

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

**Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center
6100 North Central Ave., Chicago, Illinois**

Board Meeting of

Thursday, March 9, 2017 11:00 A.M.



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OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Reverend Tornelia Ann Morgan Hawkins, of Victory Christian International Ministries in Markham, Illinois gave the invocation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code.

1. Mark Armstrong, Team Leader - Chicago Urban Fine Arts Coalition
2. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

PRESIDENT

17-0091

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Engineer;

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. be employed to perform Phase II Engineering services in connection with the Project, and that the President of such Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to execute, on behalf of the District, an agreement by and between the District and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., for Phase II Engineering services (the “Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation”).

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0091. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (12)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

Present: Commissioner Silvestri (1)

17-0098

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0098. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0099

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the aforementioned interest arbitration award are incorporated into a proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Preserves and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Sergeants) for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 (the “Sergeants Agreement”); and

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

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

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

- (a) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2013 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 1.00%
- (b) Effective the first full pay period on or after July 1, 2014 the pay rates for all classifications shall be increased 1.50%

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Preserves' Comptroller is hereby directed to make all payments consistent with this resolution.
Adopted this 9th day of March, 2017.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 17-0099 to the Labor Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0086

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FEE SCHEDULE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 7-1-1 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended as follows:

7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE

Aerial Adventure Course and Zipline Fees

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

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to refer 17-0086 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0103

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

FEE SCHEDULE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 7-1-1 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Code is hereby amended as follows:

7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE

Camp Sullivan Camp & Climb Overnight Event

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

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

Cook County Resident & Businesses

Mon.-Thurs. \$250 + campsite fee

Fri-Sun. \$290 + campsite fee

Non Cook County Resident & Businesses

Mon-Thurs. \$300 + campsite fee

Fri-Sun. \$360 + campsite fee

Camp Sullivan - Additional Use of Climbing Wall by Registered Campers

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

Camp Sullivan - Use of Climbing Wall Exclusive to Campers

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to refer 17-0103 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

17-0090

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Planning and Development

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

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

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

Contract Value: \$50,000.00

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

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

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

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

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 4

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

Phase II Engineering Services based on its qualifications and familiarity with the project based on completion of Phase I work. The using department provided a sole source justification for this procurement.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0090. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0085

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Path Construction Company, Arlington Heights, Illinois

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

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

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 1

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 17-0085. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0095

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: System Solutions, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This Increase Requested: \$300,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 \$300,000.00

Accounts: Computer Supplies and Service, 51001-531670

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

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): Districtwide

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 17-

0095. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0096

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning & Development

Vendor: On Call Properties, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

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

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

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

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

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$82,374.00

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

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

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

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 9

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve 17-0096. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0100

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Skokie, Illinois

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

Goods or Services: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") operates and maintains the North Branch Bicycle Trail in Northern Cook County. The Trail Connection is part of Skokie's Bikeway System Plan to provide bicycle/pedestrian accommodations for residents, businesses, shopping malls, schools and transit connections along Old Orchard Road from Gross Point Road to the

North Branch Trail. This agreement covers the approximately two thousand eight hundred (2,800) linear feet of trails that will be built on Forest Preserve property on the south side of Old Orchard Road.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

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

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 13

Summary: Skokie has requested an Intergovernmental Agreement to construct the proposed Trail Connection. Skokie has obtained Transportation Alternatives Program funding for the construction of Stage 1 of Trail Connection. Skokie will be responsible for all design, permitting and construction costs associated with the Trail Connection, subject to review of final plans and specifications by the Preserves.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0100. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0067

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Planning & Development

Other Part(ies): Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”)

Request: Authorization to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”)

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

Agreement Number: Amendment #2 to OWR-292

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

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0067. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0088

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Office of the General Superintendent

Report Title: Resident Watchman Annual Report

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to receive and filed 17-0088. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0054

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements Report

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to receive and filed 17-0054. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0087

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

REQUEST TO REGISTER BOBOLINK MEADOW AS AN ILLINOIS LAND AND WATER

RESERVE (“ILWR”)

Department: Resource Management

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

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

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

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

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

District(s): 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0087. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0093

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

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

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

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

Artistically arranged orchids, including rare species and cultivated hybrids, will be on display. There will also be a judged exhibition and orchids for sale. Free.

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

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

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

Saturday, 3/11; 11 am

One Earth Film Festival, Thatcher Pavilion, River Forest

Join us for a free showing of the Emmy Award winning Forest Preserves of Cook County film *Chicago's True Nature* at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030, Chicago Ave. Meet some of our featured animals afterwards.

For festival details, visit www.oneearthfilmfest.org <<http://www.oneearthfilmfest.org>>.

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

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

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

Registration required and fee applies.

Sunday, 3/12; 1 pm

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

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

Thursday, 3/16; 11 am - 2 pm

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

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

Saturday, 3/18; 1:30 pm

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

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

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

Signs of Spring, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

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

Sunday, 3/19; 11 - 3 pm

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

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

Wednesday, 3/22; 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Celebrate Spring!, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago

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

Sunday 3/26; 10 am - Noon

Ornithology 101: Beginning Bird ID, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

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

Sunday, 3/26; 1 pm

Go Fly a Kite Workshop, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

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

Tuesday, 3/28; 10 am - 2 pm

Spring Breakout Adventures, Rolling Knolls Forest Preserve, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin

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

Wednesday - Thursday, 3/29 & 3/30; 9:30 am - Noon

Spring Break Camp: Creative Exploration, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

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

Saturday - Sunday, 4/8 - 4/9

CLIC Training, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

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

Saturday, 4/1; 9 am - Noon

Navigation Unplugged, Deer Grove, 1650 N Quentin Rd, Palatine

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

Sunday, 4/2; 1:30 pm

Pioneer Living, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

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

Sunday, 4/2; 2 pm

Lenhardt Library, Regenstein Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

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

Friday, 4/7; 7:30 pm

Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

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

Saturday - Sunday, 4/8-4/9; 10 am - 6 pm

Ape Awareness Weekend, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

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

Saturday, 4/8; 9 - 11 am

Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle, Willow Road Dam, Willow Rd & N Forest Way Dr, Winnetka

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

Saturday, 4/8; 10 am

Conservation@Home: Easy Care Natives, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

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

Sunday, 4/9; 1 pm

Prime Real Estate, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

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

Saturday, 4/9; 1 - 4 pm

Navigation Unplugged, Bemis Woods South, 1100 Ogden Ave, Western Springs

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

Tuesday, 4/11; 10 am - 2 pm

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to receive and filed 17-0093. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3/8/2017

16-0478

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to approve 16-0478. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3/9/2017

17-0115

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 2/7/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0115. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3/9/2017

17-0101

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) 2/7/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0101. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0104

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) 3/7/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0104. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0109

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) 3/8/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0109. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0082

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Meru Corporation

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0082. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0089

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION Western Remac, Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0089. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

17-0053

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0053. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner GREGG GOSLIN, seconded by Commissioner ROBERT B. STEELE, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Gainer, Garcia and Tobolski (4)