA is also being referenced in the Proposed Resolution in item #16-0036.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0042

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to National Wireless Ventures, LLC., Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a communications tower near the intersection of 31st Street and Prairie Avenue on the Preserves land currently managed by agreement with the Brookfield Zoo. The location of the communications tower is upon a distressed maintenance area of the Brookfield Zoo not open to the public. This site has been approved by the staff of the Preserves and the Brookfield Zoo. Grantee is solely responsible for compliance with all the Preserves and County ordinance and permit requirements related to construction, operation and removal of communication towers.

Term: Five (5) years with four (4) additional five-year extension terms.

License Fee: During the term of the License, Grantee shall pay the Preserves \$30,000.00 Base Fee annually beginning upon the Construction Start Date. Additionally, after the first sublicense, Grantee shall pay a Sublicense Fee of \$9,750.00 annually for each additional sublicense added to the communication tower. Both the Base Fee and Sublicense Fee shall increase by 3% annually. These fees are to be collected monthly.

License Application Fee: N/A (revenue generating)

YELAR Fee: N/A (revenue generating)

Total one-time upfront fee of \$12,000.00 (payable as \$2,000.00 at time of execution of the License and \$10,000.00 on the Construction Start date) in further additional compensation is due to the Preserves from the Grantee for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

The area of the License is: 1650 sq. ft.

Concurrence(s):

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff reviewed this license application and plans and found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 16

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this License Request be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0044

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 11/1/2015 - 11/30/2015

Summary: Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of November 2015. 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: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0045

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award (CAFR)

Report Period: 2014

Summary: The CAFR Award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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16-0046

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 1/12/2016 - 2/9/2016
Now through 3/7; daily, 9 am - 4 pm
Cross-Country Ski Trails Open, Sagawau Nordic,

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Trails will be opened and groomed as snow conditions permit. All skiers must obtain a free trail pass. Rentals available until 2 pm. Rental equipment must be returned by 3:45 pm. Rental Rates: Individual-\$15; Senior-\$10; Family-\$40. Must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by parent or guardian to rent skis. Equipment is for use at Sagawau only.

Saturdays and Sundays, until 3/6; 9:30 am**Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn to ski with a professional instructor. Lessons cover the basic skills of flatland skiing and getting up and down easy hills. Ages 12 & up. First come, first served. Limit 12. Reservations not accepted. Please arrive by 9 am for registration and equipment fitting. \$20/person.

Mondays, 1/11 - 5/23; 10 am - 11 am**Story Time; Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Stories and activities for children ages 2 to 4, accompanied by a caregiver. Free.

Saturday, 1/16; 1 pm**Native Seed Starting Workshop, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about seed germination and the benefits of native plants in the landscape. Then take home your future plants. Adults and teens. Register by 1/14.

Saturday, 1/16: 1:30 - 3 pm**Life under the Ice, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Discover how fish, amphibians and reptiles survive underneath the frozen water. Indoor/outdoor program. Registration required. Limit 25.

Sunday, 1/17; 1 pm**Winter Survival, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Join a naturalist to learn how animals adapt and survive our harsh winters.

Monday, 1/18; Noon - 3 pm**Martin Luther King Jr., Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western, Chicago**

Join us for a day of stewardship and service. Help staff remove invasive plants that threaten the health of our forest preserves. Also, enjoy a variety of fun, family-friendly wintertime activities.

Thursday, 1/21; 1 - 4 pm**Third Thursday: A Stroll in the Snow, Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago, Ave, River Forest**

Explore beautiful Thatcher Woods. Learn about plants and animals in winter. Try snow painting. Snowshoeing activities are weather permitting, and equipment is limited. All ages are welcome, but snowshoes are recommended for ages 6 & up.

Saturday, 1/23; 9 am - 3 pm**Surf the White Winter Wave, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us for a Polynesian take on winter. After skiing the "frozen wave," relax and enjoy surfing videos and live updates on surf conditions from Oahu's North Shore. Dress Hawaiian and win a prize.

Saturday, 1/23; 1:30 pm**Winter Tree ID Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn to identify trees in the winter based on shape, bark and twigs. Be prepared to hike outside.

Sunday, 1/24; 1 pm**The Legacy of Conservation in the U.S., Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Explore the inspiring history of conservation philosophy and action in the United States. Adults and

older children.

Sunday, 1/24; 1:30 pm

Wonderful Winter Wildlife, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Discover how local wildlife must sleep, move or adapt to survive Chicago winters.

Wednesday, 1/27; 4 - 6 pm

Outdoor Adventures: Twig-Tac-Toe, Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago, Ave, River Forest

The forest is full of natural materials you can use to make your own fun. We'll start with an exploratory hike. Then we'll use imagination to create games and activities to try next time you're out in nature.

Wednesday, 1/27; 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Glass Jar Terrarium Workshop; Annex 2, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Learn how to create a glass jar terrarium from start to finish. A glass jar, an assortment of small indoor plants, and all other materials will be provided to create your own miniature oasis to enjoy this winter and all year long. Fee applies.

Saturday, 1/30; 10 am - 3 pm

Windy City Harvest Youth Farm Facilitator Training; Plant Conservation Science Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Join staff from the Garden's Windy City Harvest Youth Farm for a seminar focused on youth development in an urban agriculture or school garden setting - and discover what makes such a program successful. Fee applies.

Saturday, 1/30; 1:30 pm

In Search of Green, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Break out of the winter blues by hunting for pine needles, moss and other plant life. Be prepared to hike outside.

Sunday, 1/31; 1:30 pm

Groundhog Day Celebration, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Only the shadow knows if winter is over. Learn facts and myths about groundhogs and their shadows.

Saturday, 2/6; Noon - 4 pm

Winter Exploration Day, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western Ave, Chicago

Get outside and enjoy winter in the preserves. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy snowshoe nature hikes, cross-country skiing and sledding (weather permitting). We'll also have winter crafts, a campfire and more. *All ages.*

Saturday, 2/6; 1:30 - 3 pm

Clues They Leave Behind, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Investigate how animal tracks and scat can be used to learn about animal behavior during cold months.

Indoor/outdoor program.

Registration required. Limit 25.

Sunday, 2/7; 1 pm

Art in Nature: Playing with Knives, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Learn basic techniques for using a palette knife from artist, Carol Foster. Then create your own small painting. Ages 12 and up. Registration Required.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

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COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/12/2016

15-0651 REPORT Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Bond Expenditure Report 12/31/2012 - 6/30/2015

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

15-0652 REPORT Forest Preserve District MBE/WBE Expenditure Report 1/1/2015 - 6/30/2015

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

15-0682 REPORT Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Bond Expenditure Report 12/31/2012 - 9/30/2015

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

15-0683 REPORT Forest Preserve District MBE/WBE Expenditure Report 1/1/2015 - 9/30/2015

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

~~RULES COMMITTEE JANUARY 12, 2016~~

~~**16-0061 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 12/15/2015~~

~~**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**~~

~~Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)~~

~~Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)~~

~~**16-0062 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** Journal of Proceedings of the special meeting held on 12/15/2015~~

~~**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**~~

~~Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)~~

~~Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)~~

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1/12/2016

15-0700 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -11/17/2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Litigation) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

15-0701 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation -12/15/2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Workers' Compensation) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0054 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -12/15/2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Litigation) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0055 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation -1/12/2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee (Workers' Compensation) be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0037 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Plata Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0038 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Industrial, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0039 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Chicago Commercial Construction, Chicago, Illinois

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0040 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT All-Bry Construction Company, Burr Ridge, Illinois

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0049 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Matthew Paving Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0050 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Path Construction Company

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0058 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Homer Tree Service, Lockport, Illinois

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

15-0710 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Groundskeeper Landscaping, Orland Park, Illinois

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

16-0043 REPORT Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures 11/1/2015 - 11/30/2015

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele that this was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moore, Morrison, Murphy, Sims, Silvestri, Steele Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Schneider (1)