



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building**

BOARD AGENDA

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 *Public Testimony*, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-7 *Consent Calendar*, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Resolutions for your consideration. Any Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

PRESIDENT**14-0473**

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**TO AUTHORIZE THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTH BRANCH BICYCLE TRAIL-SOUTHERN EXTENSION**

WHEREAS the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) has sought, and been awarded, funds from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant (“CMAQ Grant”), a federally-funded program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) that supports surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief, to facilitate the construction of 2.96 miles of the North Branch Bicycle Trail-Southern Extension;

WHEREAS, “IDOT” requires a resolution to reaffirm the Preserve’s funding commitment for Phase III (construction supervision) and construction costs associated with the project as per the Local Agency Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Agreement also provides for the division of Phase III and Construction costs for the Project and payment of 20% of the construction cost by the Preserves, as the Local Agency;

WHEREAS, CMAQ provides 80% (or maximum of \$424,000.00) of Phase III Engineering costs for the Project estimated at \$530,000.00;

WHEREAS, in order to meet deadlines for use of the funds provided via the CMAQ Grant, it was advisable that a consulting engineering firm be employed to perform Phase III engineering;

WHEREAS, the Preserves has selected URS Corporation “URS” of Chicago, Illinois to serve as Consulting Engineers;

WHEREAS, “URS” Phase III Engineering costs are projected to be \$527,793.89 of which CMAQ funds will cover 80% (\$422,235.11) of the costs and the Preserves shall be responsible for 20% of the cost;

WHEREAS, the total construction cost for the project is *estimated* at \$6,710,000.00 and the Preserve’s 20% local share of the construction cost is *estimated* at \$1,342,000.00;

WHEREAS, IDOT shall be responsible for the bid letting and award of a construction contract at a future date;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County authorizes the Preserves, through its General Superintendent, to enter into a local agency agreement (the “Local Agency Agreement”), with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) via which the Preserves agrees to pay 20% of the Phase III Engineering Service and Construction costs associated with the Project pursuant to the Local Agency Agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that URS Corporation of Chicago, Illinois be employed to perform Phase III Engineering services in connection with the Project, and that the President of such Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to execute, on behalf of the District, an agreement by and between the Preserves and URS for Phase III Engineering services (the “Engineering Services Agreement”).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves hereby confirms that sufficient funds are available in the Preserves Construction & Development Fund, General Consulting accounts, Grant account, and Trail accounts have been designated, to pay the total cost of Phase III Engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$527,793.89 of which the Illinois Department of Transportation will reimburse 80% or up to \$422,235.11 and the Preserves ultimately shall be responsible for 20% of the Phase III Engineering costs or \$105,558.78, in addition to 20% of the construction costs not to exceed \$1,342,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the Local Agency Agreement and the Engineering Services Agreement, when executed in their respective final form, shall be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval and final processing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14-0490

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Real Estate

Committee Date: 10/7/2014

14-0491

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations

Committee Date: 10/7/2014

14-0492

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Rules

Committee Date: 10/7/2014

14-0494**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Name: Finance

Committee Date: 10/7/2014

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**14-0403**

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Billy Casper Golf Inc., Vienna, Virginia

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: Contract 14-40-403 consists of campground facilities management services. Billy Casper Golf Inc. (“Billy Casper”) was the sole responder to the Preserves’ request for proposals, which was posted twice. The Preserves has agreed to pay Billy Casper a management fee of \$150,000.00 and to cover up to \$652,557.00 in actual operating expenses on an annual basis.

Contract period: Thirty Six (36) months from the issuance of the Purchase Order

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,407,671.00

\$450,000.00 Management Fee
\$1,957,671.00 Reimbursable Expenses

Account(s): Other Professional Services 01-6217

Concurrence(s):

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): 14, 4, 17 and 6

14-0405

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Go Ape Bemis Woods LLC, Frederick, Maryland

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: Contract 14-40-405 consists of professional design, construction, operation, & maintenance services for an Aerial Adventure & Zipline Course (the “Course”). The Vendor selected, Go Ape, was the most responsive and responsible of three (3) bidders. In addition to designing and constructing the Course, Go Ape intends to operate and maintain the Course. Go Ape has agreed to pay the Preserves a \$20,000.00 annual fee plus a tiered percentage of the gross revenue generated at the Course.

Contract period: Sixty (60) months from the issuance of the Purchase Order

Estimated Fiscal Impact: No Fiscal Impact

Account(s): N/A

Concurrence(s):

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

14-0472

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Planning & Development

Vendor: URS Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into and execute an agreement.

Good(s) or Service(s): The Project will include phase III engineering services for approximately 2.96 miles of the North Branch Bicycle Trail from Devon and Caldwell to the City of Chicago’s on-street system at Kostner and Foster Avenue, funded with a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

On 6/4/2008, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Preserves to negotiate a contract with the firm of URS Corporation for Phase I and Phase II Engineering Services. Phase II engineering for the North Branch Bicycle Trail Southern Extension is almost complete. Construction of the southern segment will begin in 2015 and requires phase III engineering services (construction supervision). Through a Request for Qualification process it was determined that URS is the most qualified. The negotiated professional fees for Phase III Engineering services shall not exceed \$527,793.89. Of the total fees, CMAQ will fund 80%, and the Preserves is responsible for the remaining 20%, or \$105,558.78.

In addition, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires a that a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation, be adopted by the Preserves to reaffirm the Preserves’ funding commitment for 20% of the total project cost for Phase III Engineering.

Contract Value: \$527,793.89

Contract period: Twenty-Four (24) months from Notice to Proceed

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2015 \$105,558.78

Accounts: General Consulting Services Accounts 54-6740 & future 55-6740 (subject to 2015 appropriation for 20% share) and Grant Account 10-702-6240 for reimbursable 80% share

Contract Number(s): 05-80-24-III

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: requesting authority to enter into a contract between URS Corporation, Chicago, Illinois and the Preserves for Phase III Engineering Services to assist the Preserves with phase III engineering- construction supervision services.

District(s): 9 and 12

14-0480

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursement Report for August 2014

Report Period: 8/1/2014 - 8/31/2014

Summary: Detailed report of August 2014 procurements and disbursements

14-0482

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Resource Management

Request: Receive & File

Report Title: Grant Award from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) through the Great Lakes Regional Initiative (GLFT).

Report Period: Grant Period 09/15/2014 - 09/30/2016

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) has received a grant from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) to support restoration activities at Eggers Woods in Chicago, Illinois. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the GLFT. This project will work with GreenCorps Chicago to conduct the restoration work and will engage Wild Indigo Nature Exploration Fellows to help conduct community outreach and establish volunteers for this site.

This project will improve the ecological health of Eggers Woods, grow the Preserves’ volunteer base through promotion of nature walks and volunteer workdays at the site, and advance the goals of the Preserves’ Next Century Conservation Plan to ensure that native landscapes will thrive for generations and to increase hands-on volunteer opportunities.

The grant amount is \$30,000.00 - Potential Grants Match and Work Fund 09-6757

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

14-0483

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Resource Management

Request: Receive & File

Report Title: USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Grant through the Great Lakes Regional Initiative

Report Period: Grant Period 09/15/2014 - 09/30/2016

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) has received a grant award from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to support restoration activities at Turnbull Woods in Glencoe, Illinois. These USDA NRCS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Regional Initiative (GLRI). This project will enable the Preserve to work with GreenCorps Chicago to conduct restoration work and will engage Wild Indigo Nature Exploration Fellows to help conduct community outreach and establish volunteers for this site. This project also will improve the ecological health of Turnbull Woods, grow the Preserves’ volunteer base through promotion of nature walks and volunteer workdays at the site, and advance the goals of the Preserves’ Next Century Conservation Plan to ensure that native landscapes will thrive for generations and to increase hands-on volunteer opportunities.

The grant amount is \$40,000.00 - The Potential Grants Match and Work Fund, 09-6757

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

14-0484

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): General Office

Vendor: WYCC, PBS Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Development, production, advertisement and marketing of a one-hour documentary.

Contract Value: \$170,000.00

Contract period: 11/1/2014 - 11/1/2015

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$170,000.00

Accounts: Other Professional Services, 01-6217

Contract Number(s): TBD

Concurrences:

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

Summary: Building a Passion for Discovery Documentary outlines a great partnership between public television and the Forest Preserves with a focus on highlighting the Centennial milestone and the Next Century Conservation Plan.

Celebrating the visionary success of one of the largest and oldest forest preserves in the United States is a story with great value. Capturing the important work critical to the preservation of Cook County's natural resources will also be coupled with the enhanced message that focuses on the rich history, educational value, health benefits and recreational pleasure that the Preserves provide for people of all ages.

Content developed for interactive kiosks will provide visitors with the opportunity to learn more about the Forest Preserves. The educational component beyond the broadcast will be repackaged as educational resources for teachers, support for classroom curriculum and educational collateral that can be shared with area libraries to engage a greater audience.

As a broadcaster reaching almost 1.4 million viewers a week throughout a four state area of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, a marketing and advertising campaign developed simultaneously with the broadcast will also provide the opportunity to kick-off an external campaign that builds greater community awareness about the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

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

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.

14-0500

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Bring item up and refer to Contract Compliance Committee

Item Number: 14-0454

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): N/A

Original text of item:

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 - 6/30/2014

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

14-0501

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Bring up and refer item to the Contract Compliance Committee

Item Number: 14-0453

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): N/A

Original text of item:

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

Report Title: Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

Report Period: 1/1/2014 - 6/30/2014

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

14-0502

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Bring up item and refer to the Contract Compliance Committee

Item Number: 14-0451

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Account(s): N/A

Original text of item:

REPORT

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 - 6/30/2014

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

14-0503

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Forest Preserve Foundation

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

Report Title: N/A

Report Period: 2014 Event

Summary: 3rd Annual Conservation Cup Report

14-0474

Presented by: ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Forest Preserves of Cook County Events and Activities 10/1/14 - 11/16/14

October: Saturdays, 1 pm;

November: Sundays, 1 pm (No Canyon Tour November 16)

Canyon Tours, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

The Sagawau Canyon is the only natural exposure of bedrock in Cook County. Join naturalists for a hike down the canyon to learn how it was formed and what lives there. *Be prepared to wade through the stream; footing is unstable.*

Friday - Sunday, 10/10 - 12; 10 am to 4 pm

Fall Bulb Festival, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Purchase bulbs from over 200 specialty varieties in Burnstein Hall and enjoy an outdoor market and straw bale maze on the Esplanade.

Friday, 10/10; 5 - 8 pm

Family Night Out: Stars Stories and S'Mores, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Bring the family and enjoy an evening in the forest. We'll have a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities.

Saturday, 10/11; 9 am - 3 pm

Chicago Portage Days, Ottawa Trail Woods, Lyons

Don't miss costumed living-history demonstrators as we explore the "Plymouth Rock" of Chicago. Exploration parties leave every 15 minutes. In partnership with Friends of the Chicago Portage. Admission: \$3-7. Visit chicagoportage.org for more info.

Saturday, 10/18; 11 am - 1 pm**Spooky Pooch Parade - Krasberg Rose Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Join the fun of our annual Halloween-themed costume parade for dogs. Fee applies.

Saturday, 10/18; 1 - 5 pm**Fall Paddle at Skokie Lagoons, Skokie Lagoons Tower Road Boat Launch, Northfield**

Come paddle with us, check out our 10-passenger voyager canoe and enjoy guided hikes and pumpkin painting.

Sunday, 10/19; 10 am - 4 pm**Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us as we celebrate the season with a special day of autumn fun! Beekeeping demos, pumpkin painting, honey sales, hay rides and more!

Friday, 10/24; 5 - 8 pm**An Evening at Trailside, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Get up close and personal with your neighborhood nature center. Sample a variety of programs and crafts, chat with naturalists and get an up-close view of our furs and skulls collection. A rare "behind-the-scenes" program will show you how we prepare food for our display animals. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, 10/25; 11 am - 2 pm**Leave No Child Inside: Family Fun Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Spend some time outside with the kids and have fun with our naturalists. There will be a lot to do, including activities and games, an obstacle course, a nature scavenger hunt and more!

Saturday, 11/1; 1:30 pm**Campfire Foods 101, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Spark your taste buds and learn how to cook over a campfire. Food will be provided. Registration required. \$3 per person.

Saturday, 11/1; 4 - 7 pm**Family Night Out: Stars, Stories and S'Mores, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Bring the family and enjoy an evening in the forest. We'll have a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities. We'll also be celebrating Day of the Dead.

Friday - Sunday, 11/7 - 9; 10 am - 5 pm**Fine Art of Fiber, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

This event, the area's oldest and largest fiber arts showcase, includes a boutique, fashion show, demonstrations and exhibitions.

Saturday, 11/15; 11 am - 1 pm**Green Holiday DIY, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Learn to green up your holiday gift giving, wrapping and decorating. We'll have supplies on hand, but bring any old items you'd like to transform into something new.

Sunday, 11/16; 1 pm**Mammals: Ice Age to Late 1800s, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Mammoths, caribou, bears and horses: Learn more about mammals of our past.