



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center**

**6100 North Central Ave, Chicago, Illinois**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 9, 2017, 11:00 AM**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

**PRESIDENT**

[17-0091](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO LOCAL AGENCY AND ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR DESIGN OF THE SAND RIDGE BICYCLE TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") has sought and been awarded funds from the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program ("ITEP Grant"), a federally-funded program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), to facilitate the construction of 1.3 miles of the Sand Ridge Bicycle Trail (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, Phase II Engineering services for the Project are projected to be \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the District anticipates the use of ITEP Grant funds to cover 80% (\$40,000.00) of the costs of Phase II Engineering Services to be provided in connection with the Project and the District intends to be responsible for 20% of the cost of Phase II Engineering or \$10,000.00 in connection with the Project; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the District issued an RFQ for Phase I, II, and III engineering services and subsequently selected Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois to serve as Phase I Engineer;

**WHEREAS**, the District has selected Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. to perform Phase II

engineering services;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the District hereby authorizes the District, through its President, to enter into a local agency agreement (the “Local Agency Agreement”), with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) to pay Phase II Engineering Service costs associated with the Project, subject to reimbursement of 80% by IDOT.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be employed to perform Phase II 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 District and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., for Phase II Engineering services (the “Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation”).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, the Board of Commissioners of the District hereby confirms that sufficient funds are available in the District’s Professional Services accounts, and have been designated, to pay the total cost of Phase II Engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 of which IDOT will reimburse 80% or \$40,000.00 and the District ultimately shall be responsible for 20% of the Phase II Engineering costs or a maximum of \$10,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of the Local Agency Agreement and the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation, when executed in their respective final form, shall be submitted to the IDOT for approval and final processing.

[17-0098](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF HARMS FLATWOODS AS AN ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVE BY THE ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, on January 24th, 2017, at the 225th meeting of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission Harms Flatwoods was approved for dedication as an Illinois Nature Preserve (“INP”); and

**WHEREAS**, dedication of a site as a Nature Preserve provides the highest level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of exceptional ecological quality; and

**WHEREAS**, Harms Flatwoods Nature Preserve, a 102-acre preserve located in the Village of Skokie in northeast Cook County, consists of high quality northern flatwoods and mesic upland forest and supports a diverse community of native plants and wildlife, including 2 species listed as threatened or endangered in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Harms Flatwoods Nature Preserve exhibits an excellent climax canopy community made up mostly of white oak, swamp white oak, bur oak, and red oak; and

**WHEREAS**, formal ecological management of the site has been ongoing since the late 1970s, and was conducted primarily by volunteer stewards under the guidance of scientists and Forest Preserve staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Harms Flatwoods Nature Preserve has benefitted from extensive volunteer participation by the North Branch Restoration Project, whose countless hours of service and dedication have helped make the site what it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, dedication of Harms Flatwoods as an Illinois Nature Preserve advances the goal set forward in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate 20,000 acres as INP protected land by 2025, and is consistent with the recommendations of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County does hereby acknowledge this momentous dedication and the Forest Preserves' steadfast commitment to protect and restore our region's significant natural resources; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the North Branch Restoration Project as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserves and the residents of Cook County.

[17-0099](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **TO APPROVE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE AND WAGE ADJUSTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Public Employee Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") recently received an interest arbitration award, pursuant to Section 14 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, 5 ILCS 315/14, with respect to the wages for the police sergeants of the Preserves Police Department, all of whom are members of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeants) collective bargaining unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned interest arbitration award incorporated all tentative agreements between the Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeants) which include, but are not limited to, healthcare revisions and other terms and conditions of employment, for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms and conditions of the aforementioned interest arbitration award are incorporated into a proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order

of Police Labor Council (Sergeants) for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 (the "Sergeants Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the general increases and wage adjustments the aforesaid award provides for are reflected in the Salary Schedule and are included in the Sergeants Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current health care plan, which was negotiated between the Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeants), is reflected in the Sergeants Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves do hereby approve the proposed Sergeants Agreement including, but not limited to the Salary Schedule and wage adjustments, as well as retroactive wage payments and salary increases for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 for covered employees who were duly appointed and in active payroll status with the Preserves on the date of passage and approval of this Resolution as follows:

- (a) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2013 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 1.00%
- (b) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2014 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 1.50%
- (c) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2015 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%
- (d) Effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2016 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%
- (e) Effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2017 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.25%
- (f) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2017 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 2.00%

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President and the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves do hereby approve the healthcare plan for Preserves employees who are members of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeants) as described below and as reflected in the Sergeants Agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Preserves' Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer, and Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the Salary Schedule, wage adjustments and healthcare provisions as negotiated and otherwise outlined in the Cook County Benefit Overview chart.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Preserves' Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2017.

## Cook County Benefit Overview

HMO(s)	Benefits Currently in Effect	Benefits Effective upon Ratification of CBA
Classic Blue Option	In Effect	Eliminated
Out of Pocket Maximum	Drug Copays do not accumulate to OOP Max	All Copays accumulate to OOP Max
Out of Pocket Maximum	\$1,500 Single/\$3,000 family	\$1,600 single/\$3,200 family
Inpatient Facility	\$100 copay per admit	\$100 copay per admit
Preventive	\$10 copay	\$0 copay (100% covered)
Other PCP/Urgent Care	\$10 copay	\$15 copay
Specialists	\$10 copay	\$20 copay
X-Ray/Diagnostic Tests (performed in lab or hospital)	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Accident/Illness	\$10 copay	\$15 copay
Emergency Room	\$40 copay	\$75 copay

PPO	Benefits Currently in Effect	Benefits Effective upon ratification of CBA
Deductible and Out of Pocket Maximum	Copay and Deductibles do not accumulate to OOP	Copay and Deductibles do accumulate to OOP
Annual Deductible	\$125/\$250 (Single/Family) 2x Out of Network	\$350/\$700 (Single/Family) 2x Out of Network
Out of Pocket Maximum	\$1,500/\$3,000 (Single/Family) 2x Out of Network	\$1,600/\$3,200 (Single/Family) 2x Out of Network
Inpatient Facility	90% In Network/60% Out of network	90% in Network/60% Out of network
Preventive	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay/60% Out of network	\$0 copay (100% covered)
PCP	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay/60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay/60% Out of network
Specialists	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay/60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$35 copay/60% Out of network
X-Ray/Diagnostic tests (performed in lab or hospital)	90% In network/60% Out of network	90% in network/60% Out of network
Accident/Illness	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay/60% Out of network	90% coinsurance after \$25 copay/60% Out of network
Emergency Room – In/Out of Network	\$40 copay	\$75 copay

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, 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 Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 7-1-1 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended as follows:

**7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE**

**Aerial Adventure Course and Zipline Fees**

\*Tree Top Adventure Course: \$58.00 (Adult Ages 16+) and ~~\$37.00~~ \$38.00 (Child Ages 10-15)

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\*No other modifications to the existing Aerial Adventure Course and Zipline Fees are being proposed

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

[17-0103](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, 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 Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 7-1-1 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended as follows:

**7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE**

**Camp Sullivan Camp & Climb Overnight Event**

Includes overnight camping plus exclusive use for 2 hours on upper level of barn, tables, chairs, 2 hours staff led climbing wall activities, bring your own food and drink, use of upper deck and use of the

kitchen.

Reservation must include separate rental of campsite large enough to accommodate number of campers plus two additional.

Cook County Resident & Businesses

Mon.-Thurs. \$250 + campsite fee

Fri-Sun. \$290 + campsite fee

Non Cook County Resident & Businesses

Mon-Thurs. \$300 + campsite fee

Fri-Sun. \$360 + campsite fee

**Camp Sullivan - Additional Use of Climbing Wall by Registered Campers**

After one complimentary use of climbing wall, registered campers at Camp Sullivan must pay \$5 per person for each subsequent use of the climbing wall.

**Camp Sullivan - Use of Climbing Wall Exclusive to Campers**

Except for Camp Sullivan Camp & Climbing Wall Day Events described above, the climbing wall at Camp Sullivan may be used only by campers registered at Camp Sullivan.

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

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[17-0090](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Rosemont, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Phase II Engineering for approximately 1.3 miles of bicycle trail from Sand Ridge Nature Center to Green Lake Aquatic Center, funded with Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program ("ITEP") funding administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT").

**Contract Value:** \$50,000.00



**Contract period:** Three hundred and sixty (360) days from notice to proceed

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$50,000.00 (80% to be reimbursed by ITEP)

**Accounts:** Professional Services accounts: 51025.520830, 51026.520830, 51054.520830, 51055.520830, 51056.520830, 51057.520830, 51009.520830; Grant account 51010.520830

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-26B

**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):** 4

**Summary:** On 6/24/2013, the District issued a Request for Qualifications for Phase I, II and III Engineering Services for the Sand Ridge Bicycle Trail. An agreement for Phase I Engineering was executed between Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. ("CCBEL") and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") and all Phase I Engineering is now complete. The next project step is Phase II Engineering, which includes the preparation of plans and specifications for approximately 1.3 miles of bicycle trail from Sand Ridge Nature Center to Green Lake Aquatic Center funded with ITEP funding administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. CBBEL was selected to complete Phase II Engineering Services based on its qualifications and familiarity with the project based on completion of Phase I work. The using department provided a sole source justification for this procurement.

The professional fees for Phase II Engineering services shall not exceed \$50,000.00. Of the total fees, ITEP will fund 80% (\$40,000.00), and the District is responsible for the remaining 20% (\$10,000.00).

At each phase of the project, IDOT requires that the District enter into Local Agency and Engineering Service Agreements for Federal Participation to reaffirm the District's funding commitment for 20% of the total project cost.

[17-0085](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** Path Construction Company, Arlington Heights, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend a previously awarded

contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for improvements to various buildings at the Central Garage and Warehouse Complex

**Original Contract Period:** 10/26/2015 - 4/23/2016, Administrative extension 4/24/2016 - 6/23/2016, Board approved extension 6/24/2016 - 3/21/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 3/22/2017 - 7/20/2017

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,240,471.02

**Original Approval:** 4/14/2015, \$1,026,100.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 9/13/2016, \$112,040.75; Administrative increase \$102,330.27

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01-G5R2

**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):** 1

**Summary:** This amendment is to extend time only. The project is substantially complete, however, additional time is required for ComEd to install new electrical service and for close-out activities.

[17-0095](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** System Solutions, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Computer hardware, software and hardware maintenance

**Original Contract Period:** 7/11/2012 - 7/10/2015, Administrative extension for sixty (60) days from 7/11/2015 - 9/8/2015, Board approved extension from 9/9/2015 - 12/31/2016, Administrative extension for sixty (60) days from 1/1/2017 - 3/1/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 3/2/2017, retroactive - 6/30/2017

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,240,000.00

**Original Approval:** 7/11/2012, \$200,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 5/13/2013 - \$20,000.00, Board approval on 6/18/2013 - \$300,000.00, Board approval on 1/20/2015 - \$300,000.00, and Board approval on 9/8/2015 - \$420,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$300,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2017 \$300,000.00

**Accounts:** Computer Supplies and Service, 51001-531670

**Contract Number(s):** 11-84-167 CC Lot A

**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):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County wishes to continue to utilize the Cook County System Solutions contract approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on 6/5/2012 and approved by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 7/11/2012. On 4/13/2016, the Cook County Board of Commissioners extended the Cook County System Solutions contract until 6/30/2017. The Forest Preserve would also like to utilize the services of System Solutions until 6/30/2017.

[17-0096](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

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

**Vendor:** On Call Properties, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction services for Harry Semrow Driving Range. Work includes new roof, drywall repair and painting.

**Original Contract Period:** 9/19/2016 - 1/18/2017; Administrative extension 1/19/2017 - 3/20/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 3/21/2017 - 7/19/2017

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$82,374.00

**Original Approval:** 9/16/2016, \$82,374.00

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

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 16-80-44R

**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

**Summary:** This request is for time only. Work is substantially complete, however, minor work remains that requires warmer weather. Additional time is also required to close out the contract.

[17-0100](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Skokie, Illinois

**Request:** Requesting authority to enter into an IGA with the Village of Skokie, Illinois for construction of (1) an approximately ten (10) foot wide, two thousand three hundred (2,300) foot asphalt trail and two hundred and fifty (250) foot stone spur between Harms Road and Woods Drive (“Stage I”), and (2) an approximately ten (10) foot wide, two hundred and fifty (250) foot asphalt trail connecting the Forest Preserve trails on the west side of Harms Road (“Stage II”). Stage I and Stage II are collectively the “Trail Connection”.

**Goods or Services:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. The Trail Connection is part of Skokie’s Bikeway System Plan to provide bicycle/pedestrian accommodations for residents, businesses, shopping malls, schools and transit connections along Old Orchard Road from Gross Point Road to the North Branch Trail. This agreement covers the approximately two thousand eight hundred (2,800) linear feet of trails that will be built on Forest Preserve property on the south side of Old Orchard Road.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Perpetual (subject to termination after ten (10) years)

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 13

**Summary:** Skokie has requested an Intergovernmental Agreement to construct the proposed Trail Connection. Skokie has obtained Transportation Alternatives Program funding for the construction of Stage 1 of Trail Connection. Skokie will be responsible for all design, permitting and construction costs associated with the Trail Connection, subject to review of final plans and specifications by the Preserves. All requirements regarding insurance and bonds must be met. It is anticipated that approximately one

hundred and ten (110) trees will be removed for this project. For each tree that is removed, Skokie will plant replacement trees or pay the replacement cost of planting the trees. The Preserves anticipates that the Trail Connection will be completed within approximately five (5) years. Skokie will be responsible for long-term maintenance of the Trail Connection upon completion, including annual inspections and snow removal. The Preserves, however, will retain responsibility for trimming and removing trees. The Intergovernmental Agreement is subject to final review and approval by the Preserves' Legal Department.

[17-0067](#)

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

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Other Part(ies):** Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR")

**Request:** Authorization to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA")

**Goods or Services:** For removal of certain dams on the Des Plaines River and North Branch of the Chicago River

**Agreement Number:** Amendment #2 to OWR-292

**Agreement Period:** OWR-292 10/23/2013 - 6/30/2016; Amendment #1 1/9/2015 - 6/30/2016; IGA suspended by IDNR effective 6/30/2015; Amendment #2 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2020

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 (fully reimbursable by IDNR to the Forest Preserves)

**Accounts:** Grant Accounts; Professional Services 51010-520830 and Special or Co-op Programs 51010-521313

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This IGA was originally approved by the Board on 7/16/2013. Amendment #1 of this IGA subsequently was approved by the Board on 12/16/2014 for a period ending on 6/30/2016. The IDNR authorized extension of the IGA for a longer period ending on 6/30/2017. The IGA, however, was suspended by the IDNR effective 6/30/2015. An amendment to extend the IGA to 6/30/2020 is now being recommended by IDNR staff in order to have an agreement in place in case funding is restored, and to have a consistent end date.

[17-0088](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the General Superintendent

**Report Title:** Resident Watchman Annual Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District shall place on the agenda of the March meeting of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners an Annual Report listing the names of employees occupying forest preserve homes for part or all of the fiscal year, as well as their job titles and salaries.

[17-0054](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2017 - 1/31/2017

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of January 2017. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[17-0087](#)

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

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**REQUEST TO REGISTER BOBOLINK MEADOW AS AN ILLINOIS LAND AND WATER RESERVE ("ILWR")**

**Department:** Resource Management

**Summary:** Requesting authority, pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act (70 ILCS810/9), to register Bobolink Meadow as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve ("ILWR") with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission ("INPC").

This dedication contributes to one of the key goals set forward in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate and register twenty thousand (20,000) acres with the INPC by 2025. Dedication of a site as an ILWR provides a high level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of important ecological quality.

The proposed Bobolink Meadow ILWR is an approximately nine hundred and eighteen (918) acre portion of the preserves located in Tinley Park in south central Cook County. The site currently supports four hundred and sixty eight (468) plant species and one hundred and forty two (142) bird species, five (5) of which are threatened or endangered in Illinois. The site also provides critical breeding habitat for declining grassland birds, including the second largest population of Bobolinks (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) in the state of Illinois.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County ("FPCC") currently has twenty three (23) dedicated Nature Preserves and three (3) Land and Water Reserves. The addition of Bobolink Meadow ILWR would bring the FPCC's total INPC protected lands to approximately 8,800 acres.

It is respectfully requested that authority be granted to the FPCC to submit Bobolink Meadow to the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission for review and formal dedication as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve.

**District(s):** 6

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

#### **PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 3/9/2017 - 4/11/2017

**Saturday - Sunday, 3/11 - 3/12; 10 am - 4 pm**

**Illinois Orchid Society Show and Sale; Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Artistically arranged orchids, including rare species and cultivated hybrids, will be on display. There



will also be a judged exhibition and orchids for sale. Free.

**Saturdays, 3/11 and 4/8; 1:30 pm**

**R.I.P. Workday, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Assist us with Removing Invasive Plants. Individuals and families welcome. Not suitable for ages 9 yrs. and younger. Participants 10-14 yrs. old must be accompanied by an adult.

**Saturday, 3/11; 11 am**

**One Earth Film Festival, Thatcher Pavilion, River Forest**

Join us for a free showing of the Emmy Award winning Forest Preserves of Cook County film *Chicago's True Nature* at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030, Chicago Ave. Meet some of our featured animals afterwards. For festival details, visit [www.oneearthfilmfest.org](http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org) <<http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org>>.

**Sunday, 3/12; 9:30 - 11 am or 1 - 2:30 pm**

**Weekend Family Class, "Churn It and Flip 'Em;" Learning Campus, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Your next homemade breakfast won't be the same after you learn how fun and easy it is to make your own butter! What better way to enjoy your butter than by spreading it onto delicious buttermilk pancakes? Participants will learn about the plants used to make breakfast and take home recipes to replicate this delectable feast at home. Registration required and fee applies.

**Sunday, 3/12; 1 pm**

**One Earth Film Festival, St. James Church, 2907 S Wabash Ave, Chicago**

Join us for a free showing of an excerpt from the Emmy Award winning Forest Preserves of Cook County film *Chicago's True Nature* at St. James Church. For festival details, visit [www.oneearthfilmfest.org](http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org) <<http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org>>. Will screen with *Nature Play*.

**Thursday, 3/16; 11 am - 2 pm**

**A Taste of Maple Syrup Fest, Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem, River Forest**

Join us to celebrate the start of spring! Learn how real maple syrup is made and participate in a variety of family-friendly activities. All ages. No registration required.

**Saturday, 3/18; 1:30 pm**

**Powerwalk the Greenway!, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Get out and get active with a naturalist by exploring remnant prairies and savannas along the Burnham Greenway Trail. Meet outside the Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City.

**Sunday, 3/19 and Saturday, 3/25; 1 pm**

**Signs of Spring, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Observe how plants and animals respond to longer days as spring invites birds to sing and plants to bloom.

**Sunday, 3/19; 11 - 3 pm**

**45th Annual Maple Syrup Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including crafts, games, tree tapping, and maple syrup history with syrup samples to taste. Call for more information.

**Wednesday, 3/22; 4:30 - 7:30 pm****Celebrate Spring!, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**

Come celebrate the start of the spring season with us! Learn how to make a plant press and start your own native plant collection. Make your own compost bin for your kitchen. Create and take home a decorative terrarium in a reusable jar using twigs and other natural materials. In addition, learn about the birds of the Forest Preserves during guided spring-themed hikes and then make your very own birdfeeder.

**Sunday 3/26; 10 am - Noon****Ornithology 101: Beginning Bird ID, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Exploration of common avian behaviors such as flocking, migration, territorial and mating displays, followed by observations in the field. Adults and interested teens only. Registration required.

**Sunday, 3/26; 1 pm****Go Fly a Kite Workshop, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest**

Learn about the spring wind and weather, then we'll harness the wind's energy by making and flying kites. Ages 6-12 w/adult. \$5 materials fee/ child. Register by 3/24.

**Tuesday, 3/28; 10 am - 2 pm****Spring Breakout Adventures, Rolling Knolls Forest Preserve, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin**

Spring Breakout Adventures offer the chance to practice archery, explore the bountiful wildlife and plant species as well as improve your navigation skills. All ages. No registration required. For general information or available bussing for groups of 25 or more, call 312-415-2970.

**Wednesday - Thursday, 3/29 & 3/30; 9:30 am - Noon****Spring Break Camp: Creative Exploration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Explore nature and be inspired to create your own unique artwork. 7-10 years old; \$10/child. Registration required.

**Saturday - Sunday, 4/8 - 4/9****CLIC Training, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

The Camping Leadership Immersion Course (CLIC) Training is an overnight course that provides skills such as camping equipment use and care, outdoor activities, teamwork and nature-based education for leaders of school, community, scouting or youth groups. After completing this training, you and your group of up to 30 are eligible to borrow tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and cookware for a one-night campout at Camp Sullivan. For more information, e-mail [experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov).

**Saturday, 4/1; 9 am - Noon****Navigation Unplugged, Deer Grove, 1650 N Quentin Rd, Palatine**

Learn the basics of orienteering (using a map and compass), then put your skills to the test with orienteering courses on the trail. Appropriate for ages 8 & up. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.

**Sunday, 4/2; 1:30 pm****Pioneer Living, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what the pioneers experienced.

**Sunday, 4/2; 2 pm****Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Join us for a free lecture on the Lenhardt Library's rare book exhibition *Botanical Charts: 19th Century Classroom Posters*. Free.

**Friday, 4/7; 7:30 pm****Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a night hike to learn about nocturnal animals that live at River Trail. Afterwards, stop inside for refreshments. Register by 4/5. \$2.

**Saturday - Sunday, 4/8-4/9; 10 am - 6 pm****Ape Awareness Weekend, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Learn exciting ape facts during Zoo Chats and participate in fun ape-related activities over Ape Awareness Weekend! Volunteers will be stationed throughout Tropic World with information on how to make a difference for apes in the wild through conservation efforts.

**Saturday, 4/8; 9 - 11 am Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle, Willow Road Dam, Willow Rd & N Forest Way Dr, Winnetka**

Bring your canoe or kayak and celebrate the legacy of canoe legend Ralph Frese by paddling down the Chicago River from Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods in Morton Grove. A shuttle bus will be provided and will run from 8 am - 2 pm from Linne Woods to Willow Road Dam. Call 312-533-5751 for more information.

**Saturday, 4/8; 10 am****Conservation@Home: Easy Care Natives, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Learn where to begin with installing native plants in terms of selection and care. Ages 15 & up. Registration required by 4/5. Minimum 10 people.

**Sunday, 4/9; 1 pm****Prime Real Estate, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodations, then stay to see the tree swallow compete.

**Saturday, 4/9; 1 - 4 pm****Navigation Unplugged, Bemis Woods South, 1100 Ogden Ave, Western Springs**

Learn the basics of orienteering (using a map and compass), then put your skills to the test with orienteering courses on the trail. Appropriate for ages 8 & up. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.

**Tuesday, 4/11; 10 am - 2 pm**

**Spring Breakout Adventures, Dan Ryan Woods, 87th and Western, Chicago**

Spring Breakout Adventures offer the chance to practice archery, explore the bountiful wildlife and plant species as well as improve your navigation skills. All ages. No registration required. For general information or available bussing for groups of 25 or more, call 312-415-2970.

**Tuesday, 4/11; 7:30 to 9 pm**

**Full Moon Frogs, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Assist a naturalist as we monitor frog activity under the full moon. Registration required. Ages 12 & up.

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3/8/2017**

**16-0478 REPORT** The Forest Preserve District MWBE Actual Participation Report For 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016  
And The MBE/WBE Commitment Report For 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Of 2016  
Report Period: 1/1/2016-9/30/2016

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**RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3/9/2017**

**17-0115 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS** meeting held on 2/7/2017

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3/9/2017**

**17-0101 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -2/7/2017

**17-0104 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -3/7/2017

**17-0109 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 3/8/2017

**17-0082 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Meru Corporation

**17-0089 PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION** Western Remac, Inc.

**17-0053 REPORT** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 1/1/2017 - 1/31/2017

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