



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Minutes of the FPD Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (17)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public speakers

PRESIDENT

[21-0376](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

2022 BOARD AGENDA MEETING ANNUAL CALENDAR DATES AND LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4-1(a) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2.03 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times and places of such meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners (the "Board"):

1. That the Board shall hold its regular meetings of the Board on the following dates during 2022, the

time for holding the specified meetings is 10:00 a.m., local time:

Tuesday, January 11
Tuesday, February 8
Tuesday, March 15
Tuesday, April 5
Tuesday, May 10
Tuesday, June 14
Tuesday, July 26
Tuesday, September 20
Tuesday, October 18
Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, December 13

2. That Board meetings may be conducted remotely by video and/or teleconferencing in accordance with public health authority guidelines and applicable provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances, and executive orders related to a proclamation of disaster by the Governor of the State of Illinois. Otherwise, the place of Board meetings is Room 569 of the Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, except for the following three meeting dates stated below in Sections 3, 4 and 5 below.

3. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 10th at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center located at 9800 Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs.

4. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 26th at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

5. That the Board shall hold a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 20th at the Rolling Knolls Pavilion, 11N260 Rohrssen Rd, Elgin.

That the same dates and locations listed here will be used to schedule the following standing committee meetings, set to begin at 9:30 a.m., local time: Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation; Committee on Rules; Committee on Finance; and Committee on Real Estate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0376. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

[21-0403](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Village of Palatine, Illinois

Request: Authority for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Palatine, Illinois (“Palatine”).

Goods or Services: Palatine is requesting an IGA to construct and maintain a paved trail connection to the Deer Grove Trails from the intersection of Dundee Road and Smith Street just south of Deer Grove - East. The trail connection will be 540 linear feet in length. Palatine is seeking a license for 0.124 acres or 5,400 square feet (540 linear feet times the 10-foot requested license width).

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Thirty (30) years, with successive automatic one (1) year renewal terms until terminated

Fiscal Impact: N/A

License Fee: \$21,407.02 (waived)

License Application Fees: \$3,500.00 (waived)

YELAR Fee: \$6,750.00 (waived)

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$5,305.29

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 14

Summary: The Forest Preserves operates and maintains the Deer Grove Trails in Northwestern Cook County. Palatine proposes to construct a trail connection to connect users coming from the Dundee Road and Smith Street intersection to the trail. Palatine will be responsible for design, construction and future maintenance costs associated with the project. Three (3) trees are proposed to be removed during construction at a cost to Palatine of \$5,305.29. The license fee, license application fee, and the YELAR fee will be waived, per the Forest Preserves' practice for trail connection project requests from municipalities. There is no cost to the Forest Preserves. The IGA constitutes a license for Palatine to construct and maintain the trail for thirty (30) years, followed by successive one (1) year automatic renewal terms until terminated by either party. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 21-0403 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0461](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

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

Request: Authorization to enter into the Tenth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook (the "County") and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") for the reimbursement or payment for certain services rendered by various County departments and by the Forest Preserves.

Goods or Services: The County and the Forest Preserves wish to amend and restate the recently approved Ninth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (approved by their respective Boards of Commissioners on 1/26/2021 and 1/28/2021 for FY2021) whereby they provide various services for each other.

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$2,103,624 in expenditures and \$1,567,452 in revenue

Accounts: Various districtwide corporate expenditure and revenue accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The County and the Forest Preserves entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on 8/21/2012 authorizing the parties to perform various services for the other, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. The parties agreed to provide various services and to provide reimbursement or payment for said services. The Intergovernmental Agreement was further amended on 4/25/2013, 6/18/2014, 9/8/2015, 11/15/2016, 6/6/2017, 4/25/2018, 9/26/2018, 2/21/2019, 10/22/2020 and 1/28/2021 to allow for additional cooperation. The Tenth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement consolidates the prior agreements into one Intergovernmental Agreement, so the parties can refer to one agreement, and this document also contains additional services and reimbursements for FY2022. This is a one-year agreement covering services and reimbursements from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0461. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0456](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

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

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the IDNR

Goods or Services: Establishing a reciprocal right of entry between the IDNR and the Forest

Preserves to facilitate construction, maintenance, and cooperative monitoring activities associated with the installation of a water control structure and fish passage system.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Twenty (20) years from date of execution

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 4

Summary: The IDNR and the Forest Preserves previously collaborated to design a water control and fish passage system connecting the IDNR-owned William Powers-Wolf Lake property to the Forest Preserves' Powderhorn Lake. Funding to complete the engineering design and construction for the project was obtained through a grant from Audubon via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Board Item No. 20-0169 and Board Item No. 21-0451).

The proposed IGA will provide access and right of entry to the Forest Preserves and its authorized contractors for the construction, operation and maintenance of the portion of the water conveyance that traverses IDNR property. The IGA is also intended to facilitate: (1) reciprocal access by the IDNR and the Forest Preserves to each property for maintenance activities and invasive species removal, (2) installation of project signage at each property, (3) cooperative monitoring and enforcement of public access areas adjacent to the outfalls, and (4) cooperative biological monitoring of fish and other aquatic resources. This agreement calls for no direct cost to the Forest Preserves. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0456. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0451](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

Grantor: Audubon Great Lakes (“Audubon”), New York, New York

Request: Authorization to increase grant amount

Purpose: Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to accept additional funding related to a previously-approved grant executed in partnership with Audubon via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the purpose of finalizing the design, permitting, and construction of a water control and fish passage system at Powderhorn Lake in Chicago. Costs have exceeded the original grant amount; subsequently, Audubon wishes to contribute additional funding towards completion of the project.

Supplemental Grant Amount: Not to exceed \$165,000.00

Grant Period: 5/6/2020 - 7/31/2022

Extension Period: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A (Should the proposed additional funding be accepted, all remaining construction costs are expected to be fully grant-funded.)

Accounts: Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314

Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant: 5/1/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0169)

Previous Grant Amount: \$807,290.00

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4

Summary: On 5/1/2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to accept a \$807,290.00 federal grant from Audubon via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to complete the design, permitting, and construction of a water control and fish passage system at Powderhorn Lake. The scope of the grant includes completion of the engineering design and construction of a water control/fish passage system to connect Powderhorn Lake to Wolf Lake, thereby restoring natural water levels to Powderhorn Lake and adjacent wetlands.

Engineering design and construction services were solicited and approved per Board Item No. 20-0170 and Board Item No. 21-0356, respectively. A majority of the project has already been paid for utilizing grant funding. Audubon is proposing to cover up to \$165,000.00 for additional remaining costs related to construction and final permitting.

Total project costs anticipated to be covered in full by the original grant amount in combination with the proposed supplemental increase are \$972,290.00. Work to-date and moving forward will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which has provided in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0451. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0455](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company (“IHBRC”), Hammond, Indiana

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a license agreement with IHBRC for installation and maintenance of water conveyance infrastructure on IHBRC property.

Reason: The Forest Preserves is proposing to enter into a License Agreement with IHBRC to provide access and right of entry to the Forest Preserves and its authorized contractors for the construction, operation and maintenance of a section of 24-inch storm sewer outlet pipe under IHBRC property. This work is associated with a grant-funded project to install a water control structure and fish passage system at Powderhorn Lake (Board Item No. 20-0169 and Board Item No. 21-0451), a portion of which transverses land owned by the railroad. The Forest Preserves will complete the proposed work and

assume future maintenance responsibility for the pipe in accordance with the approved construction plans.

Contract Period: Date of execution - 5/31/2036, with continuous automatic renewals unless cancelled by either party.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,000.00 one-time licensing fee

Account(s): Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 4

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0455. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0453](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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

Reason: Openlands has received a \$400,000.00 grant from the Walder Foundation in support of ecological restoration and the build-out of a community-designed gathering space at Beaubien Woods. The project will involve a 20-acre prairie restoration on the west side of the access road to the Beaubien Woods boat launch, removal of 1 acre of invasive brush surrounding a connector path providing access from Carver Military Academy to Flatfoot Lake, and several off-site restorations intended to create access and preserve riverfront open spaces along the Little Calumet River.

The project’s community-designed gathering space in Beaubien Woods is being designed by the Field Museum and a team of community curators with funding provided through the Illinois Coastal Management Program. The design is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2021 and is based on a regional model to create meaningful, long-term connections with natural places.

A majority of the work will be conducted on Forest Preserves property, at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves. This project builds on plans developed by the Forest Preserves, local communities, and several

other governmental organizations and nonprofits to create inviting and culturally relevant access to nature and the Little Calumet River in a way that fosters a healthy community.

Contract Period: Twenty-four (24) months from date of execution

Fiscal Impact: N/A. The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects.

Account(s): Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 4, 5

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0453. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0439](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with 2110 44th Road, LLC d/b/a Bee All About It, Villa Park, Illinois.

Reason: Bee All About It, located in Cook County, is a local company engaged in many aspects of beekeeping. Since early 2021, Bee All About It has maintained approximately eight (8) beehives at the River Trail Nature Center on a volunteer basis. The hives are primarily occupied by honeybees which cohabitate well in the environment with native bees and other pollinators. The Forest Preserves now seeks to formalize its relationship with Bee All About It. Under the proposed partnership agreement, Bee All About It will continue to manage the hives and will be reimbursed by the Forest Preserves up to \$1,000.00 annually for supplies purchased in connection with the hives and beekeeping, not including the bees. Additionally, Bee All About It will collect, bottle and sell the honey from the hives, paying ten (10) percent of the sales revenue to the Forest Preserves. Bee All About It will also provide classes and workshops related to bees, pollinators and beekeeping to Forest Preserves visitors at the River Trail Nature Center.

Contract Period: 10/5/2021 - 10/31/2024 with two (2) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$1,000.00 per year, not to exceed \$5,000.00 over five (5) year term. This amount is anticipated to be offset by revenue generation under the agreement.

Account(s): Supplies and Materials NOC 51001.530228

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 9

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0439. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0002](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Wireless EDGE Towers II, LLC, Rhinebeck, New York

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: The Forest Preserves desires to engage a Communication Tower Manager to perform certain marketing, site evaluation and development, sublicensing, revenue collection, and other related site management services related to the use of Forest Preserves property by the commercial wireless telecommunication industry.

To accomplish this goal, the Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals for permitting, site development, preparation, erection, installation, and maintenance of a small footprint, self-supporting, stealth communication tower and related cellular telephone communication equipment at multiple sites. Wireless EDGE Towers II, LLC (“Wireless Edge”) was deemed to be the most responsive out of two (2) total respondents.

Under the proposed contract, Wireless Edge will market space for wireless carriers to install antennae on

cell towers at locations that have been preapproved by the internal Forest Preserves Land Use Committee. Wireless Edge then intends to subsequently enter separate, twenty-five (25) year license agreements with the Forest Preserves, subject to approval of the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners, for the construction of the cell towers at preapproved locations. The towers will be owned by Wireless Edge. Wireless Edge will pay revenue to the Forest Preserves under both the proposed agreement and any future licenses for individual sites. Wireless Edge will receive compensation directly from carriers through sublicense agreements to be negotiated between the carriers and Wireless Edge. Wireless Edge will oversee construction and installation by its contractors and sublicensees, and will have access to the designated sites twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

The terms, conditions, and procedures of the Forest Preserves' licensing ordinances found at Title 5 (Public Utilities) and any other applicable licensing provisions of the Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances may be waived in whole or in part by the Forest Preserves with respect to the proposed agreement. The Forest Preserves would enter into the proposed agreement not in its regulatory capacity but in its proprietary capacity as a market participant. In the highly regulated arena of wireless communications, however, state and federal law may in some instances supersede contractual provisions with respect to the wireless facilities once installed.

Wireless Edge will indemnify the Forest Preserves for any claims arising from its performance of the agreement and will maintain insurance policies naming the Forest Preserves as an additional insured. The proposed agreement cannot be unilaterally terminated by the Forest Preserves without cause.

Contract Period: Five (5) years from the date of execution with a five-year optional extension

Estimated Fiscal Impact: (Revenue Generating)

Wireless Edge has agreed to pay the following:

Agreement Signing Bonus: \$20,000.00

Agreement Extension Term Signing Bonus: \$25,000.00

Each Tower License

Lump Sum Payment - Tower Licensee Bonus: \$5,000.00

Lump Sum Payment - Tower Permit Bonus: \$20,000.00

Annual Sublicense Fee (Co-location License Fee): Greater of \$31,914.00 increased by 3% compounded annually on each anniversary of the effective date or 50% of revenue

Narrowband (Public Service) Revenue Share: 50%

Account(s): N/A (Revenue Generating)

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 17

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer

21-0002 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0418](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: United Scrap Metal, Inc., Cicero, Illinois

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: The Forest Preserves is requesting to piggyback off Cook County’s contract #1645-15743 with United Scrap Metal, Inc. for metal collections and recycling at the Central Maintenance Compound, 2199 S. 1st Ave, Maywood, Illinois. United Scrap Metal, Inc. will be responsible for hauling and recycling scrap ferrous and non-ferrous metal collected throughout the Forest Preserves. The anticipated revenue from the proposed contract will be used to partially offset costs incurred to address the fly dumping of metals in the Forest Preserves.

Contract Period: 10/5/2021 - 5/21/2022

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating). Revenue generation will be based on a percentage of the monthly steel prices set by the American Metal Market (AMM).

Account(s): N/A (Revenue Generating)

Concurrence(s):

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

District(s): 1

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0418. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Present: Anaya (1)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0421](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: AltusWorks, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services for architectural and engineering design of Caldwell Woods Wellness Studio and related site improvements

Contract Value: \$167,490.00

Contract Period: 10/5/2021 - 12/31/2023

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$167,490.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51029.520830, 51051.520830, and 51030.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000009733 issued under Project #21-80-28

Summary: Caldwell Woods is part of the Caldwell Preserves, one (1) of twelve (12) priority gateway sites that are the focus of planning and improvements to welcome visitors and improve access and wayfinding. Planning meetings in 2015 identified the need to activate and repurpose the existing Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter into a year-round facility. A \$1.2 million grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Park and Recreational Facility Construction Grant Program (PARC) will provide 75% of the estimated cost to convert the building to a “Welcome & Wellness Center” and improve access, landscaping and information signage.

Building renovations would include a new entrance, new welcome desk, redesigned and refreshed interior spaces, and energy-efficient lighting and HVAC system replacements. Site enhancements would include access improvements, outdoor gathering spaces, and signage.

Ten (10) firms submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and found AltusWorks, Inc to be the most responsive.

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): 9

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0421. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-0450](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Orkin LLC, Atlanta, Georgia

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Pest control and management services

Original Contract Period: 3/12/2019 - 12/22/2020; Administrative Extension 12/23/2020 - 12/22/2021

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$55,000.00

Original Approval: \$50,000.00

Previous Increase(s): \$5,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$7,500.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$7,500.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520850 and 51001.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000005501

Concurrences:

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

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves is requesting that its contract with Orkin LLC, an entity awarded through a Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract, be financially increased to retain anticipated pest abatement services throughout Forest Preserves facilities for the remainder of 2021.

On 3/12/2019, the Forest Preserves piggybacked off Orkin LLC Sourcewell contract. The Forest Preserves' contract was administratively increased and extended for (1) one year. The Forest Preserves intends on soliciting for bids through its public bidding process for pest control services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0450. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0438](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Action: Authorization to disburse payment

Payee: McDonagh Demolition, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Demolition services for various buildings at the Horizon Farms site.

Fiscal Impact: \$263,790.00

Accounts: Capital Improvement Facilities Maintenance 51009.560019

Contract Number(s): #20-53-005797 issued under Project #20-80-32

District(s): 15

Summary: Payment for demolition services at Horizon Farms site pursuant to contract approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County's Board of Commissioners on 10/20/2020 (Board Item No. 20-0364) for abatement, demolition, and site restoration services at various locations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0438. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0447](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - August 2021

Report Period: 8/1/2021 - 8/31/2021

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of August 2021. Payments total \$115,763.37 for August 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0447. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0459](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2021 - 8/31/2021

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for August 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0459. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0460](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursements Report

Report Period: 8/1/2021 - 8/31/2021

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period of August 2021. The 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 Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0460. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0426](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 10/5/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2021 to present: \$502,841.90

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$120,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0426. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0454](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 9/21/2021

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$2,603,912.63

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2021 to Present: \$518,555.02

Legal Fees for 9/21/2021 to Be Approved: \$90,998.45

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0454. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0464](#)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 09/21/2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 21-0464. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0458](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 10/5/2021 - 11/2/2021

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

Saturday, 10/6; 10am - 1pm

Explore: Miller Meadow, Miller Meadow, Forest Park

Adults and families come explore with us at Miller Meadow! Grab a self-guided exploration activity or join our staff on one of our guided hikes. We will have a litter pickup if you would like to help in cleaning up the preserve, a fire to warm up by, and a fun nature craft. *For more information, call 312.533.5751. Facemasks required.*

Friday Saturday & Sunday, 10/8-10; times vary

68th Annual Powwow, Schiller Woods, Chicago

In partnership with the American Indian Center of Chicago, join us to celebrate Native American culture and enjoy traditional Powwow, native food, dancing, vendors, activities and more. Rain or shine. *For more information and pricing, visit aicchicago.org. Facemasks required.*

Friday, 10/8; 5:30pm - 8pm

Halloween Hoot 'n Howl, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join us for pumpkin painting, BOO Bingo, flashlight animal safari and so much more. *Facemasks required. Costumes optional. Presented in partnership with the River Forest Park District, River Forest Library.*

Saturday, 10/9; 9am - 12pm

Bird Banding, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Watch science unfold as we catch birds, then band and release them. This way of studying birds helps us to understand their movements and how to conserve them. *Weather dependent. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

Saturday, 10/9; 10am - 2pm

Family Fun Day! Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Bring the whole family to spend time outside and have fun with games, nature scavenger hunts and more. *Facemasks required.*

Saturdays and Sundays, 10/9 through 10/24

Boo! at the Zoo, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

This not-so-scary and fun-filled event has something for the entire family to enjoy, including tons of themed activities.

Sunday, 10/10; 1:30pm

Fall Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Spectacular fall colors to view while enjoying a casual walk in the woods. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/10; 12pm - 3pm

Crabtree's 50th Anniversary Celebration! Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Crabtree is turning 50 and we are celebrating! Come out for games, history, art activities and more. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/10; 6pm

Bilingual Coyote Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Yip, bark, and howl with us as we explore the forest for sounds of coyotes. This is a bilingual English/Spanish program. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 10/12; 12pm (Facebook Live)

The Lake, The Rocks, and The People: The Geoheritage of Lake Michigan, Sagawau

Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

How does Lake Michigan define northeastern Illinois? This lake influences the geology, the people, and the wildlife. How will the lake and the surrounding area be affected by climate change? *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045.*

Thursday, 10/14; 6:30pm

Owl Prowl, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist for an evening walk while searching for owls. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-305-2168.*

Sunday, 10/16; 1pm

Fall Colors, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Enjoy a leisurely walk with a naturalist, while learning about why deciduous trees drop their leaves and what causes leaves to change color. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-839-6897.*

Saturday, 10/16; 6:30pm

Fireside Stories for Big Kids (and Adults), Trailside Museum, River Forest

Have a snack and relax by a campfire outdoors at Trailside Museum while listening to stories told by John Elliott of Chicago Audubon. *Ages 10 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-366-6530.*

Saturday, 10/16; 9am

Wellness in the Woods: Cycle the Burnham Greenway, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland Discover the Burnham Greenway on bike as we explore the flora and fauna along it. *Bring your own bikes. Limited supply of bikes available for loan, must specify when registering. Route will cover roughly 7 miles. Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

Saturday, 10/16; 1pm**The Secrets of Groundwater, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Even though groundwater supplies about half of the water we use, groundwater is hard to observe and understand. Learn the secrets of groundwater, and how geologists study this precious resource with a short hike. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/17; 10am - 3pm**Mini Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the season with a special day of autumn fun. Storytelling, beekeeping demonstrations, animal encounters, pumpkin painting, honey sales, activities and more! *Admission is free; there may be small fees for some activities and food. Limited parking available. Facemasks required*

Sunday, 10/17; 1pm**Autumn Leaf Magic, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join a fall color walk to enjoy the beauty of the changing autumn leaves. Discover why leaves don't have different pigments in the fall and which tree's leaves become the most vivid! *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/17; 1pm**Sagawau Art: Autumn Landscape drawing, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Have you ever wanted to try landscape drawing? Bring your supplies or use ours and learn how to sketch an autumn landscape. *Ages 13 and up. Registration and facemasks required. Call 630-257-2045.*

Thursday, 10/21; 5:30pm - 7pm**Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Free hands-on workshop designed to teach anyone basic camping skills. Topics include tent setup, campfire cooking, camping fun, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. Have a tent from home you need to practice setting up? Bring it with and we will walk you through it. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Friday, 10/22; 5:30pm - 8pm**Songs and Stories Under the Stars, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join a naturalist for an evening walk while searching for owls. *Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-305-2168.*

Friday, 10/22; 6:30pm**Spider Night Hike, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Come out at night and walk the trails with us as we look for eight-legged creatures on the trail. We will discuss spider silk, eggs and introduce you to our resident arachnid. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 10/23; 3pm - 5pm**Pumpkin Palooza, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Family-friendly activities including pumpkin painting, gourd ring toss, leaf rubbings, a fall-themed obstacle course, and more! *Limited supplies. Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/24; 1pm

Arachnophobia, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Are spiders scary or cool? Learn about their amazing spidey senses and some of our local species. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/24; 1:30pm

Creatures of the Night, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Experience some creepy, spooky and nocturnal animals of the Forest Preserves. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/24; 10am - 2pm

Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Find all the hidden pumpkins on our Farm Pond Trail during this fun scavenger hunt. *Costumes encouraged but not required. Registration and facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 10/27; 4pm

Family Pond Paddle, Thatcher Glen Pond, River Forest

Families enjoy an evening out paddling on Thatcher Glen Pond located at the Trailside Museum of Natural History. Instruction, sanitized equipment, and kayaks provided. *To register, please call 312.533.5751.*

Thursday, 10/28; 4pm - 7pm

Stars, Stories, and S'mores, Thatcher Glen Woods, River Forest

Join a family-friendly evening with a cozy fire, s'mores, a "spooky" story trail, star gazing, pumpkin painting and more. *Costumes encouraged! Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 10/30; 10am - 2pm

The Great Sand Ridge (Tiny) Pumpkin Hunt, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Discover all the hidden pumpkins on a fun scavenger hunt throughout our trails. *Costumes encouraged but not required. Take home a tiny pumpkin for finding them all (one pumpkin per child while supplies last). Registration and facemasks required. Call 708-868-0606.*

Sunday, 10/31; 9am - 4pm

Giant's Hollow-ween Hunt, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Take a self-guided hike on our Giant's Hollow trail to hunt for hidden Halloween clues to earn a treat. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Sunday, 10/31; 10:30am or 1:30pm

The Un-haunted Forest, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Come in costume for a magical hike through the forest. *\$3 per child. Registration and facemasks required. Registration required by 10/28. Call 847-824-8360 to reserve your spot.*

Sunday, 10/31; 12 - 5 pm

Trunk or Treat, Eggers Grove, Chicago

In partnership with the East Side Chamber, a Halloween extravaganza for and by the community. Come in costume including your facemask for a fun time for everyone! The Forest Preserve has won best “trunk” decorations for several years. *Facemask required.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 21-0458. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

AUDIT COMMITTEE

[21-0420](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the “CAFR”)

Report Period: Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2020

Summary: The CAFR has been prepared by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2020. The report has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board and audited by a firm of independent auditors retained by the Forest Preserves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 21-0420. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0440](#)

Presented by: MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

REPORT

Department: Office of the County Auditor

Request: Refer to Audit Committee

Report Title: FY'21 3rd Quarter Open Recommendation Status Report

Report Period: September 2021

Summary: Report on the status of open audit recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 21-0440. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

NEW ITEMS

SUSPEND THE RULES TO TAKE UP NEW ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Donna Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bill Lowry, to suspend the rules. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[21-0474](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER and STANLEY MOORE, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a Request for Proposals and retained Hillard Heintze to analyze the Forest Preserves Police Department and recommend best practices to: (a) maintain and strengthen police and community relations, (b) create a work culture that is inclusive and equitable to all people, and (c) support a diverse police force through recruitment, retention and promotion; and

WHEREAS, the final report of the Independent Analysis of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department from Hillard Heintze was presented to the Forest Preserve District Law Enforcement Committee on September 21, 2021, which recommended best practices and includes a work plan, timetable, and cost estimates for implementing the best practices, as well as tools to measure progress toward those goals; and

WHEREAS, the report outlined 21 recommendations needed to improve recruitment and retention, update policies and procedures, improve communication across ranks, and enhance police and community relations; and

WHEREAS, one of the key findings is that the Forest Preserves Police Department has a ready, willing and able workforce capable of helping transform the Department into a model police force; however, although those employees interviewed as part of the report are willing to help improve the Department internally, as well as its external relationships, many are concerned that change will not happen once the assessment concludes, and indicated that they have seen previous efforts to assess the Department or effectuate change, that were curtailed or failed to result in meaningful changes; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the report recommendations are adhered to, and that the Forest Preserve District recognizes the importance of establishing an aggressive timeline to implement said recommendations and to report back to the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners on progress being made towards achieving said recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that the Forest Preserve District outline and deliver a detailed timeline for all elements needed to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserve Police Department as recommended in the Independent Analysis of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District and the Chief of the Forest Preserve Police update the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners via the Law Enforcement Committee on progress being made towards achieving such goal on a quarterly basis beginning with the first quarter of the FY2022 fiscal year.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to refer 21-0474 to the Law Enforcement Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dennis Deer, to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Interim Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.