

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

**County Board Room, County Building**

**Board Meeting of**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 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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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Gainer and Garcia (2)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

**INVOCATION**

Father James Perluzzi from St. Peter's Chicago, Illinois 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**

There were no Consent Calendar items for the March 10, 2015 Board Meeting.

**PRESIDENT**

**15-0220**

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

**ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2015**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

**Section 1.** That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2015.”

**Section 2.** That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2015 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

**Section 3.** That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2015 at its meeting held November 19, 2014, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of Eighty-Nine Million, Six Hundred Eighty Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and No Cents (\$ \$89,682,876), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2015 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for real estate acquisition, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 19, 2014 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2014 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE  
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2015

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF  
ALL FUNDS

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From the Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than Tax Levy
Corporate	62,097,166	48,387,904	13,709,262
Self-Insurance	3,000,000	0	3,000,000
Const. & Development	2,910,000	3,000,000	(90,000)
Bond & interest	16,116,388	12,118,288	3,998,100
Bond & interest Abatement	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)	0
Empl. Annuity & Benefit	3,493,374	3,143,687	349,687
Zoological	67,179,141	14,884,927	52,294,214
Botanic Garden	33,807,788	9,348,070	24,459,718
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,403,857</b>	<b>89,682,876</b>	<b>97,720,981</b>

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Ordinance be motion to waive the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler, Gainer, García, and Moore (4)

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler, Gainer, García, and Moore (4)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Ordinance be motion to reconsider. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Nays:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Commissioner Butler, Gainer, García, and Moore (4)

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**COMMISSIONERS**

**15-0233**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioner

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1: - General Ordinances, Chapter 5: - Forest Preserve District President and Board of Commissioners Rules of Organization and Procedure, Section 1-5-2: - Organization., Subsection 2-13. of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

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2-13. Approval of Journal of Proceedings. Effective January 1, 2011, in accordance with Public Act 96-1473, the Journal of Proceedings shall be approved within the time allowed by the law. To achieve this requirement of the law, the following procedures shall be followed:

- (1) Commissioners shall file a statement of their "nay" and "present" votes with the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of a Meeting. For items approved pursuant to a voice vote, a member may record a vote of "present" or "no" for a particular resolution by filing a notice with the Secretary to be included in the Journal of Proceedings within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the meeting.
- (2) Draft copies of the Journal of Proceedings shall be circulated to the President and the Board within twenty-one (21) days of the meeting for review and correction.
- (3) All corrections shall be made to the Clerk in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving the Draft Copy of the Journal of Proceedings.
- (4) A standing meeting of the Committee on Rules and Administration at 9:45 a.m. on the days of regularly scheduled Board Meetings shall be convened to approve the Journal with all corrections.
- (5) The Board shall approve the Report of the Committee on Rules and Administration at the subsequent Board Meeting.

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

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, that this Ordinance Amendment be referred to the Rules Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0228**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioner

**REPORT**

**Department:** Miami Woods Volunteer Stewards

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Miami Woods & Prairie 2014 Update

**Report Period:** 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

Summary: Provides a summary of the ecological restoration activities in Miami Woods during 2014 including a review of the ecological health of the Woods (native plant communities, impact of deer, invasive species, etc.) and volunteer activities (number of volunteers, hours, activities, etc.).

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**15-0189**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Century Contractors Inc., Bedford Park, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for various trail improvements at 13 locations Districtwide (see maps in backup materials)

**Original Contract Period:** 4/4/2014 - 11/4/2014

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Twelve (12) Month Extension beginning 11/5/2014 retroactively through 11/4/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$536,595.00

**Original Approval:** 14-0138, 3/11/2014, \$536,595.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Recreation (Landscape Improvements) Accounts 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 and 55-6760

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-12C1

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**Summary:** A contract extension is required due to contractor capacity constraints and a delayed project start on multiple sites before the onset of cold weather conditions. Contract 13-80-02-12C1 is for various trail improvements consisting of culvert replacement, trail removal and replacement, polymer enhanced aggregate surface course, HMA paving, fence repairs, riprap placement, shaping and grading of trail, shoreline stabilization and box culvert installation. Century Contractors Inc., Bedford Park, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on 2/14/2014.

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0192**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** CXT, Inc. an L.B. Foster Company, Spokane, Washington

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Purchase of four (4) prefabricated toilet buildings

**Original Contract Period:** 1/29/2014 - 1/28/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Three (3) Month Extension 3/30/2015-6/30/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$222,568.00

**Original Approval:** Item #14, 10/1/2013, \$222,568.00

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Extension:** Sixty (60) days 1/29/2015 - 3/29/2015

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Building Accounts 51-6710 and 52-6710

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-46B

**Concurrences:**

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

**Summary:** A contract extension is required because the corresponding site work necessary to be completed for the installation of these units has been delayed.

Contract 13-80-46B includes the fabrication and delivery of four (4) prefabricated flush toilet buildings at Barrington Road Pond (District 15), Harms Woods-North (District 14), Schiller Woods-West (District 9) and North Creek Meadow (District 6).

These units are being purchased from a national prefabricated toilet manufacturer through National Joint Purchasing Alliance Contract #022113-CXT pursuant to Section 1-8-2(AA) of the District’s Code of Ordinances.

The project specific goals regarding the MBE/WBE participation for this project was zero (0) because the product is a sole manufacturer by one vendor.

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0200**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Old Veteran Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Camp Reinberg Development Construction

**Original Contract Period:** 7/17/2014 - 4/13/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Four (4) Month Extension from 4/14/2015 - 8/13/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$3,920,843.76

**Original Approval:** 5/20/2014, \$3,920,843.76

**Previous Increase(s):** none

**This Increase Requested:** \$437,275.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2015 \$437,275.00

**Accounts:** Camp Accounts 25-6730, 51-6730, 52-6730, 54-6730, 55-6730 and 26-6730.

**Contract Number(s):** Contract #13-80-03-004-C

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**Summary:** The Preserves is currently seeking approval of a \$437,275.00 addition to increase the total contract amount to \$4,358,118.76. The proposed contract increase is due to a number of items that require additional work necessary to complete the project. Reasons for the increase include unforeseen conditions encountered during construction (i.e. additional topsoil that needed to be removed to structural soils, sewer line repairs for sewer that was determined to have failed, and grading and landscaping of unsuitable soils) and permit and code related changes required by the local jurisdictions (i.e. changing underground piping to materials that meet current requirements, looping water lines in buildings, replacing existing fire hydrants, and winterizing fire protection to unheated buildings). The proposed contract extension is due to the changes in project scope as detailed above.

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0203**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Chicago Commercial Construction, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Eggers Grove site improvements

**Original Contract Period:** 8/20/2014 - 11/2/2014

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Nine (9) Month Extension From 11/3/2014 retroactively through 8/2/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$634,966.90

**Original Approval:** 14-0360, 7/22/2014, \$634,966.90

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Recreation (Landscape Improvements) Accounts 25-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760, 54-6760 and 55-6760

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-04C1-Rebid

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**Summary:** A contract extension is required due to delay in delivery of boardwalk material and cold weather conditions. Contract 13-80-02-04C1-R, Eggers Grove Site Improvements work includes, but is not limited to, new paths, boardwalk, plant material, seating, and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications. Also included is a new paved path connection between the Indiana's existing Wolf Lake West Park Trail and the District's existing Burnham Greenway Paved Trail.

Chicago Commercial Construction, Chicago, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on 6/13/2014.

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0205**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Clauss Brothers, Inc., Streamwood, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Little Red Schoolhouse Outdoor Interpretation and Landscaping

**Original Contract Period:** 2/7/2014 - 10/5/2014

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** Seven (7) Month Extension From 10/6/2014 - 5/5/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$317,988.14

**Original Approval:** 14-0013, 1/14/2014, \$317,988.14

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Recreation (Landscape Improvements) Accounts 25-6760, 60-6760, 51-6760, 52-6760 and Capital Improvement Account 09-6750

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-05C1

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**Summary:** A contract extension is required to allow additional time to revise interpretive signs and due to cold weather conditions.

Contract 13-80-02-05C1 is for site improvements at Little Red School House including outdoor interpretation elements, ADA and landscaping work. Specific work items include site clearing, earthwork, concrete paving, rough carpentry, site furnishings, underdrain, water piping, planting, native seeding, and other related work as specified in the plans & specifications.

Clauss Brothers, Inc., Streamwood, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on 12/11/2013.

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0206**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Facilities & Fleet

**Request:** Reconsider a previously approved item and approve as amended

**Item Number:** 14-0489

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** Other Professional Services, 01-6217; Camp Accounts 25-6730, 52-6730, 54-6730 & 55-6730; Building Accounts 25-6710, 51-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710 & 55-6710; and Recreation Landscape Accounts 25-6760, 54-6760 & 55-6760.

**Summary:** Board approval is requested to add capital improvement accounts to a previously approved board item that would allow for the use of these capital funds for these security equipment purchases at the campgrounds.

Item 14-0489, a contract with Broadway Electric for security monitoring and installation services was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 10/7/2014. Staff is seeking to purchase security equipment for new campgrounds and other new public buildings and recreation sites from this vendor through this previously approved contract. No change in the contract amount or term is needed.

The previously approved item with the recommended change is as follows:

**14-0489**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Facilities & Fleet

**Vendor:** Broadway Electric, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Security monitoring and installation services

**Contract Value:** \$1,146,946.92

**Contract period:** 10/7/2014 -10/7/2017

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2014 \$155,229.67, FY 2015 \$364,090.32, FY 2016, \$342,342.00, FY 2017 \$285,284.93.

**Accounts:** Other Professional Services, 01-6217, Camp Accounts 25-6730, 52-6730, 54-6730 & 55-6730; Building Accounts 25-6710, 51-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710 & 55-6710; and Recreation Landscape

Accounts 25-6760, 54-6760 & 55-6760.

**Contract Number(s):** 14-53-520

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves solicited proposals from qualified/licensed companies to establish a contract for Security Monitoring and Installation Services at over forty (40) properties owned by the Preserves for a period of 36 months with the option of two (2) 12 month extension periods.

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0208**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Coastal Management Program

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** The purpose of this grant is to fund the development of a Conservation Action Plan for Critical Wetlands in the Millennium Reserve with the goal of improving habitat for threatened breeding birds and improving the overall quality of the Calumet Wetland System.

**Grant Amount:** \$153,824.00

**Grant Period:** 3/10/2015 - 12/1/2016

**Fiscal Impact:** \$163,337.00

**Accounts:** Grant Match and Working Fund, 09-6758

**Concurrences:**

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

**Summary:** This grant will enable the Forest Preserves to conduct an assessment of Calumet wetland habitats and create a plan that identifies opportunities for restoration and how to best conserve and improve habitat for wetland-dependent birds and other species. The total cost of the project, which addresses a top priority for South Chicago, the Calumet and the Millennium Reserve to improve wetlands, is estimated to be \$317,161.00. The Forest Preserves is responsible for 51.5%, or \$163,337.00, of the total. This project is a collaborative effort and will involve the Chicago Park District, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wetland Initiative, the Field Museum, and Audubon Chicago Region. Contributions from each of these partners are anticipated and could ultimately reduce the amount of funds expended by the Forest Preserves to \$15,000.00.

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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15-0202

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 13500 S. Harlem Ave., LLC, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain an existing steel and wood retaining wall, pavement, light poles and appurtenances. The existing wall and improvements were inadvertently installed at an angle to the property line approximately 15 years ago, resulting in much of the wall encroaching on FPCC property. The 15.5 foot high wall supports FPCC land behind it; removal would leave an unstable slope subject to erosion and collapse, and the land containing mature oak trees unsupported. No additional land other than what is occupied by the encroachment is requested. In addition to the Licensing Fees, the applicant will contribute \$20,000.00 toward restoration activities in the FPCC.

Term: 10 Years

License Fee: \$3,500.00 (minimum license fee)

License Application Fee: \$1,000.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,500.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$8,000.00 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is: 0.024 Acre

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 has reviewed this license application and plans and have 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): 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, 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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0151**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan

**Report Period:** N/A

**Summary:** In October of 2013 the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) partnered with the University of Illinois’s Prairie Research Institute (“PRI”) for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan (the “Plan”) as part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Preserves. The Plan was designed to establish a logical framework to identify and prioritize management of the Forest Preserves’ natural and cultural resources. The Plan will help guide the allocation of resources and inform strategies to accomplish the ambitious goals set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan, including the goal to restore 30,000 acres within 25 years. Moreover, the Plan provides targeted insight into the development of the rhetorical narrative needed to communicate the aforementioned goals to the people of Cook County and beyond.

**Legislative History:** 2/11/15 Item was withdrawn by the Sponsor.

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0209**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2015 - 1/31/2015

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of January 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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0211**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Facilities and Fleet

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Resident Watchman Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

**Summary:** Resident Watchman Detailed Report

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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0223**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** Forest Preserve of Cook County MBE/WBE Expenditures Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

**Summary:** Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Report be referred to the Contract Compliance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0224**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Expenditures Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

**Summary:** Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Report be referred to the Contract Compliance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0226**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** Chicago Botanic Garden MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

**Summary:** Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Report be referred to the Contract Compliance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0207**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 3/11/2015 - 4/14/2015

**Saturday, 3/14 - Sunday, 3/15; 10 am - 4 pm**

**Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**  
Join the Illinois Orchid society at its spring show and sale, in which individual orchids in 128 classes will vie for ribbons. Free.

**Saturday, 3/14; 1 pm**

**Natural Numbers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Celebrate Pi Day with a look at how mathematics and the natural world are intertwined.

**Thursday, 3/19; 11 am - 2 pm**

**Third Thursdays: A Taste of Maple Syrup Fest, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Join us to celebrate the start of spring! Learn how real maple syrup is made, and enjoy lunch from food trucks with maple syrup-focused menus. All ages.

**Saturday, 3/21 - Sunday, March 22; 11 am - 4 pm**

**Malott Japanese Garden Spring Weekend; Regenstein Center,**

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Celebrate spring by writing a seasonal haiku and making a cherry blossom hanging scroll, ply try other hands-on activities. Free.

**Saturday, 3/21; 9 - 11 am**

**Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle, Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods, Morton Grove**

Experienced paddlers, bring your canoe or kayak and celebrate the legacy of canoe legend Ralph Frese.

Paddle the Chicago River from Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods in Morton Grove. A shuttle bus will be provided and will run from 8am to 2pm from Linne Woods (Dempster St and Ferris Ave) to Willow Road Dam. For more info, call 708-386-4042 x 23.

**Saturday, 3/21; 10 - 11:30 am**

**Natural Egg Dyeing Made Easy, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Dyeing and decorating eggs is a wonderful way to celebrate spring. Create your own beautiful egg using natural dyes and decorations. Materials provided. Ages 6 & up. Limit 15.

**Sunday, 3/22; 11 am - 3 pm**

**Maple Syrup Celebration, River Trail, Northbrook**

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including: crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history.

**Sunday, 3/22; 1 pm**

**Graminoid Fens, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn about the vegetation that thrives with high levels of calcium and magnesium carbonates. The bedrock enriches the soil giving life to many sedges and forbs. Conditions will be muddy, wear rubber boots.

**Saturday, 3/28; 1 pm**

**Hints of Spring Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy a guided nature walk to discover the subtle sights, sounds and smells of early spring. Register by 3/26.

**Saturday, 3/28; 1:30 pm**

**A Stroll Through Calumet, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Go back in time to when this region was under glaciers, when Sand Ridge was a shoreline and when settlers arrived. Includes log cabin tour.

**Saturday, 4/4; 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**Up, Up & Away, Pioneer Woods (Sponsored by Little Red Schoolhouse), Willow Springs**

Wind is more than the breeze on your face. Wind is important for plants and animals. Learn more about the power of wind using kites. Please bring your own kite. Limit 15. Pioneer Woods, 9966 W 107th St, Willow Springs, Illinois

**Saturday, 4/4; 11 am - 3 pm**

**Little Calumet River Trip, Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago**

Explore the Little Calumet as we paddle from Beaubien Woods to Whistler Woods. We'll provide a free shuttle bus back to Beaubien Woods after we finish the paddle. Don't forget to pack a lunch!

**Saturday, 4/4; 1 pm**

**Eggstravagana, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Lots of things start out as eggs! Find out which and create a nest.

**Sunday, 4/5; 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, Noon, 1 pm,**

**Easter Brunch; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Enjoy brunch and an Easter egg hunt then spend the rest of the day viewing all that spring has to offer at the Garden. Registration and fee applies.

**Sunday, 4/5; 1:30 pm**

**Cold-blooded Crawl, River Trail, Northbrook**

Ever wonder what it is like for our native turtles, snakes and frogs to wake after months of hibernation? Come meet some of our local "herps" and find out.

**Saturday, 4/11; 1:30 pm**

**Wildflower Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

On this walk we'll observe and learn about some of the amazing native spring ephemeral wild flowers that are blooming in the forest preserves.

**Sunday, 4/12; 1 pm**

**Wildflower Hike, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Observe our wildflowers while hiking through the woods. Many of these low-growing beauties will only bloom for a couple of days.

**Sunday, 4/12; 1 pm**

**Fabulous Frogs, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Learn about the life cycle, ecology, and identification of native frogs, then visit our pond to look for frogs. Adults and children ages 8 and up. Register by 4/10.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**9/20 – 9/27**

100 Years, 100 Events: Celebrating the Forest Preserves 100th Anniversary

On Public Land's Day weekend, we're celebrating our 100th Anniversary with 100 activities at locations throughout the Forest Preserves. Watch for more information about specific activities and how you can participate in this grand celebration!

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, 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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2015**

**15-0235 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, 2/11/2015

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2015**

**15-0232:** Recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0187:** PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

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**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, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0216:** PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT Burling Builders Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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**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, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

**Present:** Commissioner Daley (1)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0217:** PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT CCC Holdings, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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**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, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0218: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Old Veteran Construction Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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**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 Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

**Present:** Commissioner Arroyo (1)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0219: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Cornerstone Contracting Inc., Elk Grove Village, Illinois

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**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, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0221: PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT** Burling Builders, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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**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, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

**Present:** Commissioner Daley (1)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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15-0186: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Arborworks LLC, Downers Grove, 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, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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15-0188: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Path Construction Company, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois.

This Bid Recommendation was withdrawn

15-0190: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Path Construction, Arlington Heights, Illinois

This Bid Recommendation was withdrawn

15-0197: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION All Bry Construction, Burr Ridge, 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, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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15-0199: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Outlook Design and Construction, Chicago, 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, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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15-0215: PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Staalsen Construction Company, Inc., Chicago, 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, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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15-0210: REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 12/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

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, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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15-0135: PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Forest Preserve Fee Schedule

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

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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15-0178: PROPOSED ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$17,000,000 general obligation unlimited tax refunding bonds, and not to exceed \$3,000,000 general obligation limited tax bonds of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Ordinance be adopted as amended by substitution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Nay:** Commissioner Schneider (1)

**Present:** Commissioner Daley (1)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**15-0147:** PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing the Chicago Botanic Garden to increase seasonal parking fees for non-members

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Ordinance be adopted as amended by substitution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Butler, Daley, Gainer, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Nay:** Commissioners Boykin and Fritchey (2)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Ayes:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer and Garcia (2)

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