



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

Minutes of the Finance Committee

9:30 AM

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

**Camp Sullivan, 14630 Oak Park Avenue,
Oak Forest, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita,
S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairwoman Anaya asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-5-4.

No public speakers.

25-0284

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 06/10/2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 25-0284. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita,
S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

25-0214

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Pacific Construction Services, LLC, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for exterior renovations and HVAC upgrades at Camp Reinberg in Palatine, Illinois.

Reason: Contract #74000016421 issued under Solicitation #25-80-012563 for Project #23-80-37 Camp Reinberg Exterior Renovations and HVAC Upgrades. The work includes, but is not limited to: roofing and siding replacement; demolition of the existing gas-fired heater in the dining hall; providing new high efficiency electric heating and cooling for the office and dining hall; adding new make-up air units to serve the kitchen exhausts; upgrading electrical service to the building; and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

Bid Opening Date: 6/4/2025

Bid Results:

1. Pacific Construction Services, LLC	\$1,747,789.00
2. Robe, Inc.	\$1,820,000.00
3. Blinderman Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,966,000.00
4. Fabex Technologies LLC	\$1,987,412.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY2025 \$436,947.25, FY2026 \$1,310,841.75

Contract Period: Four hundred and fifty (450) days from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105, 51031.560105, 51033.560105, 51034.560106 and 51036.560106; and future Construction and Development accounts

District: 14

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0214. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

25-0218

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Great Lakes Landscape Company, primary place of business Bartlett, Illinois, for Maywood Grove Canoe and Kayak Launch and Pavement Improvements in Maywood, Illinois.

Reason: Contract #74000016420 issued under Solicitation #25-80-012318 for Project #23-80-25-25C1, Maywood Grove Canoe and Kayak Launch and Pavement Improvements. The work includes, but is not limited to, pavement resurfacing, paved trail construction, ADA sidewalk upgrades, canoe and kayak launch installation and associated landscaping, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications. Work is funded in part through an \$80,000.00 Boating Area Access Development (BAAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Board Item No. 24-0120).

Bid Opening Date: 6/4/2025

Bid Results:

1. EarthWerks Land Improvement & Development Corp.	\$567,894.00(*)
2. Great Lakes Landscape Company	\$738,895.00(**)
3. MYS Inc.	\$849,702.31

(*) There was a mathematical error in the submitted total bid amount of \$568,434.00. The bid proposal was also determined to be a non-responsive incomplete bid and was rejected.

(**) There was a mathematical error in the submitted total bid amount of \$738,355.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY2025 \$369,447.50, FY2026 \$369,447.50

Contract Period: Four Hundred Eighty-five (485) calendar days from the issuance of the notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51029.560019, 51033.560019, 51034.560019 and 51036.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

District: 1

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0218. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

25-0219

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Matthew Paving, Inc., primary place of business Oak Lawn, Illinois, for pavement, dam & electric service repairs at various locations, primarily in Southern Cook County.

Specific locations are Joe Orr Woods, Midlothian Meadows, Whistler Woods, Tampier Lake, and Dan Ryan Woods.

Reason: Contract #74000016423 issued under Solicitation #25-80-012538 for Project #19-80-67G-25C2, 2025 South Area Pavement, Dam & Electric service repairs. The work includes, but is not limited to, pavement resurfacing at Joe Orr Woods and Midlothian Meadows trail system, accessibility improvements

and new seating at Dan Ryan Woods Gold Star Memorial, trail construction, rain garden installation at Whistler Woods, concrete dam repairs at Tampier Lake, and restroom electrical service line improvements at Dan Ryan Woods restroom building serving Grove #16, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications. Work at Gold Star Memorial is funded by \$100,000.00 Illinois grant funds from DCEO (Board Item No. 24-0122).

Bid Opening Date: 6/3/2025

Bid Results:

1. Matthew Paving, Inc. \$1,939,524.55

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY2025: \$484,881.14, FY2026 \$1,454,643.41

Contract Period: Three Hundred Ninety-five (395) calendar days from the issuance of the notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51029.560019, 51033.560019, 51034.560019 and 51036.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

District: 5, 11, 17

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 25-0219. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

25-0267

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -7/1/2025

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present:	\$3,500,000.00
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:	\$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present:	\$466,053.29
Legal Fees for 7/1/2025 to Be Approved:	\$44,950.25

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0267. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

25-0194

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 7/1/2025

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2025 to present:	\$239,533.11
Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved:	\$15,138.18

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0194. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

25-0213

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FEE SCHEDULE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Schedule 22 of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2025 is hereby amended as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Discount Hourly Rate</u>
Row Boat	\$30	\$25
Single Kayak	\$25	\$20 \$22.50
Tandem Kayak	\$35	\$30 \$31.50
Canoe	\$30	\$25
Electric Motor Boat	\$30	\$25
Pedal Boat	\$30	\$27
Fishing Boat with	\$35	\$31.50
Battery and Trolling Motor		

*Discount days apply to Mondays during the season

*Veterans, students and seniors, with proper documentation, may qualify for a reduced rate of 10% on stated Boat House rental fees only at the Maple Lake Boathouse.

*Fees listed above represent not to exceed fees that the District's vendor may charge

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0213. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

25-0092

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures.

Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 5/31/2025

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to receive and filed 25-0092. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

25-0211

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Request: Refer to Finance Committee

Report Title: 2024 Fee Waiver and Discount Report

Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Summary: Under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves of Cook County property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves of Cook County implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves of Cook County Board Approved Resolution No. 16-0314, approved July 12, 2016.

In 2024, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a total of \$216,655.40 in fee waiver permit discounts to various groups. In addition, a total of three thousand six hundred and ninety (3,690) passes with an estimated value of \$90,647.00 were distributed across various programs, partners and/or events.

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to approve 25-0211. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Morrison, Gainer and Moore (3)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairwoman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.