

POST BOARD ACTION REPORT

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building Thursday, December 15, 2011, 10:00 A.M.**

In Attendance: President Preckwinkle; Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski

PRESIDENT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ITEM #1 APPROVED

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

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

CHAPTER 7 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS

1-7-1: Departments Established.

1-7-1: DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHED.

There shall be maintained under the supervision of the President and Board of Commissioners various departments, each under the authority of a head of department governed by the rules of the Board, and all of said departments shall be under the general supervision and direction of the General Superintendent of the District, as follows:

- (1) General Office, under the direction and general supervision of the General Superintendent.
- (2) Office of the Secretary, the duties of which may be in whole or in part, contracted to be performed by the County of Cook, under the direction and general supervision of the General Superintendent or the Secretary.
- (3) Legal Department, under the direction and general supervision of the Chief Attorney.
- (4) Finance and Administration, under the direction and general supervision of the Chief Financial Officer, who also shall be deemed the Treasurer.
- (5) Resource Management Department, under the direction and general supervision of the Director of Resource Management.
- (6) Maintenance Department, under the direction and general supervision of the Director of Maintenance.
- (7) Planning and Development Department, under the direction and general supervision of the Director of Planning and Development.
- (8) Department of Law Enforcement, under the direction and general supervision of the Chief of Police.
- (9) Permits, Volunteer Resources, and Recreation Department, under the direction and general supervision of the Director of Recreation, Volunteer Resources and Permits.

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(10) Human Resources, under the direction and general supervision of the Director of Human Resources.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ITEM #2 APPROVED

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board and WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings as 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 THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS, ILLINOIS:

1. That the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners shall hold its regular meetings and regular meetings of the Finance Committee of the Board on the following dates during 2012:

Thursday, January 19, 2012	Wednesday, July 11, 2012
Thursday, February 2, 2012	Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Thursday, March 8, 2012	Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Wednesday, April 4, 2012	Thursday, November 15, 2012
Wednesday, May 2, 2012	Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Wednesday, June 6, 2012	

2. That the time for holding the above specified meetings is 10:00 o'clock a.m., Local time and the place is the County Building Room 569, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of December 2011

PRESIDENT (continued)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ITEM #3 APPROVED

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES

WHEREAS, the FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY (the "District") has authorized various banks as depositories of its accounts;

WHEREAS, from time to time, the District may also seek to open lines of credit or purchase appeal bonds from various insurers, bond companies or other institutions to cover the costs of judgments against the District in the event the District, upon Board approval, decides to appeal such judgments;

WHEREAS, the various banks that serve as depositories of the District's accounts require the manual or facsimile signature of duly elected or appointed Officers of the District for the warrants, checks drafts or other orders on these accounts;

WHEREAS, the various insurers, bond companies and other institutions with whom the District may seek to open a line of credit or from whom the District may seek to purchase an appeal bond may require the manual or facsimile signatures of duly elected or appointed Officers of the District in order to allow the District to establish lines of credit or purchase appeals bonds;

WHEREAS, from time to time, based on changes in District personnel, it is necessary to advise banks, insurers, bond companies and other institutions of changes to the list of elected or appointed Officers of the District who are authorized to sign on behalf of the District in order to allow the District to issue checks, warrants or other orders with respect to District bank accounts; establish lines of credit; or purchase appeals bonds;

WHEREAS, upon approval, this Resolution shall supersede Resolution No.11-R-07, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners of the District on May 4, 2011;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, as of December 15, 2011, the manual or facsimile signatures of any three of the following officers shall appear on all lines of credit opened; appeal bonds purchased; or warrants, checks, drafts or other orders drawn on the bank accounts or other accounts of the District:

PRESIDENT, TONI PRECKWINKLE
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ARNOLD RANDALL
DEPUTY GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, MARY LARAIA
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, MARK THOMAS
COMPTROLLER, DAN DONOVAN
TREASURER, MARK THOMAS

provided, however, that one signature must be that of either the Treasurer or the Chief Financial Officer.

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ITEM #3 cont'd

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the banks, insurers, bond companies, sureties or other institutions authorized as lenders, depositories, or sureties of the District shall be entitled to honor and to charge the District, for such lines of credit, appeal bonds, warrants, checks, drafts or other orders whenever such documents shall be signed manually or by facsimile by any three of the following six officers of the District:

PRESIDENT, TONI PRECKWINKLE
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ARNOLD RANDALL
DEPUTY GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, MARY LARAIA
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, MARK THOMAS
COMPTROLLER, DAN DONOVAN
TREASURER, MARK THOMAS

provided, however, that one signature must be that of either the Treasurer or the Chief Financial Officer.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ITEM #4 APPROVED

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board and DEBORAH SIMS, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Darrell J. Howell, a highly regarded executive at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and a man who loved deeply and who was deeply beloved, from our midst; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 27-year career with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Mr. Howell exhibited an intense work ethic and was recognized on numerous occasions for his accomplishments; Mr. Howell worked his way up at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County from the position of Light Maintenance Equipment Operator in 1984 to the position of Regional Superintendent, a position he held from 2007 until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell's positive outlook, generous nature and high level of integrity served him well at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, where he was a natural leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell was involved in his community; he served on various church and government committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell was full of life and creative energy; in his spare time pursued photography and disc jockeying professionally; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howell was a devoted family man; he cherished his siblings and instilled in his children the values he was taught by his mother, Ernestine, and his father, Frank; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Howell was predeceased by his sister, Rhonda L. Williams, and his grandmother, Marjorie Howell; Mr. Howell leaves to mourn his death his parents, Frank and Ernestine Williams, his siblings, Homer (Tatiana) Williams, Mark (Karen) Williams and Sharon Williams; his children, Darrell Howell, Jr., Davon Thomas, Damon Howell, Denesha Howell, Allen McClendon, Asia Howell and Marjorie Howell; and a host of extended relatives and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Darrell J. Howell will be profoundly missed by those whose hearts he touched and loved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.4 million residents of Cook County, does hereby express its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Darrell J. Howell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners presents this Resolution in honor of Darrell J. Howell and that a suitable copy is tendered to his family, so that his rich legacy may be so honored and ever cherished.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ITEM #5 APPROVED

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board and WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 27th Annual Forest Preserve District of Cook County's New Year's Day Canoe Paddle

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2012, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County will be conducting its 27th annual New Year's Day Canoe Paddle; and

WHEREAS, each New Year's Day, hundreds of wonderfully crazy people jump into their canoes and kayaks to paddle an intimate reach of the Chicago River, long protected as part of the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, the brave paddlers begin at 9:00 am with the last launch at noon; and

WHEREAS, the paddlers begin below the Skokie Lagoons and finish in Linne Woods, passing deer, coyote birds and incredulous humans; and

WHEREAS, countless volunteers brave the cold weather to be Bridge Watchers, help on the Safety Boat and to act as Portage Sherpas and Chaos Preventers; and

PRESIDENT (continued)

ITEM #5 cont'd

WHEREAS, the festivities do not end on the river, as participants extend their revelries at Hackney's on Lake Avenue in Glenview; and

WHEREAS, all who participate universally agree that there is no better way to ring in the New Year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the people of Cook County, does hereby recognize and commend all participants and volunteers in the 27th Annual Forest Preserve District of Cook County New Year's Day Canoe Paddle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the organizers of the New Year's Day Paddle as a token of this Honorable Body's appreciation.

COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM #6

Real Estate **APPROVED**Meeting of November 15, 2011

Rules & Administration **APPROVED**Meeting of December 15, 2011

Finance **APPROVED**Meeting of December 15, 2011

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
CALUMET SAG BICYCLE TRAIL PHASE II ENGINEERING**

ITEM #7 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Blue Island, Alsip Park District, Worth Township, the Village of Riverdale, Village of Dolton, Dolton Park District, City of Calumet City, and the Village of Burnham and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPD) and to disburse payment of \$24,693.00 to the City of Blue Island in accordance with the IGA.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #7 cont'd

Reason: The IGA would allow for Phase II Engineering for 16.6 miles of the eastern portion of the Calumet Sag Trail. The City of Blue Island (Lead Agency) has received Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding for Phase II Engineering. The District's portion of the trail is 1.6 miles, with a cost of \$82,311.00 for Phase II Engineering. ITEP funding is responsible for 80% (\$65,849.00), and the District's share of 20% would be \$16,462.00.

As the lead agency, the City of Blue Island will administer the project and manage finances on behalf of the partner agencies in accordance with the provisions of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). In accordance with the IGA, the District will pay the City of Blue Island \$24,693.00, or 30% of Phase II Engineering costs for FPD's portion of the trail. The requirement for more than 20% is to protect the fiscal agent from shortfalls prior to seeking reimbursement. When the engineering has been completed and the City of Blue Island has been reimbursed from the grant, the District will be reimbursed from the City of Blue Island for the additional advance of \$8,231.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$16,462.00. (after reimbursement of \$8,231.00). Contract Period: Twelve-four (24) months from execution. (091000-670045 Capital Improvement Fund Account and 598000-620040 and 608000-620040 Construction and Development Accounts)

District(s): 4, 5, & 6

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS
EASEMENT REQUEST**

ITEM #8 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE REAL ESTATE (COMM. 11REAL0007)

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to grant temporary and permanent easements totaling less than one (1) acre to the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") for road construction and improvements at the intersection of 95th Street and 104th Avenue in unincorporated Palos Township.

Reason: IDOT has indicated that the easements are necessary to increase safety and improve traffic flow through this intersection. IDOT is proposing to add new turn lanes on 95th Street and 104th Avenue, new traffic signals, drainage improvements, retaining walls, guardrails, pedestrian signage and pavement markings. The permanent easements total 0.693 acre and the five (5) year temporary easements total 0.012 acre. Drawings are included in the background materials which identify the location of these easements at the three corners where the Forest Preserve District owns property.

IDOT has agreed to payment of the estimated fair market value of the easement and payment for the loss of five (5) trees. District engineering staff has reviewed the proposed drainage plan and has determined there will be no additional adverse impact on the forest preserves, including Long John Slough located at the southeast corner of the intersection. The District's recommendation is subject to legal review of specific easement agreements prior to the Real Estate Committee meeting.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #8 cont'd

Granting of the requested easements will result in a benefit to the Forest Preserve District as a result of safety improvements for Forest Preserve users. There is currently a bicycle path crossing at the intersection. New striping and signage identifying a trail crossing at this newly signalized intersection will improve safety for multi-use trail users.

The District will also benefit from the vacation of an existing 66' right of way on Forest Preserve land at the northeast corner. IDOT and the Cook County Highway Department will release their interests in this right of way encumbering 0.768 acres of Forest Preserve land – roughly the same area as the proposed new easements. A letter from the Cook County Highway Department confirming this is included in the background materials.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Revenue generating. IDOT has tendered an offer of \$88,040.00 in consideration for issuance of the permanent and temporary easements. IDOT will also pay \$39,849.71 for tree mitigation.

District (s): 6

PROPOSED CONTRACT

ITEM #9 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District, to participate in a joint purchase with Cook County and enter into a contract with Sasafrasnet, LLC., Chicago, Illinois for the purchase of motor fuel to be used district wide.

Reason: The District respectfully requests to enter into a thirty-six (36) month contract with Sasafrasnet, LLC. Chicago, Illinois. This contract is a joint purchase with Cook County that provides a cost savings for the purchase of motor fuel to be used district wide. This was previously approved by the County Board, at the December 1, 2011 Board Meeting.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$4,708,095.00. Contract Period: Thirty-six (36) months from execution. (015100-640170 Gas & Oil, Auto and Equipment Fund Accounts).

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

PROPOSED CONTRACT ADDENDUM

ITEM #10 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to increase by \$20,000.00 Contract No. 08-41-247 with Sentinel Technologies, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, to continue to provide an on-site engineer for computer hardware maintenance.

Board approved amount 3-02-11	\$124,880.00
Increase requested:	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Adjusted amount:	\$144,880.00

Reason: Authorized by the District board on March 3, 2011 in cooperation with Cook County and Sentinel Technologies, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, the District requests an increase of \$20,000.00 this will allow fulfillment of the District's needs through the completion of the contract on 1-31-12.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$20,000.00. Contract Period: February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. (019900-620096-Contractual Services IT Fund Account).

PROPOSED CONTRACT RENEWAL

ITEM #11 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to renew Contract No. 11-54-100 with Legacy Professionals, LLP, Chicago, Illinois, to perform the FY2011 audit.

Reason: Legacy Professionals, LLP were authorized by the District Board on March 17, 2009 to perform audits for FY 2008, 2009 & 2010. The District solicited proposals through a Request for Proposal process. The District requests a one-year renewal to produce the 2011 audits, and will request proposals for 2012-14.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$78,000.00. Contract period: Twelve (12) months from execution. (012000-620020 Annual Reports, Audit Fund Account).

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

PROPOSED CONTRACT RENEWAL

ITEM #12 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to renew Contract No. 10-10-101 with Great Arc Technologies, Chicago, Illinois, to create an Android Application for the Forest Preserve District.

Reason: The Forest Preserve District is requesting to renew the contract for Great Arc Technologies (Contract 10-10-101 awarded June 2nd, 2010 Board Meeting) to create an Android Application for the Forest Preserve District. Great Arc Technologies successfully created the iPhone and Blackberry application for the Forest Preserve District. The total timeline from this project was from September 2010-January 2011. The Forest Preserve District received positive responses from users that have downloaded the application and admirable remarks on its success. To have the Android application created for the Forest Preserve District would be extremely beneficial for both internal and external use and in keeping up with the smartphone market as well.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$27,200.00. Contract period: Three (3) months from execution. (019900-680020 General Office Account).

REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM
GroundsKeeper Landscape Care Inc. Contract

ITEM #13 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners to approve as amended (Communication No. 11FINA012), which was previously approved at the September 8, 2011 Board Meeting in the Finance Committee Report of September 8, 2011. This change request reflects no change in the total fiscal impact authorized by the County Board; it is a request to correct the account number.

The stricken and underscored language indicates the amendment.

11FINA0124

Transmitting a Communication, dated August 19, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent,

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #13 cont'd

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with GroundsKeeper Landscape Care Inc., 104 Santa Cruz Lane, Orland Park, Illinois, for Job Number 11-31-105, the removal of thirteen-hundred and fifteen trees (1315) trees and six (6) trees to prune or top, due to Emerald Ash Borer in Region 4, Skokie Division.

Reason: Sealed bids received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening August 3, 2011 for the following project have been checked, analyzed and are listed herewith. Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") staff request approval to award a contract to GroundsKeeper Landscape Care Inc.

GroundsKeeper Landscape Care Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for Contract Number 11-31-105.

1. GroundsKeeper Landscape Care Inc.	\$159,216.00
2. Clean Cut Tree Service Inc.	\$208,150.00
3. Homer Tree Service Inc.	\$325,600.00

It is an Administrative Goal of the District to achieve 25% MBE and 5% WBE participation in all contracts. However, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder has not indicated direct MBE or WBE participation in the bid proposal. GroundsKeeper Landscape Care Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Board approval to solicit bids: April 7, 2011

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$ 159,216.00

Contract period: Sixty (60) days from issuance of purchase order.

Account Numbers: ~~111000-650070, 578000-670055~~ Capital Improvement Fund Account 091000-670055

REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM

Trees R Us, Inc., Contract

ITEM #14 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners to approve as amended (Communication No. 11FINA0149), which was previously approved at the October 5, 2011 Board Meeting in the Finance Committee Report of October 5, 2011. This change request reflects no change in the total fiscal impact authorized by the County Board; it is a request to correct the account number.

The stricken and underscored language indicates the amendment.

11FINA0149

Transmitting a Communication dated September 14, 2011 from

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #14 cont'd

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Trees R Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois for the removal of one-thousand, one-hundred and thirty five (1,135) trees not requiring stumping and pruning or topping of three (3) trees in Region 3, Des Plaines Division due to the impact from the Emerald Ash Borer.

Contract Number: 11-31-107.

Sealed bids received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on September 9, 2011. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County staff request approval to award a contract to Trees R Us, Inc. the lowest responsible bidder.

The bid results were as follows:

1. Trees R Us Inc.	\$99,225.60
2. Vega Tree Service Inc.	\$138,500.00
3. Homer Tree Service Inc.	\$217,000.00
4. Winkler's Tree & Landscaping Inc.	\$262,000.00
5. Clean Cut Tree Service Inc.	\$277,430.00

Trees R Us, Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

It is the goal of the District to achieve 25% MBE and 5% WBE vendor participation in all contracts. However, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder has not indicated direct MBE/WBE participation in the Bid Proposal.

Board Approval to solicit bids: April 7, 2011

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$99,225.60

Contract Period: Sixty (60) Days from issuance of Purchase Order.

Natural Disaster Account Numbers: ~~441000-650070~~ Capital Improvement Fund Account 091000-670055

Districts: 13, 14 & 17

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM
Vega Tree Service, Contract

ITEM #15 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners to approve as amended (Communication No. 11FINA0150), which was previously approved at the October 5, 2011 Board Meeting in the Finance Committee Report of October 5, 2011. This change request reflects no change in the total fiscal impact authorized by the County Board; it is a request to correct the account number.

The stricken and underscored language indicates the amendment.

11FINA0150

Transmitting a Communication, dated September 14, 2011 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Vega Tree Service, Stone Park, Illinois for the removal of seventeen-hundred and eighty-five (1785) trees not requiring stumping and ninety (90) trees to prune or top in Region 4, North Branch Division due to Emerald Ash Borer.

Contract Number: 11-31-108.

Reason: Sealed bids received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on September 28, 2011 for the following project have been checked analyzed and are listed herewith. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") staff request approval to award a contract to Vega Tree Service.

Vega Tree Service is the lowest responsible bidder for Contract No. 11-31-108.

1. Vega Tree Service	\$125,000.00
2. Winkler Tree Service	\$265,000.00
3. Clean Cut Tree	\$278,000.00
4. Homer Tree Service	\$313,235.80
5. Trees R Us	\$321,664.00
6. Landscape Concepts	\$499,772.70

It is an Administrative Goal of the District to achieve 25% MBE and 5% WBE participation in all contracts. However, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder has not indicated direct MBE or WBE participation in the bid proposal.

Vega Tree Service is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Board approval to solicit bids: April 7, 2011.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #15 cont'd

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$125,000.00.

Contract Number: 11-31-108

Contract period: Sixty (60) days from the issuance of purchase order.

Natural Disasters Account Number: ~~441000-650070~~ Capital Improvement Fund Account 091000-670055

Districts: 9, 10, 12 & 13

REPORT

ITEM #16 RECEIVED AND FILED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the benchmarking report performed by AMD Business Solutions, Inc., Homewood Illinois. The study was requested by this Honorable Body for the potential outsourcing of grass mowing and snow removal as well as swimming pool operations.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

ITEM #17 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting approval for the Chief Financial Officer to transfer funds totaling \$375,000.00 from Grant Account No. 108068-670061 to 071000-130021 Working Interfund Receivable Cash Fund account.

Reason: At the July 13, 2011 Board Meeting, Item #30, approval was granted to transfer funds totaling \$375,000.00 from the District's 2011 Working Interfund Receivable Cash Fund Account No. 071000-130021 to Grant Account No. 108068-670061 to pay for work completed for the reconstruction of the Sand Ridge Pioneer Cabins until reimbursement is received from the Grantor. This transfer was temporary and by law must be returned back to the 2011 Working Cash Fund by the end of 2011. As this is a multi-year grant project, subsequent transfers will be required.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the funding for Job 05-80-19.1.3E Sand Ridge Cabins and acknowledges that \$375,000.00 is available in Grant Account 108068-670061 to be transferred back to the Working Cash Fund.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

ITEM #18 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting approval for the Chief Financial Officer to transfer funds totaling \$304,440.00 from Grant Account No. 108098-670058 to 071000-130021 Working Interfund Receivable Cash Fund account.

Reason: At the May 4, 2011 Board Meeting, Item #18, approval was granted to transfer funds totaling \$304,440.00 from the District's 2011 Working Interfund Receivable Cash Fund Account No. 071000-130021 to Grant Account No. 108098-670058 to pay for work completed for the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail Completion until reimbursement is received from the Grantor. This transfer was temporary and by law must be returned back to the 2011 Working Cash Fund by the end of 2011. As this is a multi-year grant project, subsequent transfers will be required.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the funding for Job 06-80-003 Phase II Engineering for the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail Completion and acknowledges that \$304,440.00 is available in Grant Account 108098-670058 to be transferred back to the Working Interfund Receivable Cash Fund Account 071000-130021.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

ITEM #19 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication, dated December 15, 2011 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting approval for the Chief Financial Officer to transfer funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 from the Self Insurance Fund Balance Account to the Self-Insurance Account No. 111000-650100.

Reason: The transfer incurred in the funds is necessary due to the anticipated Litigation costs of the on-going Shakman Litigation and other litigation fees approved by the Board of Commissioners through December 2011.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$800,000.00.
