

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

County Board Room, County Building

Board Meeting of

Thursday, May 11, 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, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

INVOCATION

Fr. Chris Kerkeres, Parish priest of Saint George Greek Orthodox church in Lincoln Park 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. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen
2. Benjamin Cox, President – Friends of Forest Preserve
3. Ronald P. Wegrzyn, SAC Board Member
4. Mark Armstrong, Team Leader - Chicago Urban Fine Arts Coalition

CONSENT CALENDAR

17-0163

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE and GREGG GOSLIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING GINNY HOTALING ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, Ginny Hotaling will be retiring from her position as Vice President of Government Affairs at the Chicago Botanic Garden where she has served for more than 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Hotaling has had a diverse and substantive career beginning as a teacher and administrator, then as District Director and Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman John Porter; and most recently as Vice-President of the Government Affairs Department at the Chicago Botanic Garden; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Hotaling was instrumental in leading the Garden's various initiatives and government affairs efforts with the Village of Glencoe, City of Chicago, Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC), State of Illinois, and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Hotaling cultivated and nurtured numerous invaluable relationships with elected officials and government staff with grace and style; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Hotaling epitomizes the "Garden Way" by nurturing supporters and garden enthusiasts alike; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Hotaling has been an effective advocate helping to secure and maintain government funding across all levels for important capital and programming initiatives such as the circular drive at the Learning Center Campus, Windy City Harvest and shoreline restoration work; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Hotaling is leaving the Garden having championed the introduction of federal bill HR 1054 (the Botany Bill), which demonstrates the Garden's leadership in plant science conservation on a national level; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Hotaling will continue to lend her expertise in government relations as she has accepted a part-time position supporting Illinois State Senator Julie Morrison, whose district includes the Garden; and

WHEREAS, as a gardening enthusiast herself Ginny Hotaling earned the prestigious designation of Master Gardener and she plans to continue to volunteer at the Windy City Harvest Youth Farm in North Chicago and participate in other Garden events and activities; and

WHEREAS, Forest Preserve and County staff have benefitted greatly from Ginny's expertise, knowledge and never ending support and dedication to the Garden and FPDCC initiatives including the Next Century Conservation Plan and she will truly be missed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and that the Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent Arnold Randall do hereby extend their thanks and appreciation to Ginny Hotaling for her support of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, one of the oldest and largest conservation districts in the nation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0163. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0165

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING LAURA RERICHA-ANCHOR ON THE PUBLICATION OF *FLORA OF THE CHICAGO REGION: A FLORISTIC AND ECOLOGICAL SYNTHESIS*

WHEREAS, the Preserves' nearly 70,000 acres of natural lands are home to some of the nation's most biologically diverse flora and fauna, inspiring a wide array of scientists and students to better understand the natural world; and

WHEREAS, Laura Rericha-Anchor is a wildlife biologist with the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Resource Management Department, where she has worked since 1997 to protect and preserve the plants and animals of the forest preserves; and

WHEREAS, in the course of her duties Laura explores, researches, and documents the plants and animals of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, significantly contributing to the Preserves' restoration efforts, and the health of the region's plant and animal communities; and

WHEREAS, Laura's observations of the natural world have advanced - and continue to advance - our understanding of how to better preserve and protect the Preserves; and

WHEREAS, Laura has worked in partnership with co-author Dr. Gerould Wilhelm, Director of Research at The Conservation Institute to produce the *Flora of the Chicago Region: A Floristic and Ecological Synthesis*, a groundbreaking book that celebrates our region's biodiversity. The publication details 3,149 plant species and documents the delicate, yet powerful world of plants, their pollinators, and their environment; and

WHEREAS, this publication was inspired by a book originally published in 1969 by Floyd Swink, a renowned taxonomist and beloved naturalist who delighted in sharing his knowledge of the Midwest's remarkable flora and fauna, and mentored both Laura and Dr. Wilhelm; and

WHEREAS, during the course of their fieldwork Laura and Dr. Wilhelm discovered a new plant species which they named *Hypericum swinkianum* (or Swink's St. John's Wort) in honor of Floyd Swink; and

WHEREAS, *Flora of the Chicago Region* is significant for its breadth and depth, including 619 more species than its predecessor, clearly defining plant communities, updating nomenclature, and identifying what makes our plant communities so unique. This book will be used by national and regional agencies and institutions to determine the quality of natural areas and serves as a model for other regions; and

WHEREAS, *Flora of the Chicago Region* significantly adds to the current body of scientific knowledge, enabling both the professional and amateur botanist to better understand our region's plants and insects; and

WHEREAS, Laura has spent more than 50,000 hours over the last 15 years to co-author this book, and the Preserves is proud to have supported her in this scientific endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Laura and Dr. Wilhelm have created a book whose beautiful illustrations and informative 1,371 pages provide an encyclopedic listing of our region's remarkable flora; and

WHEREAS, this book will inspire people to take a closer look at the intricate natural world around them, more deeply appreciate this region's natural heritage, and to consider what each of us can do to heal the environment; and

WHEREAS, Laura has contributed significantly to the field of botany and to advancing the mission of

the Preserves, and is a deeply valued employee of the Forest Preserves and the region's conservation community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent Arnold Randall do hereby recognize Laura Rericha-Anchor's significant contribution to science; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Laura Rericha-Anchor to commemorate her significant achievement and as a token of appreciation for her service to the Forest Preserves and the residents of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0165. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0175

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING FRIENDS OF BLUFF SPRING FEN FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO PROTECT BLUFF SPRING FEN

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Preserves") manages nearly 70,000 acres of public land, including 23 dedicated nature preserve sites that represent some of the highest quality natural lands in the state. The designation of these sites is overseen by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and protects some of the last and best remaining examples of Illinois' wilderness; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 Bluff Spring Fen, a 95-acre site in Elgin, Illinois, was a desolate dumping ground and former gravel quarry until "Friends of the Fen", a visionary and grassroots group founded by Doug Taron, Leon Halloran and Steven Byers, recognized the significance of the site with its rare fen and remarkable landscape, and launched a concerted stewardship effort; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Fen later became Friends of Bluff Spring Fen, and have worked tirelessly to protect and restore the area, resulting in the site being designated a Nature Preserve in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Bluff Spring Fen encouraged the Forest Preserves of Cook County to acquire this area in 2006, thus ensuring the site's continued protection; and

WHEREAS, Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve is now one of the Preserves' premier locations with more than 400 plant, 60 butterfly, and 30 dragonfly varieties and nearly 100 migratory and nesting bird species, and affords the residents of Cook County the opportunity to explore nature and experience a peaceful and idyllic place; and

WHEREAS, the Preserves deeply values its partnership with the Friends of Bluff Spring Fen who continue to care for the site and collaborate with surrounding neighbors including the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, City of Elgin, Bluff City Cemetery and the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission, and have expanded stewardship efforts from the 95-acre Nature Preserve to an additional 65 acres of buffer to better protect this fragile site; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Bluff Spring Fen actively participate in citizen science and have monitored Bluff Spring Fen--particularly its rare orchid and butterfly populations--since 1988. They have actively shared their data with the Preserves, and are one of the first stewardship groups in Illinois to monitor butterflies, led by Doug Taron founder of the Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network and Chief Curator at the Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. They have also been successful in reintroducing the rare Swamp Metalmark butterfly at the site; and

WHEREAS, the Preserves greatly appreciates the spirit of collaboration, generosity, and enthusiasm that the Friends of Bluff Spring Fen bring to everything they do and recognizes that this volunteer group has inspired countless others to become interested and actively engaged in caring for the Forest Preserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and General Superintendent Arnold Randall do hereby congratulate the Friends of Bluff Spring Fen on their 35th anniversary and on their success in restoring and protecting Bluff Spring Fen, a remarkable and unique remnant of our region's natural heritage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Friends of Bluff Spring Fen.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-0175. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**17-0186****Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED AGREEMENT****Vendor:** Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Nebraska**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute a “Private At-Grade Crossing Agreement” (the “Agreement”) with the Union Pacific Railroad (“UP”), for construction of a new multi-use path/at-grade crossing (the “Path”) at Mile Post 6.5 along the abandoned Weber Industrial Lead. As part of the Agreement, UP is granting the Preserves a license to construct the Path over a portion of UP’s property. The Preserves will be responsible for future maintenance costs associated with the project. The proposed agreement also requires the Preserves to indemnify the railroad for certain liabilities. The proposed agreement is subject to final review and approval by the Preserves’ Legal Department.

The Agreement will allow the Preserves to provide a direct connection for the extension of the North Branch Bicycle Trail project “Stage 2” between Forest Glen Avenue and Irene C. Hernandez Family Picnic Area. In September 2016, the Preserves completed construction of “Stage 1”, one and a half (1.5) miles of paved trail from Devon and Caldwell to Forest Glen Avenue. The project provides a connection to the City of Chicago’s Bike System at Gompers Park to the Forest Preserves North Branch Bicycle Trail. The North Branch Trail is the Preserves’ longest linear trail system, one of the Preserves’ most used bicycle trails and is a regional trail system recognized on a nationally recognized trail system.

Contract period: Continuous from the date of execution of the agreement until termination or abandonment of the project.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

Account(s): N/A

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 12

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to accept a substitute 17-0186. The motion carried by the following vote:

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve as substituted 17-0186. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0173

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc., St. Charles, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Mosquito abatement services

Contract Value: \$124,995.00, not to exceed \$24,999.00 per year

Contract period: 5/11/2017 - 5/10/2022

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 \$24,999.00, FY 2018 \$24,999.00 FY 2019 \$24,999.00, FY 2020 \$24,999.00, FY 2021 \$24,999.00

Accounts: Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Habitat Restoration 51001.521444 and 51009.521444, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Grant accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

Contract Number(s): 17-31-102

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Provision.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Contract #17-31-102 consists of targeted mosquito abatement services at select high-traffic public recreation areas in the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”), including the Preserves’ five (5) campgrounds and zipline/treetop adventure course. The intention of this contract is to provide reasonable mosquito control in priority zones where these nuisance insects may impact patrons’ enjoyment of these areas.

The Preserves issued a Request for Proposals for the aforementioned services. Due to a lack of responses, the contract was subsequently rebid in order to expand the list of qualified respondents. The Preserves then assembled a review panel comprised of various Forest Preserve staff, which determined Clarke Environmental’s proposal to be responsible and responsive, with particular strengths in experience, proposed approach, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Clarke was the sole respondent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0173. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0174

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc., St. Charles, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Aquatic vegetation control services

Contract Value: \$250,000.00, not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year

Contract period: 5/11/2017 - 5/10/2022

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 \$50,000.00, FY 2018 \$50,000.00 FY 2019 \$50,000.00, FY 2020 \$50,000.00, FY 2021 \$50,000.00

Accounts: Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Grant Accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522

Contract Number(s): 17-31-101

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Provision.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Contract #17-31-101 consists of aquatic herbicide treatments in order to control invasive and nuisance aquatic vegetation at the Forest Preserves of Cook County's 40+ recreational lakes. These services will supplement treatments currently performed by the Preserves annually in order to meet the aesthetic and recreational needs of the public.

The Preserves issued a Request for Proposals for the aforementioned services. Due to a lack of responses, the contract was subsequently rebid in order to expand the list of qualified respondents. The Preserves then assembled a review panel comprised of various Forest Preserve staff, which determined Clarke Aquatic Services' proposal to be responsible and responsive, with particular strengths in experience, proposed approach, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Clarke was the sole respondent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0174. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0183

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Law Enforcement

Vendor: Stanard & Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Stanard & Associates, Inc. ("Stanard") will provide services that include but are not limited to behavioral assessments, testing, evaluations and examinations for law enforcement positions.

Contract Value: \$120,000.00

Contract period: Thirty-six (36) months from 5/19/2017- 5/18/2020 date with three (3) one (1) year extension options

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 \$20,000.00, FY 2018 \$40,000.00, FY 2019 \$40,000.00 and FY 2020 \$20,000.00

Accounts: 51001.520840

Contract Number(s): 17-70-001

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Stanard will provide behavioral assessments, testing, evaluations, and examinations for law enforcement positions in accordance with the FPDCC's Employment Plan.

The FPDCC issued a Request for Proposals and received three (3) responses. A selection committee determined that Stanard and its team was the most qualified vendor to provide these services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0183. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0190

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Conservation and Experiential Programming

Vendor: Judy Pollock Consulting, Evanston, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services for Phase II of the Bird the Preserves initiative

Contract Value: \$20,000.00

Contract period: 5/12/2017-5/12/2018

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 20,000; 100% funded by the Forest Preserve Foundation

Accounts: 51010.521314

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: This project continues the successful “Bird the Preserves” initiative that was launched in 2015, through a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via Chicago Wilderness. This grant-funded initiative connects diverse communities to the Preserves by expanding birding programs and activities, and strives to establish the Preserves as a premier birding destination in the Chicago Wilderness region. Because of the project’s enormous success, the Preserves has sought and secured funding from the Forest Preserve Foundation for Phase II of Bird the Preserves. Phase II will build on the initiative’s programmatic and partner building success and momentum, while developing a process for sustaining the initiative into future years at the Preserves.

Judy Pollock will provide support for Phase II of the Bird the Preserves initiative. Specific deliverables include:

- Continue the programmatic and marketing initiatives developed in Bird the Preserves Phase I,

including partner-led bird walks and the Big Sit, pursue the engagement of new birders, and continue to serve as a resource to bird groups, providing information to the Preserves for birding events for the Preserves seasonal brochures.

- Will provide a report that will include a series of recommendations for how this work and these partnerships can continue in the future.
- Connect Bird the Preserves participants to volunteer opportunities at restoration sites and develop, a plan for ongoing promotion of restoration workdays to birders and birding groups.
- Incorporate and promote best practices for bird habitat into Conservation@Home, the Preserves' newly developed initiative that encourages homeowners to transform their yards with native plants and practices that conserve water and provide habitat for native birds, butterflies and other wildlife.
- Support a celebration of International Migratory Bird Day at LaBagh Woods on May 20, 2017 and other bird related events.

A completed report at the end of the contract will include recommendations for sustaining Bird the Preserves as an ongoing programmatic component of the Preserves and will take into consideration partners' needs and the Preserves resource capacity. At the end of the project, the Preserves will have a better understanding of the birding community's interest in continued partnerships with the Preserves and recommendations on how to maintain those relationships.

Judy Pollock Consulting is a sole source provider of this service because of her unique access to the birding community, knowledge of birding in Cook County, knowledge of bird conservation and her extensive work in all of these areas. Judy Pollock has spent many years working on birding, bird science and bird conservation in the Chicago area. Judy Pollock was one of the Founders of the Bird Conservation Network Survey, she was director of Audubon Chicago Region (the regional office for the Chicago Area) for fifteen (15) years and her work has focused on building capacity by birding groups, local communities and government agencies to enhance bird conservation efforts. Judy Pollock serves as a board member or as an advisor on bird conservation and natural area issues to the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District, and Chicago Audubon. She founded Wild Indigo Nature Explorations, a Southside community engagement project that won the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials Award in 2014. Judy Pollock recently won an award for her work in conservation and community from the American Birding Association. Judy Pollock has published several bird conservation plans and articles since 2000. The Preserves entered into a contract with Judy Pollock for Phase I, and it is important for the continuation and success of the initiative that she be brought back to complete Phase II.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0190. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0170

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to Oakton Community College, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain a twelve (12) inch water main across property of the Preserves to provide a secondary feed from Golf Road. The City of Des Plaines currently provides water by a single ten (10) inch main along Central Road, which has recently been determined to be inadequate for fire protection requirements. Additionally, any break in the main results in complete disruption of water service to the College. The new main would provide a looped water system to supply the needs for fire protection and continued water supply in the event of a main break. The water main will be installed underground by directional bore in order to minimize surface impact on the Preserves. As additional consideration for the issuance of this License, Grantee agrees to complete a Phase 1 engineering study with a budgeted value of \$70,000.00 for a trail crossing, or to provide another benefit of equivalent value to the Preserves, subject to the approval of the Preserves.

Term: Continuous**License Fee:** \$32,107.44**License Application Fee:** \$500.00**YELAR Fee:** \$3,600.00

\$36,207.44 for the term of the License
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None anticipated but if trees are removed, a tree mitigation fee may be charged per the Preserves’ current Tree Mitigation Plan

The area of the License is: 0.446 acres**Concurrence(s):**

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Preserves staff have reviewed this license application and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

District(s): 9 and 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to refer 17-0170 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0133

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Planning & Development

Other Part(ies): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”), Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in mutually beneficial public works projects and allow for mutual waiver of permit, license and other fees for improvement projects proposed by either agency

Goods or Services: Waiver of license and other fees for projects proposed by either agency that otherwise meet the respective agency’s permit or license review criteria

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Five (5) years from the date of execution

Fiscal Impact: Varies by project

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“FPDCC”) typically charges tree mitigation, application, license, and other fees for projects that impact FPDCC-owned property; and MWRD

typically charges permit review and inspection fees for permits sought under its Watershed Management Ordinance or any other ordinances. Under this MOU, the FPDCC and the MWRD wish to cooperate in mutually beneficial projects and mutually waive fees that could or would normally be charged to the other. For example, MWRD is proposing certain flood control projects on Forest Preserve land that also benefit the FPDCC, including rebuilding and sharing in maintenance responsibility for Lyons Levee, an existing flood control structure owned by FPDCC at Ottawa Trail Woods, and shoreline restoration and bicycle trail improvements in conjunction with dam reconstruction at Arrowhead Lake with the City of Palos Heights pursuant to separate Intergovernmental Agreements (Board Agenda Item 17-0134 and 16-0177, respectively).

Both agencies will retain the right to approve or reject any projects proposed by the other based on other review criteria established by each agency. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to impose any legally binding requirements on either MWRD or FPDCC. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding is subject to final review and approval by the FPDCC's Legal Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0133. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0166

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois, and the Housing Authority of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: The Preserves seek to partner with Friends of the Forest Preserves and the Housing Authority of Cook County to host the "Forest Preserve Experience" program, a summer youth employment program that will provide conservation and job skills training to high-school youth, ages 15 to 19, from families who utilize the services of the Housing Authority of Cook County. This five (5)-week program will engage one (1) program manager, one (1) assistant program manager, eight (8) adult field leaders, and fifty (50) youth participants in hands-on ecological restoration activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal, tree mulching, and shoreline clean-up along the Preserves' many lakes and waterways.

Participants will receive extensive environmental education and job skills training supplemented by nature-based recreational activities which promote forest preserve awareness, and teaches participants how healthy forest preserves contribute to their community and quality of life.

Friends of the Forest Preserves will be the on-the-ground supervisory partner for this program. The Housing Authority of Cook County has contributed \$80,000 towards the execution of this program.

Contract period: 6/26/2017 - 8/4/2017

Fiscal Impact: \$30,000.00

Account(s): Intern Programs 51009.521525

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5 and 6

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0166. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0172

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

TEMPORARY EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to grant a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Midlothian Meadows and Oak Forest Heritage Preserves, along the west side of Pulaski/Crawford Avenue at 159th Street for 0.557 acres or 24,276 square feet.

Reason: IDOT requests a temporary easement along the west side of Pulaski/Crawford Avenue to construct a ten (10) foot wide paved, shared use path connecting the south entrance of Midlothian Meadows to the Oak Forest Heritage Preserve. IDOT originally proposed a pedestrian path on the east side of Crawford but agreed to relocate this to the west side to connect two (2) Forest Preserve trails at Midlothian Meadows and the Oak Forest Heritage Preserves.

IDOT will construct the path with a 20% cost share with the Preserves, estimated at \$16,000.00. IDOT has offered to pay the appraised value of the temporary easement as an easement fee but Forest Preserve staff is recommending waiver of tree mitigation fees because the project benefits the Forest Preserves. The path will be constructed as part of improvements to the intersection of US Route 6 (159th Street) and Pulaski/Crawford Avenue. The improvements include traffic signal replacement with bicycle and pedestrian crossing. The temporary easement is for five (5) years or until completion of construction, whichever comes first.

The area for the temporary easement is 0.557 acres. IDOT indicates that a yet to be determined number of trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Term: Five (5) years or until completion of construction, whichever comes first

Easement Fee: \$4,600.00

Tree Mitigation Fee: Waived

Concurrence(s):

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

The Preserves staff have reviewed this easement request and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this temporary easement.

District(s): 5

A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to refer 17-0172 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0171

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

TEMPORARY EASEMENT AMENDMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to amend a grant of a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at Winnetka Road at the Skokie River for 0.171 acres or 7,450 square feet.

Reason: IDOT plans to remove and replace the existing deck and superstructure of the Winnetka Road Bridge over the Skokie River. Permanent and temporary easements were granted for the project in 2012. The temporary easements expired in March 2017. As construction has not yet started, IDOT seeks a five (5) year extension on the temporary easements.

No structures are proposed to be built on the temporary easement.

The area for the temporary easement is 0.171 acres. IDOT indicates that a minimal number of trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Term: Five (5) years

Easement Fee: \$1,200.00

Tree Mitigation Fee: Per the current Tree Mitigation Plan

Concurrence(s):

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

The Preserves staff has reviewed this easement extension request and plans and have found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this temporary easement extension.

District(s): 13

A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to refer 17-0171 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0189

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("FPDCC") to utilize additional

accounts for professional services provided by the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois in 2017 related to the execution of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan. Additional accounts are being added to accommodate departmental work that may be covered under this contract (task order).

The FPDCC would also like to amend the contract to include an additional task related to land acquisition planning in southeast Cook County, a task that should not exceed \$50,000 in value and is within the current budget for the contract.

This amendment applies to the existing task order, which was initially approved by the Board of Commissioners on 12/31/2016 and is valid through the end of calendar year 2017. All other details of the contract remain unchanged.

Item Number: 16-0459

Fiscal Impact: No additional fiscal impact

Account(s): Natural & Cultural Master Plan 51009.521860, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Mitigation accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522, 51025, 2012 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51026, 2015 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51057, Construction and Development Fund.

District(s): Districtwide

Original Text of Item:

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): (1) Assess options for a more robust measurement of restoration success based on the newly established monitoring protocol and baseline monitoring data acquired over the past year. (2) Produce a time lapse video documenting land use changes in Cook County. (3) Assess existing District ordinances and those of other land management agencies to recommend improvements to ordinances to ensure protection of the District's valuable natural and archaeological resources. (4) Continue to conduct and publish a deer impact assessment specific to the Forest Preserve District which

will describe the history, conservation, and current role of deer in District natural areas. (5) Continue prioritization of hydrological threats to sites and propose strategies for mitigating their impacts. (6) Continue site surveys and cataloguing of cultural resources. (7) Research and publish a report regarding the benefits versus the pollution-based impacts of prescribed burning, (8) Research and develop a strategic plan for land acquisition and restoration in Southeast Cook County.

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2017

Contract period: 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2017

Accounts: 09-6759 Natural & Cultural Master Plan and 09-6750 Habitat Restoration Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Mitigation accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522, 51025, 2012 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51026, 2015 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51057, Construction and Development Fund.

Contract Number(s): FPD 2014-01101

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: This Contract (Task Order) is for natural resource prioritization, research, policy analysis, and other related resource preservation activities. The estimated contract amount is not to exceed \$500,000.00.

On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement from 10/1/2013 to 12/31/2018 with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan, and to perform work pursuant to that plan on an annual basis. The Plan informs and prioritizes natural and cultural resource restoration management. As agreed by the Board on 10/1/2013, funding of subsequent work with the Prairie Research Institute is to be approved on a year to year basis.

The Forest Preserves now desire to enter into a new Task Order to complete such work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0189. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0066

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurements and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 3/1/2017 - 3/31/2017

Summary: Submitting the Procurements and Disbursements Report for the period of March 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 Moody, to receive and filed 17-0066. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0179

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar - 5/11/2017 - 6/6/2017

Save the Date!

Tuesday, 6/13; 10 am - 2 pm

Live Healthy Discover Nature, Daley Plaza, Chicago

Celebrate all things in the Forest Preserve and kick off our summer programming. We are at Daley Plaza until 2 pm with information, giveaways, live animals and fun activities. The Forest Preserves will host the noon time performances as well.

Daily, 5/6 - 9/17; 10 am - 5 pm

Dinos and Dragons, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

Brookfield Zoo's summer Dinos & Dragons exhibit will feature 17 animatronic creatures, including the Stegosaurus, Apatosaurus, Tyrannosaurus rex, and Chinese dragon. Zoo-goers can also get up-close views of live reptiles, including a 6-foot-long Komodo dragon. The exhibit will feature hands-on activities, as well as a dinosaur dissection lab, dino dig boxes, and an excavation site.

Saturday, 5/13 - Sunday, 5/14

Camping Leadership Immersion Course (CLIC) Training, Camp Sullivan, 14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest

Our Camping Leadership Immersion Course 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, 5/13; 9 am - 2 pm

International Migratory Bird Day, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Spread your wings for bird conservation! Spend the day celebrating birds and learn how they migrate.

Saturday, 5/13; 9:30 am - Noon

Jr. Nature Photography, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Learn how to capture nature through hands-on learning about cameras and photography. Any digital camera can be used. All photography levels welcome, ages 8-14. Registration required by 5/11.

Saturday, 5/13; 10 am - 2 pm

Nature Block Party: A Celebration of Biodiversity, Eggers Grove, 11201 S Ave B, Chicago

Discover the diversity in our urban preserves. Participate in restoration projects with Nature Cat, hikes highlighting the Calumet Region, bike on the Burnham Greenway (bikes will be provided) and other outdoor activities for the whole family. Call 312-415-2970 for more information.

Saturday, 5/13; 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Chicago River Day Celebration Paddle, Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S Brainard Ave, Burnham

Join us for a celebratory paddle after the various Chicago River Clean-Ups taking place throughout Cook County in the morning. See chicagoriver.org for info on how to get involved in a clean-up.

Sunday, 5/14; 9 am

Mother's Day Hike, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Begin your day with a naturalist-guided walk to spy some spring wildflowers and migrating birds. Bring Mom and the family. We have binoculars to loan.

Wednesday, 5/17; 11 am - 1 pm

Afternoon Paddle & Fishing Saganashkee Slough Boat Launch, 11672 W 107th St, Willow Springs

What better way to spend your lunch hour than dropping in a fishing line or canoeing around Saganashkee Slough? Instruction and equipment for both activities will be provided, with our friends from Palos Park Recreation and Parks Department going through a "how-to" on proper fishing techniques. Beginners welcome.

Wednesday, 5/17; 5:30 - 7 pm

Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, 9600 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs

Camping 101 is a hands-on workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills. Learn tent set-up, campfire cooking, camping fun, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. Join us on select Wednesday evenings through May. No registration required. FREE!

Saturday & Sunday, 5/20 & 5/21; 9 am - 5 pm

Malott Japanese Garden Children's Festival and Midwest Bonsai Society's Spring Show; Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Come pay homage to the tradition of children's festivals in Japan with activities including storytelling and crafts projects such as making kimono paper dolls and origami samurai helmets. In addition, the Midwest Bonsai Society's spring show, which features spring-blooming trees, bonsai on rocks, and suiseki (the Japanese art of stones) will also be held. In addition, visitors can also enjoy demonstrations and workshops and shop for bonsai and bonsai supplies. Free, but registration is required for bonsai workshops.

Saturdays, 5/20 and 5/27; 10 am & Sunday, 6/4; 10 am

Canyon Tours, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Sagawau Canyon hike highlights the geology of Northeastern Illinois. Hike is over rough terrain, wading through a stream is necessary. Registration in person or by phone, starts the Monday prior to the program date. No groups. Space is limited.

Saturday, 5/20; 9 - 11:30 am

International Migratory Bird Day Celebration, LaBagh Woods, Grove 1, Cicero just north of Foster

Welcome back birds at this year's International Migratory Bird Day Celebration. Watch scientists band and release birds migrating from Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Enjoy crafts, snacks, bird walks, a Big Sit and so much more.

Saturday, 5/20; 1 - 3 pm

Trailside History Hike, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

Join us for a long guided hike to learn about the history of Trailside Museum and Thatcher Woods. Visit Native American sites, an abandoned village and more. Adults and children 12 & up. Register by 5/19.

Saturday, 5/20; 1:30 pm

Make it Rain!, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Create your own homemade rain stick while we discuss the use of this Native American tool. Each family will create one to take home. Bring your own hammer. A few hammers will be available for loan if needed. Registration required. Limit 10 families. \$2/family.

Sunday, 5/21; 1 pm

Garlic Mustard Pull, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Help us improve the quality of our woodlands by removing this invasive species to give native plants space to flourish. Adults and children 7 & up. Sturdy shoes, gloves, long sleeves and long pants recommended.

Wednesday, 5/24; 5:30 - 7 pm

Camping 101, Camp Shabbona, 15810 Torrence Ave, Calumet City

Camping 101 is a hands-on workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills. Learn tent set-up, campfire cooking, camping fun, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. Join us on select Wednesday evenings through May. No registration required. FREE!

Saturday, 5/27-Monday 9/4

SERVICE PLAN: Four routes that provide summer only weekend express bus service to Brookfield Zoo-Route 770 CTA Green Line Harlem Station via CTA Blue Line Forest Park Transit Center - Brookfield Zoo; Route 771 CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station - Brookfield Zoo; Route 772 CTA Red Line 95th/Dan Ryan Station - Brookfield Zoo; Route 778 Northwest Chicago - Brookfield Zoo (Saturday Service Only) - Fare is \$1.75.

Saturdays and Sundays, 5/27 - 10/8; 1:30 and 2:30 pm

Garden Chef Series, Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Island Amphitheater, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Watch and learn from local chefs on how to cook with fresh, seasonal ingredients. Seating is first-come, first served for these free demonstrations.

Saturday, 5/27; 1 - 3 pm

Sketch-booking and Journaling along the Trails, Trailside Museum of Natural History, River Forest

An introductory class on the materials and techniques for quickly sketching birds and other wildlife on hikes. Taught by artist Joe Feliciano: [Instagram.com/thehorsepuppy/](https://www.instagram.com/thehorsepuppy/). For adults and teens. All art materials supplied. Register by 5/25.

Saturday, 5/27; 1:30 pm

Spring Fungi Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a 1-mile hike as we discover the wealth of fungal fruiting bodies the White Oak Trail has to offer. Registration required. Adults only. Limit 10.

Sunday, 5/28; 1 pm

Tree Identification, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Learn to identify trees by their leaves with May Watts' Tree Finder.

Monday, 5/29; 1 pm

Spring Ramble, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Join a naturalist for an afternoon spring walk on our 1.4-mile trail.

Monday, 5/29; 1:30 pm

Creature Feature, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Stop in and say hello to one of the animals found in our forest preserves.

Wednesday, 5/31; 5:30 - 7 pm

Camping 101, Camp Sullivan, 14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest

Camping 101 is a hands-on workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills. Learn tent set-up, campfire cooking, camping fun, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. Join us on select Wednesday evenings through May. No registration required. FREE!

Thursday, 6/1; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Adult Archery & Nature Hike, Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest

Adults of all ages are invited to stay active and try their hand at a new or old pastime. Enjoy a brief nature hike on the trails to end. Come out and give it a shot! Call 312-533-5751 to reserve a space today.

Thursday, 6/1; 6 - 8 pm

Nature (Play) Night Drop-Ins, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Drop by and meet us in the nature play area for special activities. Also, help us develop ideas for future elements at the play area. Family program.

Friday, 6/2; 8:15 pm

The Astronomer's Night Sky, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

View the moon and other celestial wonders through telescopes, clear skies permitting. In the event of poor skies, an astronomy slide show will be presented. Register by 5/31.

Saturday, 6/3 and Sunday 6/4; 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Share the Trails

Look for our staff and volunteers along the trails with info and giveaways throughout the Forest Preserves. June 3rd in National Trails Day! Be sure to check out our Share the Trail website at fpdcc.com/stt. We will be out three more weekends in July, August and October.

Saturday, 6/3; 10 am - 4 pm

World Environment Day, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Show your love for the planet at the Chicago Botanic Garden's World Environment Day celebration. Learn about the latest on conservation and sustainability, and participate in activities and demonstrations for visitors of all ages. Bring plastic plant containers for recycling from 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in parking lot

Saturday, 6/3; 10 am - 2:30 pm

**Little Calumet River Day at Kickapoo Woods,
Kickapoo Woods Boat Launch, 144th & Halsted, Riverdale**

Help clean the river (either on shore or on the water) and/or take a canoeing or kayaking lesson. Learn how you can make a difference in terms of the health of the river and life it supports. Clean up tools, and lunch will be provided. *All ages, but participants must be at least five to go in a boat. Groups welcome.* Register at calumetwaterwaystewards.com. Bring your own canoe or use one of ours. We have a limited number of boats available. Canoe instruction provided. Paddling for ages 5 & up.

Saturday, 6/3; 8 - 11 pm

Night Sky Programs, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Peak at the universe through telescopes; guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society.

Saturday, 6/3; 1 pm

Out in the Field, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

See the world through the eyes of a naturalist. Be a part of a field excursion to use your powers of observation to help identify ecological connections.

Sunday, 6/4; 9 am - Noon

Commissioner Timothy O. Schneider's Fishing Derby, Busse Woods/Lake, Grove 25

Bring your friends, family and fishing gear and try to catch the largest, smallest or squirmiest fish. To register, call 847-640-1632 or email tim.schneider@cookcountyil.gov and provide a name, address, email, phone number and number attending.

Sunday, 6/4; 1:30 pm

Summer in the Woods, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Enjoy summertime in the woods on a casual nature walk with a naturalist.

Sunday, 6/4; 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, 6/4; Noon - 4 pm

Explore the Forest: 100 Years and Growing, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Celebrate the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Climb a tree, touch a fish, check out the restoration equipment, pitch a tent and try archery. See the many ways to enjoy the Forest Preserves. Come and meet Nature Cat at this Leave No Child inside event.

District(s): Districtwide

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0179. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5/9/2017

16-0177

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”) and the City of Palos Heights (“the City”)

A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 16-0177. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0125

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST Wide Open West d/b/a WOW

A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 17-0125. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0126

PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST Village of Riverside

A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 17-0126. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0134

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("MWRD")

A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 17-0134. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR MEETING OF 5/10/2017

17-0099

PROPOSED RESOLUTION To Approve A Collective Bargaining Agreement, Salary Schedule And Wage Adjustments

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 17-0099. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5/11/2017

17-0197

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS meeting held on 4/11/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 17-0197. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5/11/2017

17-0195

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 4/11/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0195. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0199

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 5/9/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0199. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0196

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION) Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 5/10/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0196. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0176

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION, Matthew Paving, Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0176. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0180

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT, Path Construction Company, Arlington Heights, Illinois

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0180. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0065

REPORT Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense 3/1/2017 - 3/31/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to approve 17-0065. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

NEW ITEMS

17-0191

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AND REQUEST TO APPROVE AS AMENDED

Department: Planning and Development

Request: Amend previously approved agreement to allow property licensed to Skokie for trail connection to also be owned by Skokie.

Item Number: 17-0100

Fiscal Impact: None

Account(s): N/A

ORIGINAL TEXT OF ITEM:

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.

Under the IGA, Skokie and the Forest Preserve agree that the asphalt, gravel, and other material that are used to create the Trail Connection (“Trail Connection Material”) will be the property of Skokie, for the duration of this Agreement to the extent of the following: (1) the Trail Connection Material is not deemed under Illinois law to be a permanent fixture and/or real property, (2) Skokie ownership of the Trail Connection Material is not deemed to be a transfer or conveyance of property from the Preserves

that is unlawful and unauthorized under the Preserves’ Enabling Act (70 ILCS §810/0.01 *et seq.*), and (3) Skokie’s ownership of the Trail Connection Material is not in violation of the Preserves’ Code of Ordinances, including, without limitation, Sections 2-3-1 (Erection and Ownership of Structures), 2-5-4 (Transfer of Land), and 2-5-8 (Required Review Factors). The Intergovernmental Agreement is subject to final review and approval by the Preserves’ Legal Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 17-0191. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

17-0209

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter Title 1 - Administrative, Chapter 5 - Forest Preserve District President and Board of Commissioners Rules of Organization and Procedure, Section 1-5-4 - Parliamentary Rules, Subsection 4-30 - Public Testimony, of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

1-5-4: - PARLIAMENTARY RULES.

4-30. *Public testimony.* Subject to the provisions herein, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting on an electronically submitted "Record of Committee Witness" form. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. ~~Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; and the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired.~~ Public Speakers shall indicate the item that they are a proponent or opponent of and shall only speak to that item. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board. Failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

Individuals may submit a "Record of Committee Witness" form to the Secretary in support or opposition to an item on any agenda without testifying in person. The "Record of Committee Witness" form shall also allow for, but not mandate, the submission of a written statement in support of or in opposition to an item on an agenda. The Secretary shall announce to each Committee whether any "Record of Committee Witness" forms have been submitted, whether the forms support or oppose an item and any statements filed on those forms.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to refer 17-0209 to the Rules Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner PETER N. SILVESTRI, seconded by Commissioner SEAN M. MORRISON, that this was adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Schneider (3)