



**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 10:00 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

[19-0511](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**AMENDING RESOLUTION 18-0517 - APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES AND MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT BOARD**

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County adopted Resolution 18-0517 establishing the President Pro Tempore, Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, that Resolution 18-0517 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board shall be Commissioner Sims.

Section 2. The Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the committees and of the subcommittees of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board shall be as follows:

AUDIT (7 members)

Chair: Anaya Tobolski

Vice-Chair: S. Morrison Anaya

Members: Britton, Degnen, Lowry, Miller, Tobolski

BOTANIC GARDEN (9 members)

Chair: Suffredin

Vice-Chair: Britton

Members: Anaya, Daley, Deer, Johnson, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (9)

Chair: Arroyo

Vice-Chair: Sims

Members: Britton, Deer, Johnson, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9 members)

Chair: Miller ~~Arroyo~~

Vice-Chair: Lowry ~~Miller~~

Members: Anaya, Arroyo, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Moore, Sims

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY (7 members)

Chair: Degnen ~~Deer~~

Vice-Chair: Deer ~~Degnen~~

Members: Britton, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, Silvestri

FINANCE (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Arroyo

Vice-Chair: Deer

Members: All Board Members

Finance Subcommittee on Litigation (7 members)

Chair: Silvestri

Vice-Chair: Lowry

Members: Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison, Suffredin

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (5 members)

Chair: S. Morrison

Vice-Chair: Britton

Members: Degnen, Johnson, K. Morrison

LABOR (9 members)

Chair: Arroyo

Vice Chair: Johnson ~~Tobolski~~

Members: Degnen, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, Moore, Sims, Tobolski

LAW ENFORCEMENT (7 members)

Chair: Moore

Vice-Chair: Silvestri
 Members: Britton, Johnson, Miller, K. Morrison, Tobolski

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Suffredin
 Vice-Chair: Britton
 Members: All Board Members

REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole)

Chair: Anaya Moore
 Vice-Chair: Moore K. Morrison
 Members: All Board Members

RECREATION (7 members)

Chair: S. Morrison
 Vice-Chair: Johnson
 Members: Anaya, Deer, Miller, K. Morrison, Tobolski

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION (9 members)

Chair: Suffredin
 Vice-Chair: Degnen
 Members: Daley, Deer, Lowry, Miller, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims

ZOOLOGICAL (9 members)

Chair: K. Morrison Tobolski
 Vice-Chair: Moore
 Members: Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Miller, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Tobolski

[19-0509](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO ALIGN WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENT PROCESS WITH STATE STATUTE

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") administers workers' compensation benefits for Forest Preserves employees pursuant to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, 820 ILCS 305/1 et seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation authorizes workers' compensation settlements and awards as presented by the Forest Preserves' Legal Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves' Legal Department works to ensure that employees with workplace related injuries receive proper workers' compensation benefits/payments as required under the Act; and

WHEREAS, recent amendments to the Act require medical providers to bill an employer or its designee directly and requires payment of such bills within thirty (30) days of receipt; and

WHEREAS, under the Act the Forest Preserves could face interest charges at the rate of 1% per month for late payment of medical provider bills; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution granting the County's Department of Risk Management authority to resolve and execute all workers' compensation claim payments, provided, that a monthly report of such approved payments be made available to the Finance Committee of the County Board (County Board Item 19-2123).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Forest Preserves' Finance and Legal Departments be granted the authority to resolve and execute all workers' compensation claim payments. A report of such approved workers' compensation claim payments shall be made available to the Finance Committee of the Forest Preserves' Board on a monthly basis beginning no later than March 2020 by the Finance and Legal Departments.

[19-0505](#)

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

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Terry Guen

Position: Council Member

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective date: 1/1/2020

Expiration date: This appointment will remain in effect until 12/31/2022

Summary: Reappointment of Terry Guen

[19-0506](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

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

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Sylvia M. Jenkins, Ph.D.

Position: Council Member

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective date: 1/1/2020

Expiration date: This appointment will remain in effect until 12/31/2022

Summary: Reappointment of Sylvia M. Jenkins, Ph.D.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[19-0494](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Annual Permits Customer Service Survey

Report Period: 2019

Summary: The Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions (“PRC”) contracts with a third-party consultant, Penn and Associates, to survey customers who hold picnics or special events in our groves on a weekly basis throughout the summer months. This year, seven hundred ninety-four (794) patrons

completed questionnaires, a 17% response rate. Overall, customer satisfaction increased in 2019 compared to a year ago and the results showed continuous month-by-month improvement throughout the 2019 season. PRC, Department of Landscape Maintenance, and Department of Law Enforcement staff who interacted with customers all received extremely high ratings. The full report and presentation include detailed findings. Results of the survey are reviewed by all relevant staff on a weekly basis during the summer months to gauge and improve areas of operations within the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

[19-0450](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: Rising Medical Solutions, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Workers' Compensation Administration Services contract

Contract Value: \$750,000.00

Contract period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022 with two (2) one-year renewal options

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$250,000.00, FY 2021 \$250,000.00, FY 2022 \$250,000.00

Accounts: Workers' Compensation 51011.580111

Contract Number(s): #74000007117

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On 10/24/2019 the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved contract #1944-17617 with Rising Medical Solutions, Chicago, Illinois following a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Workers' Compensation Administration Services. The Forest Preserves is seeking to procure the same services

pursuant to Section 1-8-2(X) of the Forest Preserves' Code of Ordinances. The Forest Preserves' contract will incorporate the same terms as the County's contract. Contract services include Medical Bill Review/Repricing Services, Utilization Review, Case Management Services, Independent Medical Examinations, Recorded Statements and Surveillance, Durable Medical Equipment, Pharmacy Benefit Manager and Vocational Rehabilitation Placement Service.

[19-0453](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Gary, Indiana

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to exercise the second of two (2) one-year contract extension options and to increase the Service Sanitation contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 1

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2015 - 10/31/2018; Board Approved Extension 11/1/2018 10/31/2019;
Administrative Extension 11/1/2019 - 12/30/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/31/2019 - 10/31/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$379,602.00

Original Approval: 7/21/2015, \$241,602.00

Previous Increase(s): \$138,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$77,500.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020, \$77,500.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840 and 51001.520825; Building 51009.560106, 51055.560106, 51056.560106, and 51057.560106; Fisheries Management 51001.521448; Other Materials and Supplies 51001.530267; Conservation Corps 51058.521525; Special Events 51001.520635

Contract Number(s): #74000003102 issued under RFP 15-52-201

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): 1, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17

Summary: Placement and servicing of standard portable toilets as well as ADA portable toilets for groves with accessible pads. Servicing will include two (2) cleanings per week during peak season for Region 1, which consists of North West, Poplar Creek, Des Plaines, and Indian Boundary Divisions. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposal for a new contract in 2020.

[19-0454](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Gary, Indiana

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise second of two (2) one-year contract extension options and to increase the Service Sanitation contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 2

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2015-10/31/2018; Board Approved Extension 11/1/2018-10/31/2019; Administrative Extension 11/1/2019-12/30/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/31/2019 - 10/31/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$283,376.00

Original Approval: 7/21/2015, \$218,376.00

Previous Increase(s): \$65,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$69,500.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020, \$69,500.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840 and 51001.520825; Building 51009.560106, 51055.560106, 51056.560106, and 51057.560106; Fisheries Management 51001.521448; Other Materials and Supplies 51001.530267; Conservation Corps 51058.521525; Special Events 51001.520635

Contract Number(s): #74000003103 issued under RFP 15-52-202

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation

District(s): 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

Summary: Placement and servicing of standard portable toilets as well as ADA portable toilets for groves with accessible pads. Servicing will include two (2) cleanings per week during peak season for Region 2, which consists of North Branch, Skokie and Salt Creek Divisions. The Forest Preserves will issue a new Request for Proposal in 2020.

[19-0456](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Gary, Indiana

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to exercise the second of two (2) one-year contract extension options and to increase the Service Sanitation contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 3

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2015-10/31/2018; Board Approved Extension 11/1/2018-10/31/2019; Administrative Extension 11/1/2019-12/30/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/31/2019 - 10/31/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$371,360.00

Original Approval: 7/21/2015, \$282,360.00

Previous Increase(s): \$89,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$117,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020, \$117,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840 and 51001.520825; Building 51009.560106, 51055.560106, 51056.560106, and 51057.560106; Fisheries Management 51001.521448; Other Materials and Supplies 51001.530267; Conservation Corps 51058.521525; Special Events 51001.520635

Contract Number(s): #74000003104 issued under RFP 15-52-203

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation

District(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17

Summary: Placement and servicing of standard portable toilets as well as ADA portable toilets for groves with accessible pads. Servicing will include two (2) cleanings per week during peak season for Region 3, which consists of Palos, Sag Valley and Tinley Creek Divisions. The Forest Preserves will issue a new Request for Proposal in 2020.

[19-0457](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION

Department(s): Department of Landscape Maintenance

Vendor: Service Sanitation, Gary, Indiana

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to exercise the second of two (2) one-year contract extension options and to increase the Service Sanitation contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Placement and Servicing of Portable Toilets in Region 4

Original Contract Period: 11/1/2015-10/31/2018; Board Approved Extension 11/1/2018-10/31/2019; Administrative Extension 11/1/2019-12/30/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/31/2019 - 10/31/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$251,070.00

Original Approval: 7/21/2015, \$191,070.00

Previous Increase(s): \$60,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$80,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020, \$80,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520840 and 51001.520825; Building 51009.560106, 51055.560106, 51056.560106, and 51057.560106; Fisheries Management 51001.521448; Other Materials and Supplies 51001.530267; Conservation Corps 51058.521525; Special Events 51001.520635

Contract Number(s): #74000003105 issued under RFP 15-52-204

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation

District(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11

Summary: Placement and servicing of standard portable toilets as well as ADA portable toilets for groves with accessible pads. Servicing will include two (2) cleanings per week during peak season for Region 4, which consists of Calumet and Thorn Creek Divisions. The Forest Preserves will post a new Request for Proposals for a new contract in 2020.

[19-0483](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: Frank Pawlak, PC, Romeoville, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Workplace Investigation Services

Original Contract Period: 1/10/2018 - 1/9/2019; Administrative Extension 1/10/2019- 1/9/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/10/2020 - 1/9/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$150,000.00

Original Approval: Board Approval not required (\$25,000.00)

Previous Increase(s): \$125,000.00 (7/26/2018)

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: Legal Services 51001.621055

Contract Number(s): #74000002561 issued under RFP 18-60-100

Concurrences:

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

Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals are not applicable for this amendment as there is no increased fiscal impact.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: In an effort to reduce the number of, and exposure from, lawsuits filed against the Forest Preserves by current and former employees, the Forest Preserves utilizes external investigators to explore claims of disparate treatment and/or harassment in the workplace. The Forest Preserves will issue a new Request for Proposals in 2020.

[19-0491](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Axon Enterprise, Inc. Scottsdale, Arizona

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Taser Weapon, Axon Body Worn Camera Equipment, Maintenance, and Cloud-based storage

Contract Value: \$1,277,850.00

Contract period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2024

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$327,402.00, FY 2021 \$237,612.00, FY 2022 \$237,612.00, FY 2023 \$237,612.00, FY 2024 \$237,612.00

Accounts: Computer and Equipment 51001.531690

Contract Number(s): #74000007200

Concurrences:

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

The contract-specific MWBE goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: In September of 2019, the Cook County board approved a sole source contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. Axon Enterprise, Inc. provides Taser weapons and body worn cameras to over sixty (60) law enforcement agencies across the country. The Forest Preserves has determined that the use of

Taser weapons and body worn cameras, along with maintenance and Cloud-based storage, would be beneficial for its Law Enforcement Department as well.

The Taser weapons, body worn cameras, maintenance and Cloud-based storage will aid in the safekeeping of thousands of visitors of the Forest Preserves' with more than three hundred fifty (350) miles of trails, nearly three hundred (300) picnic groves, six (6) nature centers and five (5) campgrounds. The purchase also will help ensure the safety of the police officers assigned to protect the nearly 70,000 acres of Forest Preserves property and its visitors.

The Taser weapons are less than lethal weapons that will allow officers to de-escalate situations, thus preventing the use of deadly force. The body worn cameras will provide a clear substantiation of encounters with citizens. The Cloud-based storage will allow the Department of Law Enforcement to receive and retain video accounts of police-citizen interactions.

This is a sole source procurement.

[19-0496](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

REQUEST TO REGISTER A PORTION OF ELIZABETH CONKEY WOODS AS AN ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVE

Department: Department of Resource Management

Summary: Requesting authority, pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act (70 ILCS 810/9), to dedicate a portion of Elizabeth Conkey Woods as an Illinois Nature Preserve 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 20,000 acres with the INPC by 2025. 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 important natural and cultural significance.

The proposed Elizabeth Conkey Woods Nature Preserve is an approximately 180-acre portion of the preserves located in the villages of Crestwood and Palos Heights in southwest Cook County. The site consists of mesic oak woodlands and mesic floodplain forest adjoining Tinley Creek, and is home to several species identified as being in greatest need of conservation. The site also contains important cultural resources of state-wide significance which merit its dedication and protection.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") currently has twenty-five (25) dedicated Nature Preserves and four (4) Land and Water Reserves. The addition of Elizabeth Conkey Woods would bring the Forest Preserves' total INPC protected lands to approximately 10,050 acres.

It is respectfully requested that authority be granted to Forest Preserves to submit Elizabeth Conkey Woods to the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission for review and formal dedication as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

District(s): 6

[19-0497](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): North Branch Conservation Corps Program

Original Contract Period: 1/9/2018 - 12/31/2019

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$300,000.00

Original Approval: 1/9/2018

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$300,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$150,000.00, FY 2021 \$150,000.00

Accounts: Special or Co-op Programs 51058.521313 and all future special or co-op program accounts; Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, 51051.521452, 51058.521452 and all future habitat enhancement accounts; EAB Tree Removal 51009.521456, 51051.521456, 51058.521456 and all future EAB tree removal accounts; Conservation Corps 51009.521525, 51051.521525, 51058.521525 and all future conservation corps accounts; Grant & Mitigation 51010.521444

Contract Number(s): 74000004350

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 9, 10, 12, 13, 14

Summary: Friends of the Forest Preserves has received additional grant funding from The Caerus Foundation to continue a North Branch Conservation Corps program providing conservation and leadership skills training to young adults, ages 18-24, at stewardship sites located along the North Branch of the Chicago River. The Forest Preserves would like to extend the program for an additional two (2) year term. The proposed 2020-2021 program would engage three (3) participants, one (1) crew manager, and one (1) assistant crew manager in hands-on ecological restoration activities including invasive species control, herbicide application, seed collection and dispersal, and prescribed fire. Participants will receive the training and technical expertise necessary to pursue a long-term career in ecological restoration and related fields.

The Conservation Corps co-facilitates innovative job training and employment programs that provide participants with paid, hands-on experiences in conservation that train the next generation to restore and be responsible stewards of the land.

Total project costs are \$500,000.00 over the two (2) year term, with \$246,000.00 in match by the Forest Preserves leveraging \$200,000.00 in investment by The Caerus Foundation and \$54,000.00 in investment by Friends of the Forest Preserves. The overall annual contract authority was increased in anticipation of additional funding opportunities. This program advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

[19-0493](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Other Part(ies): University of Illinois Extension, Champaign, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Illinois Extension and make quarterly payments of \$56,250.00 on contract

Goods or Services: Environmental education and outreach services

Agreement Number: #740000007201

Agreement Period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Fiscal Impact: \$225,000.00

Accounts: Corporate Fund 51001.700005

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The University of Illinois Extension (the “Extension”) will provide educational and public outreach programs, thus significantly expanding educational opportunities for youth and adult populations within Cook County, including the Conservation@Home program. The Extension will also provide professional training workshops for Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) staff in numerous departments and assist in growing the number of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners that volunteer with the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation and Experiential Programming staff will oversee the contract and will work with the Extension staff to coordinate and direct these educational activities as well as on specific projects related to the Next Century Conservation Plan as outlined in their Scope of Work. The Forest Preserves has had an ongoing and positive partnership with the Extension since 2013.

[19-0486](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 10/1/2019 - 10/31/2019

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of October 2019. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

[19-0490](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Submittal of Annual Report and 5-Year Implementation Plan by Wendy Paulson, Chair of the Conservation and Policy Council

Report Title: The 2019 Annual Report of the Conservation and Policy Council, and the 2020 update of the 5-Year Implementation Strategy for the Next Century Conservation Plan

Report Period: 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2019

Summary: The Annual Report of the Conservation and Policy Council is required by Section 1-18-5 of the Forest Preserves' Code of Ordinances. The report was orally presented by Wendy Paulson on behalf of the Council at the 11/5/2019 budget hearing before the Finance Committee of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

[19-0492](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 12/17/2019 - 1/21/2020

Throughout the winter (when there is snow)

Snowshoes

Snowshoes are available at 5 nature centers when snow is 4" or greater. *Equipment is limited and is loaned with no charge on a first come, first serve basis. Driver's license required.*

Cross-country Skiing and Ski Rental

Starting December 21, as soon as conditions are skiable (frozen ground and 5" snow), Sagawau Nordic is open from 9am - 4pm. Trails will be open and groomed as snow conditions permit and could include a late start or an early finish. *Watch our Facebook page and call 630-257-2045 for the most up-to-date trail conditions.*

Ski Equipment Rental

Rentals available from 9 am-2 pm daily. Equipment must be returned by 3:45 pm. Rental package includes skis, bindings, boots and poles. Classic and skate skis available. All children and adult sizes. *Visit Forest Preserve website for rental fees. Groups of 10 or more, Monday through Friday only. Schedule in advance.*

**Saturdays and Sundays, 12/21 - 12/22, Thursday through Tuesday 12/26 - 12/31; All day
Holiday Magic, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Now in its 38th year, celebrate Chicagoland's largest and longest running lights festival. With over one million twinkling LED lights, a 41-foot talking tree, a skating rink, carolers, ice carvers and much more, it's a magical time for the entire family.

Friday, 12/20; 7pm**Evening Owl Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

Join us for a talk about these nocturnal hunters. Afterwards we will look for these unique predators on a .5-mile hike.

Saturday, 12/21; 10am**Hike the Preserves-Fitness Hike, Sauk Trail Woods, Chicago Heights**

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local Forest Preserves with this new program out on the trails. *Fitness Hikes are for those looking to get some exercise outdoors. Fitness hikes will be faster pace with little to no stopping or interpretation.*

Saturday, 12/21; 10am**Hike the Preserves-Walk and Talk, Midlothian Meadows, Midlothian**

Get some exercise, meet new people, and learn about your local Forest Preserves with this new program out on the trails. *Walk and Talk hikes are for the curious mind who want to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These hikes will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation.*

Saturday, 12/21; 6:30pm - 8:30pm**Winter Solstice Bonfire, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Short hikes, hot cocoa, s'mores, music and stories around the bonfire. Plus, other entertainment and activities. *\$5/person. All ages.*

Saturday, 12/21 through Sunday, 1/5**Winter Break Nature Fun, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

When kids are out of school, drop in for free, family-friendly indoor and outdoor nature activities. *See schedule and watch our Facebook page for special offerings.*

Monday, 12/23; 11am - 2pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Come out for fun and adventure during winter break. Snowshoeing (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Friday, 12/27; 11am - 2pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Come out for fun and adventure during winter break! Sledding and snowshoes (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Friday, 12/27; 10am

Wild Wind, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn the science and patterns behind wind followed by a wind-themed artmaking activity.

Saturday, 12/28; 11am - 2pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Come for fun and adventure during winter break! Climbing wall, snowshoes (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Monday, 12/30; 1pm

Raptor Rendezvous, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about local owls and hawks, meet a live raptor and more.

Thursday, 1/2; 11am - 2pm

Winter Break-Out Adventure, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

Come for fun and adventure during winter break! Sledding and snowshoeing (conditions permitting), hikes and more.

Saturday, 1/4; 10am

New Year Nature Bath, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Indoor talk, then a hike to awaken our senses to the sights, sounds and smells of nature in winter. *Ages 18 and up.*

Saturday, 1/4; 10am - 1pm

Winter Exploration Day: Stewardship and Winter Recreation, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Help restore this unique ecosystem then enjoy a hike to explore winter animals. In partnership with the Field Museum.

Sunday, 1/5; 1pm

Survival Hike, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Let's survive a 2.9-mile hike while discussing and learning different methods used by animals to survive.
Ages 18 and up.

Sunday, 1/5; 1:30pm

Wonderful Winter Wildlife, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how local wildlife must sleep, move or adapt in order to survive Chicago winters.

Friday, 1/10; 5pm - 7pm

Winter Watercolors, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Join us for a winter art workshop as we explore the beauty of nature through watercolor painting.

Materials provided. Ages 21 and older. BYOB (no glass). Registration required.

Saturday, 1/11; 1pm - 3pm

All About Fire, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, then make your own fire and toast a marshmallow.

All ages.

Saturday, 1/11; 9am

Fireside Yoga at Thatcher Woods, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Bring your mat and join us for an indoor yoga class surrounded by nature. *Ages 12 and up.*

Monday, 1/20; 12pm - 3pm

M.L.K. Jr. Day of Service, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago

“Life’s most persistent and urgent questions is: What are you doing for others?”-Martin

Luther King Jr

Remove invasive plants while learning about efforts being made to maintain healthy habitats. Enjoy sledding (weather permitting) and winter activities. *Groups of 10 or more, register at 708-386-4042*

Ext. 19.

Saturday, 1/18; 10am

Frozen Science, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Explore our frozen season by experimenting with freezing points of various items.

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/17/2019

19-0529 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS special meeting held on 11/19/2019

19-0530 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS regular meeting held on 11/19/2019

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/17/2019

19-0516 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation – 11/19/2019

19-0517 RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation – 12/17/2019

19-0488 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT, Ideal Heating Company, Brookfield, Illinois

19-0489 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT, CPMH Construction Inc, Chicago, Illinois

19-0485 REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures 1/1/2019 – 10/31/2019

19-0448 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, Trespass and Use of Property

19-0449 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, Polluting and Littering

19-0452 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, Fees

ZOOLOGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12/17/2019

19-0459 PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT Amendment to Agreement between the Forest Preserve and the Chicago Zoological Society

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF 12/17/2019

19-0463 REPORT Department of Planning and Development, Report Title: 2020 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

REALESTATE MEETING OF 12/17/2019

19-0455 PROPOSED RESOLUTION Authorizing The Transfer Of Real Estate From The Forest Preserve District Of Cook County To The Village Of Morton Grove

19-0465 PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Authorize the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)