



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

Virtual Meeting

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Due to the current health crisis, there is no in-person participation for the County Board meetings. The President and Commissioners will participate remotely. The public can observe the livestream <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>

The public can still testify to the Committee Meetings. Only written comment will be accepted for those wishing to provide Public Testimony. Written comments provided prior to the start of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting. Three minutes per comment will be allowed, though every effort will be made to read statements in their entirety. If you have additional material for the Board to consider, please email testimony to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov and indicate a desire that your testimony be entered into the record. All written comment which complies with County Board Rules will be posted online.

PRESIDENT**20-0355**

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF ELIZABETH CONKEY WOODS AS AN ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020, at the 236th meeting of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Elizabeth Conkey Woods was approved for dedication as an Illinois Nature Preserve; 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 or cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Conkey Woods is an approximately 180-acre preserve located in the villages of Crestwood and Palos Heights in southwest Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the site consists of mesic oak woodlands and mesic floodplain forest adjoining Tinley Creek, and is home to several species of flora and fauna identified as being in greatest need of conservation; and

WHEREAS, the site also contains important cultural resources further meriting its dedication and protection; and

WHEREAS, authority to submit this addition for registration was granted by the Board of Commissioners on December 17, 2019 per Board Item No. 19-0496 pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act (70 ILCS 810/9); and

WHEREAS, the addition of Elizabeth Conkey Woods establishes the Forest Preserves of Cook County's 26th Illinois Nature Preserve. The Forest Preserves of Cook County now currently owns and manages 26 dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves and 5 Land and Water Reserves totaling approximately 10,320 acres; and

WHEREAS, dedication of Elizabeth Conkey Woods advances the goal set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate eligible lands for Illinois Nature Preserve protection, and is consistent with the recommendations of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge the dedication and protection of Elizabeth Conkey Woods as an Illinois Nature Preserve, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County's steadfast commitment to protect and restore our region's significant natural resources.

20-0356

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE REGISTRATION OF BERGMAN SLOUGH AS AN ILLINOIS LAND AND WATER RESERVE

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020, at the 236th meeting of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Bergman Slough was approved for registration as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve; and

WHEREAS, dedication of a site as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve provides a high level of protection for land in Illinois, and is granted only to natural areas of regional ecological or cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, Bergman Slough is an approximately 280-acre preserve adjacent to the Village of Palos Park in southwest Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the site consists of a high-quality prairie restoration, wetlands, and a slough featuring open prairie, a diverse set of wildflowers, and a number of rare grassland bird species; and

WHEREAS, ecological management of the site began in the 1990s and was bolstered by an extensive restoration project led by CorLands (now Openlands), and the site today remains under stewardship by a vibrant volunteer community; and

WHEREAS, authority to submit this addition for registration was granted by the Board of Commissioners on May 19, 2020 per Board Item No. 20-0148; and

WHEREAS, the addition of Bergman Slough establishes the Forest Preserves of Cook County's 5th

Illinois Land and Water Reserve. The Forest Preserves of Cook County now currently owns and manages 26 dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves and 5 Land and Water Reserves totaling approximately 10,320 acres; and

WHEREAS, registration of Bergman Slough advances the goal set forth in the Next Century Conservation Plan to dedicate eligible lands for Illinois Nature Preserve protection, and is consistent with the recommendations of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge the registration and protection of Bergman Slough as an Illinois Land and Water Reserve, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County's steadfast commitment to protect and restore our region's significant natural resources.

20-0383

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, SALARY SCHEDULE, WAGE ADJUSTMENTS AND HEALTHCARE PLAN RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule and wage adjustments, as well as healthcare plan revisions, and other terms and conditions of employment, for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, covering employees in the classification of Sergeant in the Law Enforcement Department of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves"), have been negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit); and

WHEREAS, the general increases and wage adjustments that have been negotiated are reflected in the Salary Schedule and are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit); and

WHEREAS, such general increases and wage adjustments were accounted for in the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance as approved by the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners on November 19, 2019 (Agenda Item No. 19-0419); and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the current healthcare plan that have been negotiated are included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County do hereby approve the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement, which includes the Salary Schedule and wage adjustments negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit) for employees in the classification of Sergeant who are in active payroll status with the Forest Preserves on the date of approval of this Resolution, as follows:

- (a) effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2018 the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased 2.5%
- (b) effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2019 the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased 2.5%
- (c) effective the first full payroll period on or after January 1, 2019, the eighth step of the Salary Schedule for the classification of Sergeant (after 15 years of service) shall be increased by .5% from a 3.5% increase to a 4.0% increase
- (d) effective the first full pay period on or after January 1, 2020 the pay rates for the classification of Sergeant shall be increased 2.5%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Healthcare Plan (Appendix D) shall be revised as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Upon Approval by Forest Preserves Board</u>
RX Co-Pay	Increase to \$15/30/50 from \$10/25/40
Emergency Room Co-Pay	Increase to \$100 from \$75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit) members who retired from the Forest Preserves after July 1, 2018 are eligible for retroactive pay from July 1, 2018 for hours worked in the sergeant position included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the Forest Preserves and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeant Unit).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest 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 above.

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

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2020.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**20-0374****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE****Department(s):** Legal Department**Other Part(ies):** Joan M. O'Neill and Joseph C. O'Neill (Owners of Record)**Request:** It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase be approved.**Description of Real Estate:** 3101 231st Street, Unincorporated Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois**Section:** N/A**Parcel(s):** PIN 33-31-402-009-0000

THE WEST 412.625 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE EAST 16.5 FEET THEREOF TO BE USED FOR STREET PURPOSES) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Fiscal Impact: \$300,000.00 plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$310,000.00 in total).**Accounts:** Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010**District(s):** 6

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves' current holdings near Plum Creek Meadow (the "Property"). The Property, commonly known as 3101 231st Street, Unincorporated Sauk Village, Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 6.00 ± acres. The acquisition of the Property would bolster, and provide a buffer to, Plum Creek Meadow.

Through negotiations, the Owners of Record have agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$300,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$310,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the Forest Preserves' satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.

20-0373

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR PLUM CREEK PRESERVE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 31, Township 35 North, Range 15 East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Plum Creek Preserve in District 6.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for

automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby made part thereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

THE WEST 412.625 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE EAST 16.5 FEET THEREOF TO BE USED FOR STREET PURPOSES) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 33-31-402-009-0000

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchases, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the several parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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

20-0352

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Friends of the Chicago River seeks to contribute up to \$220,000.00 to support habitat improvement and repopulation efforts for native turtles at Sag Quarries East, located in Lemont in southwest Cook County. The Forest Preserves and Friends of the Chicago River will collaborate to remove approximately 100 acres of invasive brush to reconnect isolated turtle populations and expand suitable nesting habitat.

The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves.

Contract period: Date of execution - 12/31/2023

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The Forest Preserves will provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects.

Account(s): Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 17

20-0370

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Save the Prairie Society, Westchester, Illinois.

Reason: The Save the Prairie Society, a volunteer-led conservation organization focused on the protection of Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve, wishes to contribute up to \$15,000.00 to support habitat improvement work at Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve in central Cook County. The Forest Preserves and the Save the Prairie Society will collaborate to conduct restoration activities including invasive plant control across a 40-acre area of the preserve.

Funding and contractual management services will be provided by the Save the Prairie Society, at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves wishes to partner with the Save the Prairie Society to assist in coordinating the proposed restoration activities. All projects will be subject to review

and approval by the Forest Preserves prior to proceeding.

Contract period: Date of execution - 12/31/2023

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The Forest Preserves will provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects.

Account(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 17

20-0371

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of Bluff Spring Fen, Elgin, Illinois.

Reason: Friends of Bluff Spring Fen, a volunteer-led conservation organization focused on the protection of Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve, wishes to contribute up to \$5,000.00 to support habitat improvement work at Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve in northwest Cook County. The Forest Preserves and Friends of Bluff Spring Fen will collaborate to conduct restoration activities including brush and invasive plant control across a 20-acre area of the preserve.

Funding and contractual management services will be provided by the Friends of Bluff Spring Fen, at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves wishes to partner with Friends of Bluff Spring Fen to assist in coordinating the proposed restoration activities. All projects will be subject to review and approval by the Forest Preserves prior to proceeding.

Contract period: Date of execution - 12/31/2023

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The Forest Preserves will provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects.

Account(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and

approval.

District(s): 15

20-0336

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Martin Implement Sales, Orland Park, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): New Holland Tractor parts and equipment, and New Holland Construction Equipment parts and equipment

Original Contract Period: 2/25/2019 - 2/24/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 2/25/2020 (retroactive) - 2/24/2022

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$25,000.00

Original Approval: 2/25/2019, \$25,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$50,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$20,000.00; FY 2021 \$25,000.00; FY 2022 \$5,000.00

Accounts: Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 29275.540275

Contract Number(s): 19-FL-145

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and

approval.

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: In 2019 the Forest Preserves entered into a sole source agreement with Martin Implement Sales for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts for the Forest Preserves fleet of New Holland agricultural tractors used extensively by the Landscape Maintenance department. Martin Implement Sales is the only authorized dealer in Cook County. This is a sole source procurement. This request is for a contract increase and extension.

20-0338

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: R.N.O.W. Inc, West Allis, Wisconsin

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Loadmaster bodies and parts

Original Contract Period: 6/20/2019 - 6/19/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 6/20/2020 (retroactive) - 6/19/2022

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$25,000.00

Original Approval: 6/20/2019, \$25,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$50,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$10,000.00; FY 2021 \$25,000.00; FY 2022 \$15,000.00

Accounts: Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Service 29275.540275

Contract Number(s): 19-FL-150

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: In 2019 the Forest Preserves entered into a sole source agreement with R.N.O.W. for the purchase of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts for a fleet of garbage trucks equipped with Loadmaster brand equipment used by the Landscape Maintenance Department. R.N.O.W. is the only authorized dealer of Loadmaster parts in Cook County. This is a sole source procurement. This request is for a contract increase and extension.

20-0348

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Openlands, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Continued ecological restoration services including but not limited to invasive removal, brush clearing, herbicide application, and prescribed burning by Openlands at Deer Grove West Woodland and Wetland Nature Preserve ("Deer Grove West"), utilizing funds administered through the O'Hare Modernization Mitigation Account ("OMMA"). This renewal is for an extension in time only; there is no cost to the Forest Preserves associated with continuation of the project.

Original Contract Period: 11/17/2015 - 11/16/2020

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 11/17/2020 - 11/16/2025

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: None

Original Approval: 11/17/2015

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A. The Forest Preserves may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects.

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 14

Summary: In 2015, the Forest Preserves' Board of Commissioners approved the planning (Board Item #15-0159) and implementation of a largescale ecological restoration project to facilitate restoration of valuable remnant wetland communities and the surrounding watershed at Deer Grove West (Board Item #15-0620). The Forest Preserves and Openlands desire to extend their partnership to continue work at Deer Grove West for the next five (5) years at no cost to the Forest Preserves, per the terms of their existing agreement.

The project is funded via the O'Hare Modernization Mitigation Account, which provides mitigation of off-site wetland impacts associated with the airport expansion under the O'Hare Modernization Program. Openlands, in conjunction with the Chicago District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has served as the contracting agent and financial administrator for the project, which has been implemented at no cost to the Forest Preserves since 2015.

Ongoing work at the site has focused on improving the ecological function of existing wetland and upland plant communities through removal of invasive species, canopy thinning to increase ambient light levels, natural revegetation of the site with diverse native species, and hydrological restoration initiatives.

Management practices are consistent with objectives for restoring and improving wetland function through restoration of wetland habitats and the surrounding watershed. Restoration strategies include goals for the conservation of existing vegetative and wildlife resources, including at least thirteen state-listed threatened or endangered plant and animal species which are documented at the site.

To date, approximately 250 acres have been restored through this successful partnership with Openlands and the support of other stakeholders such as the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and the Deer Grove Natural Areas Volunteer stewardship group. As a result of these collaborative efforts, Deer Grove West was awarded Platinum Accreditation, the highest accreditation possible, from the Chicago Wilderness Excellence in Ecological Restoration Program in 2019.

Situated in northwestern Cook County, Deer Grove was the first property acquired by the Forest Preserves, beginning with 500 acres in 1916. The Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan determined Deer Grove West to be among the top four priorities for restoration in the Forest Preserves.

20-0357

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Go Ape Bemis Woods LLC (“Go Ape”), Frederick, Maryland

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional design, construction, operation, and maintenance services for an Aerial Adventure & Zipline Course (the “Course”)

Original Contract Period: 5/1/2014 - 5/1/2019; Board Approved Extension (9/8/2015) 5/2/2019 - 5/1/2021; Board Approved Extension (1/14/2020) 5/2/2021 - 6/30/2023, with three (3) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A (Revenue Generating). Go Ape has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves a \$20,000.00 annual base fee plus a tiered percentage of gross revenue generated at the Course

Original Approval: 10/7/2014

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: This amendment will reduce the gross revenue fee by \$4,000.00 for the 2020 season.

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 14-40-405

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 17

Summary: At the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting, the Forest Preserves notified the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners that it would seek amendments to existing concession agreements to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19. Because of restrictions implemented by the State of Illinois, Go Ape was unable to open until June 13th, as opposed to its typical opening in early March. After opening, maximum group size was reduced and limited to ten (10) for both courses. As of August 31, 2020, Go Ape's 2020 revenue has been reduced by approximately 30% from typical season revenue. In order to ensure the long-term viability of this concession enterprise, the Forest Preserves seeks authorization to reduce the vendor's 2020 gross revenue fee by 20%, or \$4,000.00, for the 2020 season.

20-0358

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Glen Grove Equestrian Sports, Inc. ("Glen Grove"), Morton Grove, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Management of the Forest Preserves' equestrian facility

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2016 - 2/29/2020; Board Approved Extension (11/19/2019) 3/1/2020 - 2/28/2021 with a second one-year extension option to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: Glen Grove has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves an annual fee plus 5% of gross lesson and gift shop sales.

Original Approval: 2/9/2016

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: This amendment will reduce the annual base fee by \$42,000.00 for the 2020 season.

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 15-40-401

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 13

Summary: At the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting, the Forest Preserves notified the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners that it would seek amendments to existing concession agreements to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19. Because of restrictions implemented by the State of Illinois related to COVID-19, the Glen Grove Equestrian Center was required to reduce operations from March 15th to June 1st. Class offerings were limited to 25% of typical maximum capacity in June, 50% in July and 75% in August. Glen Grove's revenue is down approximately \$125,000.00 (15%) from typical season revenue as of August 31, 2020. In order to ensure the long-term viability of this concession enterprise, the Forest Preserves seeks authorization to reduce the vendor's 2020 annual base fee of \$190,000.00 by \$42,000.00 (22%).

20-0359**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT****Department(s):** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions**Vendor:** Oak Park Tennis Center, River Forest, Illinois**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to amend contract**Good(s) or Service(s):** Management of a tennis facility on Forest Preserves property**Original Contract Period:** 12/12/2017 - 12/11/2024 with a thirty-six (36) month renewal option.**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** N/A (Revenue Generating)**Original Approval:** 12/12/2017**Previous Increase(s):** N/A**This Increase Requested:** N/A**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** This amendment will reduce the annual base fee by \$1,560.60 for the 2020 season.**Accounts:** N/A (Revenue Generating)**Contract Number(s):** N/A**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 9

Summary: At the 6/16/2020 Board Meeting, the Forest Preserves notified the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners that it would seek amendments to existing concession agreements to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19. Because of restrictions implemented by the State of Illinois related to COVID-19, the Oak Park Tennis Center was unable to open until May 12, later than its typical opening in early April. Additionally, COVID-19 restrictions delayed planned pre-season painting of the Forest Preserves' nearby General Headquarters Building until after the Tennis Center reopened. Because of this work, approximately 20% of the courts were unavailable for one (1) week. As a result, the Forest Preserves is proposing a 25% reduction (\$1,560.60) of the 2020 annual fee of \$6,242.40.

20-0360

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Evanston, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Boat concession services for the Maple Lake Boat House

Original Contract Period: 4/11/2017 - 4/10/2020 with two (2) two-year optional extensions; First Extension Option Exercised (1/2/2020) 4/11/2020 - 4/10/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: Authorization is sought to add an additional year to the exercise of the second two-year extension option from 4/11/2022 - 4/10/2025 to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves an annual base fee plus 5% of gross sales

Original Approval: 4/11/2017

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating). This amendment will reduce the annual base fee by \$9,000.00 for the 2020 season.

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 17-40-401

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 17

Summary: At the 6/16/2020 Board Meeting, the Forest Preserves notified the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners that it would seek amendments to existing concession agreements to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19. Because of restrictions implemented by the State of Illinois, and logistical and operational difficulties around offering canoe and kayak rentals at the Maple Lake Boat House during the pandemic, boat rentals were not available to the public at this location during the 2020 season. As a result, and in order to ensure the long-term viability of this concessions enterprise, the Forest Preserves seeks authorization to waive the 2020 annual base fee of \$9,000.00 and to extend the length of the second optional contract extension by one (1) year through 4/10/2025.

20-0361

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Evanston, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Boat concession services for the Skokie Lagoons

Original Contract Period: 4/11/2016 - 4/10/2020; Board Approved Extension (7/28/2020) 4/11/2020 - 4/10/2022

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 4/11/2022 - 4/10/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves an annual base fee plus 5% of gross sales.

Original Approval: 3/22/2016

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating). This amendment will reduce the annual base fee by \$21,000.00 for the 2020 season.

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 15-40-417

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 13

Summary: At the 8/16/2020 Board Meeting, the Forest Preserves notified the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners that it would seek amendments to existing concession agreements to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19. Because of restrictions implemented by the State of Illinois, and logistical and operational difficulties around offering canoe and kayak rentals at the Skokie Lagoons during the pandemic, public boat rentals were not available at this facility during the 2020 season. As a result, and in order to ensure the long-term viability of this concessions enterprise, the Forest Preserves seeks authorization to waive the 2020 annual base fee of \$21,000.00 and to extend the contract length by one (1) year.

20-0368

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Evanston, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Boat concession services for Busse Lake Boat House

Original Contract Period: 1/14/2020 - 12/31/2022; with two (2) two-year optional extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves an annual base fee plus 5% of gross sales.

Original Approval: 1/14/2020

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating). This amendment will reduce the annual base fee by \$12,730.00 for the 2020 season.

Accounts: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Contract Number(s): 19-40-498

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 15

Summary: Canoe and kayak rentals at the Busse Lake Boat House operated on a reduced schedule during the 2020 season because of restrictions related to COVID-19 as required by the State of Illinois’s Restore Illinois plan, as well as limited capacity of boats and personal floatation devices, which were given seventy-two (72) hours of down time between each use. The Boat House did not open until early June (as opposed to mid-April in a typical year) and was only open two (2) days per week thereafter. Through

8/31/2020, the Forest Preserves' boat rental vendor, Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, experienced an approximately 70% reduction in typical season revenue. As a result, and in order to ensure the long-term viability of this concessions enterprise, the Forest Preserves seeks authorization to reduce the vendor's 2020 annual base fee by a commensurate amount, \$12,730.00.

20-0369

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

Vendor: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Evanston, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Boat concession services for the Tampier Lake Boat House

Original Contract Period: 1/14/2020 - 12/31/2022; with two (2) two-year optional extensions to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: Chicago River Canoe and Kayak has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves an annual base fee plus 5% of gross sales.

Original Approval: 1/14/2020

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating). This amendment will reduce the annual base fee by \$6,700.00 for the 2020 season.

Accounts: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Contract Number(s): 19-40-498

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 17

Summary: Canoe and kayak rentals at the Tampier Lake Boat House operated on a reduced schedule during the 2020 season because of restrictions related to COVID-19 as required by the State of Illinois's Restore Illinois plan, as well as limited capacity of boats and personal floatation devices, which were given seventy-two (72) hours of down time between each use. The Boat House did not open until early June (as opposed to mid-April in a typical year) and was only open two (2) days per week thereafter. Through August 31, 2020, the Forest Preserves' boat rental vendor, Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, experienced an approximately 58% reduction in typical season revenue. As a result, and in order to ensure the long-term viability of this concessions enterprise, the Forest Preserves seeks authorization to reduce the vendor's 2020 annual base fee by two-thirds, or \$6,700.00.

20-0363

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Ameresco, Inc., Framingham, Massachusetts

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Energy Consultant Services for Natural Gas and Electricity for Forest Preserves-Owned & Leased Facilities

Contract Value: \$210,000.00

Contract period: 11/1/2020 - 9/30/2023, with one (1) two-year renewal option

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$12,000.00, FY 2021 \$70,000.00, FY 2022 \$70,000.00, FY 2023 \$58,000.00

Accounts: Electricity and Natural Gas 51001.540024

Contract Number(s): 74000008367 (County Contract No. 1923-18043)

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Ameresco, Inc. will provide energy consultant, procurement, bill payment and data management services for the procurement of and budgeting for electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy for Forest Preserves facilities. Due to deregulated energy markets, the Forest Preserves can seek energy supply from multiple sources, which may result in operational savings. Due to the complexity and number of Forest Preserves accounts, it is in the best interest of the Forest Preserves to use a subject matter expert to assist the Forest Preserves.

Ameresco's fee for the services provided is assessed as a percentage of the amount of energy procured for the Forest Preserves. In addition, the data management and bill consolidation/validation process are flat annual fees per account. This contract is awarded through a publicly advertised Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on behalf of both Cook County and the Forest Preserves. On 9/24/2020, Cook County awarded a contract to Ameresco for similar services (County Agenda No. 20-3981).

With approval of the agreement herein, it is respectfully requested that the General Superintendent be authorized to execute, on behalf of the Forest Preserves, all documents necessary to implement and administer the electricity and natural gas service agreement.

20-0347

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 Fabex Technologies, LLC, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois for the fabrication and installation of interpretive exhibits at Sand Ridge Nature Center near Calumet City.

Reason: Contract #74000008391, issued under Solicitation #20-80-005632 for Project #20-80-44 Fabrication and Installation of Exhibits at Sand Ridge Nature Center, includes displays (including live

animal habitats) and graphics and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications. This work is funded by a 2019 Forest Preserves capital bond issue and a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources through the Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) grant program.

Bid Opening Date: 9/2/2020

Bid Results:

Firm	Base Bid
1. Knudsen Construction, Inc.	\$584,580.00*
2. Fabex Technologies, LLC	\$604,664.00
3. Exhibit Source Inc., a subsidiary of Condit Exhibits, LLC	\$605,999.00
4. Sommerville-Wilson, Inc. d/b/a Split Rock Studios	\$609,730.00

*The Contract Compliance Administrator has determined that this vendor did not meet the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$604,664.00

Contract Period: 10/20/2020 - 8/29/2021

Account Name/Number: Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105 and 51027.560105

District: 4

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 and partial WBE waiver.

20-0349

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, 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 Griggs Mitchell & Alma of Illinois, LLC d/b/a GMA Construction Group,

primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for the construction of a new headquarters office building at Salt Creek Landscape Maintenance Headquarters located near North Riverside.

Reason: Contract #74000008368, issued under Solicitation #20-80-005892 for Project #20-80-50 New Headquarters Building at Salt Creek Landscape Maintenance Campus includes demolition and replacement of an existing 1930s-era garage that over time had been converted to an office space and has now reached the end of its useful life. The new building will contain a training room, locker rooms, washrooms and offices and has been designed to accommodate a future garage addition. The new structure will be a super-insulated, all-electric building using a geo-thermal heating system. It has also been designed to support rooftop solar panels that can be added to this building and a future garage addition when funding allows.

Bid Opening Date: 9/18/2020

Bid Results:

Firm	Base Bid
1. GMA Construction Group	\$2,081,906.00
2. F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates	\$2,322,980.00
3. Path Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,332,000.00
4. Powers & Sons Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,366,921.00
5. Accel Construction Services Group, LLC	\$2,399,000.00
6. Boller Construction Company Inc.	\$2,405,000.00
7. ALL Construction Group	\$2,497,000.00
8. K.R. Miller Contractors, Inc.	\$2,574,700.00
9. Robe, Inc.	\$2,620,000.00
10. Schaeffges Brothers Inc.	\$3,280,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,081,906.00

Contract Period: Three-hundred sixty-five (365) days after issuance of Notice to Proceed

Account Name/Number: Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51027.560105, 51028.560105, 51051.560105 and future Capital Improvement Fund accounts

District: 16

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.

20-0364

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Facilities and Fleet

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with McDonagh Demolition Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Contract #74000008367 issued under Project #20-80-32 is for abatement, demolition and site restoration services at various Forest Preserves locations. Thirty-eight (38) structures have been identified as buildings eligible for removal due to exceeding their useful life and are beyond fiscally responsible repair or restoration. Twenty-two (22) structures with up to sixteen (16) alternate units will be removed under this contract. These facilities are located in the areas of Arlington Heights, Barrington, Chicago, North Riverside, Palatine, Riverdale, and South Barrington.

Bid Opening Date: 8/25/2020

Bid Results:

Firm	Base Bid	Alternates	Total
1. McDonagh Demolition, Inc.	\$846,170.00	\$473,870.00	\$1,320,040.00
2. K.L.F. Enterprises	\$862,292.00	\$482,314.00	\$1,344,606.00
3. Alpine Demolition Services	\$1,242,940.00	\$733,930.00	\$1,976,870.00
4. Robe, Inc.	\$2,291,330.91	Not submitted	\$2,291,330.91
5. Pepper Construction Co.	\$3,563,986.39	\$1,431,492.00	\$4,995,478.39

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,320,040.00

Contract Period: 11/1/2020 - 12/31/2022

Account Name/Number: Capital Improvement Fund, Land Improvements 51009.560019

District: Districtwide

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.

20-0367

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Action: Authorization to make a payment.

Payee: Matthew Paving, Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction Services - parking lot asphalt resurfacing, sidewalk upgrades, and drainage repairs.

Fiscal Impact: \$411,438.55

Accounts: Motor Fuel Tax Fund 51029.560060

Contract Number(s): 74000008008 issued under Job #19-80-67G-20C2

District(s): 5, 6, 13

Summary: Payment is for services rendered for the resurfacing of the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch parking lot. The contract also includes repaving of a portion of the Tinley Creek Bike Trail and the access drive and portion of the parking lot at Erickson Woods in the Skokie Lagoons Preserve.

20-0308

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to grant a permanent easement to Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") at 183rd and Central in the Bobolink Meadow Land and Water Reserve near Tinley Park, Illinois, for 0.634 acre or 27,616 square feet.

Reason: IDOT has requested permanent easements on all four (4) corners totaling less than 1 acre to construct and maintain intersection improvements at 183rd Street and Central Avenue. The project is proposed to improve safety, drainage, and pedestrian crossings.

The improvements include high visibility crosswalks, new traffic signals with pedestrian countdowns, new and improved left turn lanes, and drainage improvements, including replacement culverts and ditch grading. The pedestrian crossings with countdown signals at all four (4) segments of the intersection are to accommodate future trail connections. The improved re-graded ditches will prevent standing water and flooding near Forest Preserves property. Although more than two (2) dozen trees are expected to be removed for this project, all are European Black Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), which is considered an invasive species.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.634 acre. IDOT indicates that thirty-one (31) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$17,000.00

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$8,456.92

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 6

20-0379

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Other Part(ies): Cook County Government, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to amend the intergovernmental agreement between the County of Cook (the "County") and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") for the reimbursement or payment for certain services rendered by various County departments and the Forest Preserves.

Goods or Services: The County and the Forest Preserves wish to extend the agreement for one (1) year and restate/amend the agreement to increase the amount of reimbursement or payment between the Forest Preserves and the County for various services rendered; and to transfer ownership of one (1) vehicle from the County's Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security to the Forest

Preserves.

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$2,094,643.00 in expenditures and \$930,000.00 in revenue

Accounts: Various districtwide corporate accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The County and the Forest Preserves entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on 8/21/2012 authorizing the parties to perform various services for the other, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. The parties agreed to provide various services and to provide reimbursement or payment for said services. The Intergovernmental Agreement was further amended on 4/25/2013, 6/18/2014, 9/8/2015, 11/15/2016, 6/6/2017, 4/25/2018, 9/26/2018, and 2/19/2019 to allow for additional cooperation. The Eighth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement consolidates the prior agreements into one (1) Intergovernmental Agreement, so the parties can refer to one (1) agreement and allows for the transfer of one (1) County vehicle to the Forest Preserves. This is a one (1) year agreement covering fiscal year 2021.

[20-0353](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2020 - 8/31/2020

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for August 2020.

[20-0354](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 8/1/2020 - 8/31/2020

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of August 2020. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

20-0378

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - August 2020

Report Period: 8/1/2020 - 8/31/2020

Summary: Per Board Resolution 19-0509 (12/17/2019), the Forest Preserves of Cook County Legal and Finance Departments are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of August 2020.

20-0351

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Request: Approve

Report Title: Position Paper - Acquisition and Disposition of Land by the Forest Preserves of Cook County

Report Period: N/A

Summary: This position paper by the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Council”) provides guidance related to land acquisition and disposition and other Forest Preserves’ land use policies.

The Next Century Conservation Plan presents a goal of acquiring 21,000 acres over 25 years, which would result in the expansion of the Forest Preserves to approximately 90,000 acres. Accomplishment of this inspiring goal will provide the natural lands crucial for the health and well-being of the dense populations in Chicago and its suburbs. The Council recommends that the Forest Preserves finds creative ways to continue to buy more land while also exploring alternative strategies such as land banks, easements and partnerships to protect and conserve land. The Council also recommends a moratorium on disposition of land until a final disposition policy is developed and adopted. Finally, consistent with the recommendations of the Racial Equity position paper, the Council recommends that equity and access be considered when determining where to acquire additional land.

Upon approval of the position paper by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserves shall take steps to implement the recommendations, including creating or revising policies, ordinances, and other documents as necessary, as well as obtaining any required board approval related to such actions.

The Council thanks the following for their assistance developing this paper: Laurel Ross (Council Member and position paper committee Co-chair), Mark Templeton (Council Vice-Chair and position paper committee Co-chair), Alan Bell (Council Member), Bob Megquier (Openlands), Chris Adas (Forest Preserves), Delio Calzolari (Forest Preserves), Cathy Geraghty (Forest Preserves), Dave Kircher (Forest Preserves), and Chris Slattery (Forest Preserves).

20-0390

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 9/22/2020.

20-0362

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar- 10/20/2020 - 11/17/2020

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website, www.fpdcc.com/events, for updates and changes.

Wednesdays in October; 10:30am- 11:30am**Open Nature Play Day, Dan Ryan Woods, Chicago**

Register your play group, day care, or homeschool for this hour-long open nature play time. Enjoy the new Dan Ryan Woods Nature Play space while helping your children connect with nature. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 10/20; 10am - 12pm**Fall Color Hike: Skokie Lagoons, Forest Way Grove, Glencoe**

Head outdoors, learn about your local forest preserves, and explore the Skokie Lagoons in the fourth installment of this walk and talk series (under 2 miles). *Registration and facemasks are required.*

Tuesday, 10/20; 7pm (Via Zoom)**Create Your Own Adventure in the Forest Preserves of Cook County**

In partnership with the LaGrange Public Library, learn all about the Forest Preserves of Cook County through this virtual presentation. History, uses, amenities, and fall and winter offerings will be discussed. Q&A will end the presentation. *Registration required. Call 312-533-5751. A Zoom link will be e-mailed to you the day of the presentation.*

Thursday, 10/22; 6:30pm**Owl Prowl, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join a naturalist for an evening walk while searching for owls. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Friday, 10/23 and Saturday, 10/24; 6pm - 8pm (Timed entry)**Hoot n' Howl - Creatures of the Night Flashlight Hike, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

As darkness falls, we give you a flashlight to head off on your own on a short trail. Look for hints along the way to help you spot some of the not-so-real creatures that come out at night. You might just spot some real ones too. *For families. Registration and facemasks are required.*

Saturday, 10/24; 10am - 2pm**The Great Sand Ridge (Tiny) Pumpkin Hunt, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Find all the hidden pumpkins on a fun scavenger hunt on our trails. Costumes encouraged but not required. Take home a tiny pumpkin for finding them all (one pumpkin per child while supplies last). *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 10/24; 1:30pm - 2:30pm (Facebook Live)**Let's Talk Owls, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Learn why owls are not just iconic Halloween animals, but also amazing birds of prey, by joining a Facebook Live chat with a naturalist and an ambassador owl.

Saturday, 10/24; 6:30pm - 8:30pm**River Trail Nightlife: Scary Stories & Scavenger Hunt, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

River Trail's annual Scary Storytelling around the campfire, physical distance edition!

Call for more information. Limited space available. *Registration and facemasks required. Fee: \$3/person.*

Sunday, 10/25; 1:30pm**Out in Nature: Fall Color Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join fellow LGBTQ+ nature lovers for a fall color walk. In partnership with Chicago Audubon Society's Out in Nature initiative. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/25; 1pm (Via Zoom)**Insects and the Afterlife**

Since our earliest ancestors we have placed special significance on Insects, particularly associating insects with death and the afterlife. Learn about these connections as we explore the biblical plagues of locusts and grasshoppers and the many myths surrounding fireflies. *Registration required. Call 847-381-6592. A Zoom link will be sent after you register.*

Thursday 10/29; 5:30pm - 7pm**Camping 101, Camp Reinberg, Palatine**

Free demonstration-based workshop series teaching basic camping skills. Bring a folding chair/blanket for seating as well as your own skewers and marshmallows to roast during the program. Do you have your own tent, but need practice setting it up? Bring it and we will walk you through it! *Registration and facemasks required.*

Thursday, 10/29; 3:30pm - 5:30pm**Halloween Family Photography Night, Evans Field, River Forest**

Kids and families dress up in your Halloween costume and join us for a walk along the Des Plaines River Trail. Take pictures in your costumes in nature or capture spooky nature pictures along the way. Advanced cameras or camera phones work just fine! After the guided walk, warm up by our physically-distanced fires. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Friday, 10/30; 12pm - 2pm (Timed entry)**Día de Lotería en la Escuelita Roja (Day of the dead celebration event), Little Red****Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Come play nature style Mexican bingo and learn how to say some of our native critters' names in Spanish. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 10/31; 1pm**Fall Hike, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

Enjoy a refreshing trail hike, winding through the woodlands and prairie. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 11/1; 9am - 12pm**Heart Your Park: Day of Service, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont**

In celebration of National Bison Day, and in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association; join us in removing invasive species and help nature thrive during a Day of Service sponsored by CITGO. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 11/7; 10am - 12:00pm**Bison Day Celebration, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs**

Join us to celebrate North America's National Mammal! In conjunction with Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, we will be conducting in person activities including a bison scavenger hunt, hikes, and an opportunity to take a selfie with a life-sized bison cut out (#BisonCrawl). *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 11/14; 10am (Facebook Live)**Nature in Spanish, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn some common nature words and phrases in Spanish as we explore a different nature topic each month. Beginners welcome.

Saturday, 11/14; 9am - 12pm**Thanksgiving Drive and Drop Food Drive, Thatcher Woods Pavilion , River Forest**

Help your neighbors in a safe way! In partnership with Proviso Partners for Health and the Maywood Park District, we are collecting healthy non-perishable food to benefit local residents. There will be staff present to collect your food donations. Visit the Forest Preserves website for a specific list of most needed items.

Saturday through Sunday, 11/14 - 11/15 and 11/21 - 11/22; 10am - 4:30pm**Community Tree Trim, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield**

Get into the holiday spirit early by registering a community group for the community tree trim. Assemble your group, make your ornaments, and head to the zoo to decorate your tree. Sponsoring a tree is a beautiful way to support the zoo and celebrate the 39th annual Holiday Magic! *Register on Brookfield zoo website.*

Tuesday, 11/17 (Various times and locations)**National Take a Hike Day****Vollmer Road Grove, Matteson; 8am****Plum Creek, Chicago Heights; 1pm****St. Mihiel, Tinley Park; 4pm**

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day with a guided walk through the woods. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 312-415-2970.*

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/20/2020

20-0342 REPORT Office of the County Auditor, FY20 3rd Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report
Report Period: July 2020

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10/20/2020

20-0304 PROPOSED RESOLUTION In Support Of The Ten Shared Principles Of The Illinois Association
Of Chiefs Of Police And The Illinois NAACP
