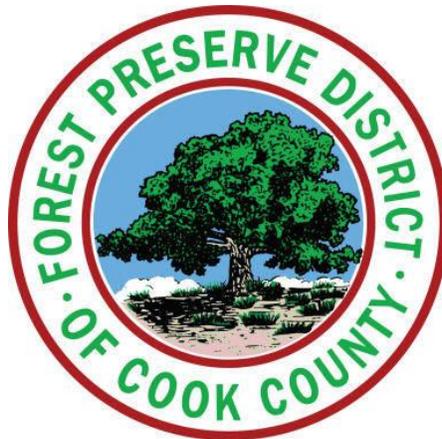


**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

**County Board Room, County Building**

**Board Meeting of  
Thursday, November 15, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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PETER N. SILVESTRI  
DEBORAH SIMS  
ROBERT B. STEELE  
LARRY SUFFREDIN  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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**Board Meeting of Thursday, November 15, 2012**

**10:00 A.M.**

**County Board Room, County Building**

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**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 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 Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (16)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Beavers (1)

**INVOCATION**

Rev. Nicholas Pearce, Associate Minister of the Apostolic Church of God in Chicago, IL gave the invocation.

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

President Preckwinkle moved that the meeting do now recess for the purpose of holding the Finance Committee meeting.

**BOARD RECONVENED**

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

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**COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that the Report of the Committee on Rules be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT RULES COMMITTEE**

**November 15, 2012**

The Honorable,  
The Forest Preserve District of Cook County  
Board of Commissioners

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice-Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele, (7)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer (2)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Rules of the Forest Preserve District of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, November 15, 2012 at the hour of 9:45 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following items and upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

12RULE0011 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Meeting held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.  
**\*Referred to the committee on Rules on 10-03-12**

**Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Approve Communication No. 12RULE0011. The motion carried.**

12RULE0012 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, October 18, 2012 and recessed and reconvened on Wednesday, October 24, 2012.  
**\*Referred to the committee Rules on 10-18-12**

**Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Approve Communication No. 12RULE0012. The motion carried.**

**Vice Chairman Gorman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Steele. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 12RULE0011	Approved
Communication Number 12RULE0012	Approved

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Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Report of the Committee on Finance be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

The Honorable,  
The Forest Preserve District  
Board of Commissioners of Cook County

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: President Preckwinkle and Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Beavers and Fritchey (2)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**SECTION 1**

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Your Committee has considered the following disbursements submitted by the Administration of the Forest Preserve for payments.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Forest Preserve District Comptroller and Forest Preserve District Treasurer be, and by the adoption of this report, authorized and directed to issue checks to said vendors in the amounts recommended.

- 12FINA0190 **FORTY 7 CONSTRUCTION**, Orland Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$272,890.15 for Contract Number: 12-80-05. Total Contract Awarded: \$395,396.00. Capital Improvement Account Number: 091000-670061. Purchase Order Number: 039432. Original Board Approval Date: July 11, 2012. Description: Resurfacing Parking Lots at Eggers Grove and Calumet Woods  
Districts: 4 & 5
- 12FINA0191 **PAN-OCEANIC ENGINEERING**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$181,275.44 for Contract Number: 10-80-79D. Total Contract Awarded: \$243,875.33. Capital Improvement Account Number: 090200-670045. Purchase Order Number: 038981. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011. Description: George Dunne Bicycle Trail Improvements  
District: 17
- 12FINA0192 **MATTHEW PAVING**, Oak Lawn, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$169,583.50 for Contract Number: 12-80-23D. Total Contract Awarded: \$387,735.82. Capital Improvement Account Number: 091000-670045. Purchase Order Number: 039376. Original Board Approval Date: July 11, 2012. Description: Sand Ridge Nature Center Infrastructure Improvements  
District: 4
- 12FINA0193 **PATH CONSTRUCTION**, Arlington Heights, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$65,448.00 for Contract Number: 10-80-62C. Total Contract Awarded: \$737,360.00. Capital Improvement Account Number: 090200-670061. Purchase Order Number: 038984. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011. Description: Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion Renovation  
District: 3
- 12FINA0194 **STUDIO OUTSIDE**, Dallas, Texas, with sub-contractors in Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$58,068.94 for Contract Number: 11-80-47. Total Contract Awarded: \$300,000.00. Capital Improvement Account Number: 090200-670061. Purchase Order Number: 039013. Original Board Approval Date: October 5, 2011. Description: Professional Services-Camping Facilities and Program Master Plan  
District: Districtwide
- 12FINA1095 **EDON CONSTRUCTION**, Alsip, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$64,338.56 (**FINAL PAYMENT**) for Contract Number: 05-19.1.3E. Total Contract Awarded: \$419,054.00. Grant Account Number: 108068-670061. Construction and Development Account Number: 588000-670061 Purchase Order Number: 038653 & 039556. Original Board Approval Date: July 13, 2011. Description: Sand Ridge Cabin Repairs  
District: 4

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12FINA0196 **BUILDERS CHICAGO CORP.**, Huntley, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$75,471.30 for Contract Number: 12-80-29. Total Contract Awarded: \$115,477.00. Construction & Development Account Number: 588000-670061. Purchase Order Number: 039370. Original Board Approval Date: July 11, 2012. Description: Overhead Garage Doors Replacement and Repairs – North  
Districts: 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17

**COMMISSIONER DALEY VOTED PRESENT ON THE ABOVE ITEM.**

12FINA0197 **BUILDERS CHICAGO CORP.**, Huntley, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$60,890.41 for Contract Number: 12-80-30. Total Contract Awarded: \$102,081.00. Construction & Development Account Number: 588000-670061. Purchase Order Number: 039375. Original Board Approval Date: July 11, 2012. Description: Overhead Garage Doors Replacement and Repairs – South  
Districts: 6, 11 & 17

**COMMISSIONER DALEY VOTED PRESENT ON THE ABOVE ITEM.**

12FINA0198 **KNIGHT E/A**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$25,721.44 for Contract Number: 11-80-27. Total Combined Contract Awarded: \$93,753.06. Construction & Development Account Number: 598000-620040. Purchase Order Number: 038654. Original Board Approval Date: May 4, 2011. Description: Engineering Services for Thorn Creek and Burnham Prairie Parking Lots  
Districts: 4 & 5

12FINA0199 **SCHROEDER ASPHALT SERVICES**, Huntley, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$64,112.50 (**FINAL PAYMENT**) for Contract Number: 12-80-07. Total Combined Contract Awarded: \$82,028.00. Construction & Development Account Number: 528000-670057. Purchase Order Number: 039330. Original Board Approval Date: June 2, 2012. Description: Resurfacing Parking Lots at Fullerton Woods and Catherine Chevalier  
District 9

12FINA0200 **RELIABLE AND ASSOCIATES CONSTRUCTION**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$56,104.06 for Contract Number: 10-80-62B. Total Contract Awarded: \$1,074,908.29. Additional funds approved \$150,022.22. Construction & Development Account Number: 588000-670061. Purchase Order Number: 039503. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011. Extended Board Approval Date: September 11, 2012. Description: Thatcher Woods Pavilion Renovation  
District: 9

12FINA0201 **HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$49,950.00 for Contract Number: N/A. Total Contract Awarded: \$100,000.00. Computer Equipment & Software Account Number: 090200-660021. Purchase Order Number: 039470. Original Board Approval Date: July 11, 2012. Description: Licenses, Installation, Data Conversion, Implementation Assistance and Training for MSI Financial Software.  
Districts: Districtwide

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- 12FINA0202 **ENCAP, INC**, Sycamore, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$149,163.28 for Contract Number: 11-31-111C. Total Combined Contract Awarded: \$2,100,000.00. Capital Improvement, Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039037. Original Board Approval Date: January 19, 2012. Description: Prescribed Burning & Vegetation Management – Central Districts: 4, 6 & 17
- 12FINA0203 **ENCAP, INC**, Sycamore, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$26,839.19 for Contract Number: 11-31-112S. Total Combined Contract Awarded: \$2,100,000.00. Capital Improvement, Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039030. Original Board Approval Date: January 19, 2012. Description: Prescribed Burning & Vegetation Management – South Districts: 4, 6 & 17
- 12FINA0204 **PIZZO AND ASSOCIATES**, Leland, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$74,114.42 for Contract Number: 11-31-110N. Total Combined Contract Awarded: \$2,100,000.00. Capital Improvement, Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039017. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011. Description: Habitat Enhancement & Maintenance – North Districts: 14, 15 & 17
- 12FINA0205 **USDA APHIS**, Springfield, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$124,116.25 for Contract Number: N/A. Total Contract Awarded: \$1,489,395.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 091000-670055. Purchase Order Number: 038905. Original Board Approval Date: November 2, 2011. Description: Intergraded Wildlife Services Districts: Districtwide
- 12FINA0206 **FRIENDS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE**, Skokie, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$92,566.00 for Contract Number: N/A Total Contract Awarded: \$300,000.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039278. Original Board Approval Date: May 2, 2012. Description: Hands-On Ecological Restoration Activities at 4 Sites. Districts: Districtwide
- 12FINA0207 **TALLGRASS RESTORATION**, Schaumburg, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$27,151.69 for Contract Number: 12-31-102. Total Contract Awarded: \$500,000.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039235. Original Board Approval Date: April 4, 2012. Description: Districtwide Shoreline Enhancement and Maintenance. Districts: Districtwide

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12FINA0208 **WINKLER'S TREE SERVICE**, La Grange Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$60,760.00 for Contract Number: 12-31-103. Total Contract Awarded: \$93,760.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039291. Original Board Approval Date: June 2, 2012. Description: Tree Removal Due to Emerald Ash Borer  
Districts: 16 & 17

**COMMISSIONERS SILVESTRI AND TOBOLSKI VOTED PRESENT ON THE ABOVE ITEM.**

12FINA0209 **VEGA TREE SERVICE**, Stone Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$27,600.00 for Contract Number: 12-31-104. Total Contract Awarded: \$51,600.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039290. Original Board Approval Date: June 2, 2012. Description: Tree Removal Due to Emerald Ash Borer  
District 6

**COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI VOTED PRESENT ON THE ABOVE ITEM.**

12FINA0210 **GROUNDSKEEPER LANDSCAPE**, Orland Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$31,805.00 for Contract Number: 12-31-107. Total Contract Awarded: \$105,805.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039374. Original Board Approval Date: July 11, 2012. Description: Tree Removal Due to Emerald Ash Borer  
Districts: 4, 5 & 6

12FINA0211 **MAX MCGRAW WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**, Dundee, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$31,464.86. Total Contract Awarded: \$60,000.00. Wildlife Diseases Account Number: 013100-630336. Purchase Order Number: 039287. Original Board Approval Date: May 2, 2012. Description: Wildlife Disease Surveillance  
Districts: Districtwide

12FINA0212 **GAITHERSBURG EQUIPMENT COMPANY**, Gaithersburg, Maryland, submitting invoice totaling \$188,740.00 for Contract Number: GS30F-0010K. Total Contract Awarded: \$188,740.00. Capital Improvement, Vehicles and Trucks Account Number: 090200-660051. Purchase Order Number: 039009. Original Board Approval Date: November 2, 2011. Description: Two (2) New Holland Tractors with Attachments  
Districts: Districtwide

12FINA0213 **SASAFRASNET, LLC**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$160,407.62 for Contract Number: 11-53-063R. Total Contract Awarded: \$4,708,095.00. Corporate Gasoline and Oil Account Number: 015100-640170. Purchase Order Number: 039124 & 039573. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011. Description: Motor Fuel for Vehicles and Trucks  
Districts: Districtwide

12FINA0214 **COOK COUNTY COMPTROLLER**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$321,498.78 for Contract Number: (IGA). Total Contract Awarded: \$500,000.00. Sheriff's Work Alternative Program ("SWAP") Account Number: 019900-680026. Purchase Order Number: 039549. Original Board Approval Date: May 2, 2012. Description: Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Cook and Forest Preserve District of Cook County for Reimbursement for SWAP Deputies. Districts: Districtwide

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TOBOLSKI, MOVED APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SECTION 2**

Your Committee has considered the following communications with reference to the proposed settlements.

Your Committee, concurring in the recommendations of the District Counsel, recommends that the Forest Preserve District Comptroller and Forest Preserve District Treasurer prepare checks in the amounts recommended by the District Counsel in order that the payments may be set in accordance with the request of the upon proper release from the District Counsel.

12FINA0215

Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the Forest Preserve District.....October 3, 2012

<b>Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2012 To Present:</b>	<b>\$493,325.19</b>
<b>Proposed Settlements To Be Approved:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2012 To Present:</b>	<b>\$1,071,877.60</b>
<b>Legal Fees for 10/03/12 To Be Approved:</b>	<b>\$246,923.60</b>

**\*For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for October 3, 2012.**

**COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, MOVED APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SECTION 3**

Your Committee has considered the bids submitted on the items hereinafter described in accordance with the specifications on file in the Office of the Forest Preserve District Purchasing Agent. Communications from the Forest Preserve District Purchasing Agent submitting recommendations on the award of contracts for said item, be and by the adoption of this Report, awarded as follows. Any money if

deposited will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders at once and to the successful bidder upon the signing of the contract.

12FINA0216

**REJECT AND REBID  
RESURFACING VARIOUS BIKE TRAILS**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 15, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to reject all bids and to re-bid resurfacing various bike trails located at Paul Douglas, Poplar Creek, Old Stover Rd. & Busse Woods preserves (Contract Number 12-80-09).

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on August 15, 2012. The District wishes to rebid this job with improved and revised specifications and General Conditions.

Districts: 14 & 15

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI,  
MOVED APPROVAL OF REJECTED AND REBID RESURFACING VARIOUS  
BIKE TRAILS (12FINA0216). THE MOTION CARRIED.**

12FINA0217

**REJECT & REBID  
CONCRETE PATHS AT PERKINS WOODS**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 15, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to reject all bids and to rebid resurfacing of paths at Perkins Woods.

Contract number 12-80-38-Revised consists of removal of existing damaged asphalt paths and construction of new Portland cement concrete paths. Work includes Portland cement concrete paving, culvert removal and replacement, and other related incidental work necessary to complete this improvement according to Plans, Standard Specifications and Detail Specifications.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on August 15, 2012. The District intends to rebid the work with improved and revised specifications and general conditions.

District: 13

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, MOVED APPROVAL OF REJECTED AND REBID CONCRETE PATHS AT PERKINS WOODS (12FINA0217). THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SECTION 4**

12FINA0218

Your Committee was presented with the Revenue Report for the period ended ~~November~~ September 30, 2012 for the Corporate Fund, as presented by the Finance and Administration Department.

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, MOVED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REVENUE REPORT AS AMENDED ON ITS' FACE. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Announcement be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT  
PRESENTATION BY FRIENDS OF THE CHICAGO RIVER**

Transmitting a Communication dated, November 15, 2012

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Friends of the Chicago River is launching the Gully Walkers Program, a volunteer based gully monitoring initiative along the Chicago River and in the Forest Preserves. Gullies are formed when stormwater runoff flows through the landscape in an unnatural fashion; the water that flows through the gullies gathers pollution as it heads to the Chicago River. Identifying these gullies, addressing their source, and restoring the landscape will enhance the natural capacity of the forest preserve holdings as well as the Chicago River. Friends of the Chicago River will recruit and train interested individuals to assist in volunteer based monitoring, including collecting and analyzing the project data, to help restore and protect the natural landscape and improve the health of the Chicago River watershed. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is delighted to support this program that offers a unique, hands-on learning experience for people interested in citizen science and to increasing efforts to protect our unique natural resources. We are pleased to have with us today Margaret Frisbie, Executive Director of Friends of the Chicago River, to tell us more about this new initiative.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Miscellaneous of Business be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS  
REQUEST TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO OPENLANDS  
FOR PRODUCTION OF A NEXT CENTURY CONSERVATION POLICY PLAN**

Transmitting a Communication dated, November 15, 2012

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to provide a twenty (20) percent match to funds awarded to Openlands and Metropolis Strategies for production of a Next Century Conservation Plan for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (The "Forest Preserve"). These two experienced and well-regarded nonprofits will raise funds in support of this work, which will take place from December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013. This work will be a critical element of our Centennial Engagement effort.

The Project cost is estimated to be \$438,500.00 and the Forest Preserve is being asked to match twenty (20) percent of the money raised up to a maximum of \$87,700.00. The Chicago Community Trust has already agreed to provide \$306,500.00 towards the effort. Fundraising will continue through early 2013, and the Forest Preserve will match only those funds awarded.

Description of the Plan: The Forest Preserve founders, visionary as they were, never could have anticipated today's issues: climate change, sprawling urban growth, public health epidemics of obesity and asthma, water quality and scarcity, new science for restoration ecology, and massive demographic change. Openlands, Metropolis Strategies and the Forest Preserve will address what these new conditions mean for maintaining, restoring and expanding the Forest Preserve System within the Next Century Conservation Plan.

One hundred years ago, the Forest Preserve became a model for keeping land in the public trust. Conservation visionaries developed this first-ever forest preserve in the nation, and today the Forest Preserve, with more than 68,000 acres, is the largest forest preserve district in the United States. It receives an estimated 40 million visits a year, providing a critical connection between this bustling metropolitan region's residents and its rich natural heritage.

A century later, the Chicago region is at a critical juncture for re-examining the Forest Preserve's conservation vision and renewing its commitment to a next generation of land protection. Openlands and Metropolis Strategies propose to produce a draft of a **Next Century Conservation Plan**, prepared with Forest Preserve staff. This plan will reframe the value of open space conservation in the Chicago region for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, establishing principles and an intellectual framework to guide the management, design, expansion and programming of a major urban conservation district in the next century.

The Plan will be based on new information and best practices from conservation districts and forest preserves across the nation, and will cover numerous areas of concern, including:

- **Land use:** What is the methodology for determining the right balance of uses including habitat restoration and stewardship; recreation; and agriculture?

- **Sustainability and ecosystem services:** What role does the Forest Preserve play in supplying ecosystem services for the region such as carbon sequestration and flood control? What are the best practices for planning and management that adapts to climate change?
- **Economic growth:** What is the role of public open space in creating an economically sustainable region that attracts human capital? What are the opportunities for eco-tourism?
- **Public awareness and education:** What is the “brand” of the Forest Preserve, and what messages appeal to key constituencies? How does the Forest Preserve educate and involve the next generation? What partnerships with schools, museums, community organizations and others will enhance public understanding, use and value?
- **Financial sustainability:** How does the region value public land? What are best practices, principles and guidelines for funding acquisition, ongoing restoration, maintenance and improvement?

The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditure.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$87,700.00. Funding Period: December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013. (019900-620090 Other Professional Services).

Districtwide

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Commissioner Daley, moved to enter into the record a letter dated 11-15-12 from Mark Thomas, Chief Financial Officer, Forest Preserve District

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Commissioner Goslin seconded by Commissioner Sims, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.** Commissioners Tobolski voted present.

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
FOR AUDITING SERVICES  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012, 2013 AND 2014**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 15, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a professional services contract with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Chicago, Illinois and Oak Brook, Illinois (“Baker”), Contract Number 12-20-130, to audit and report on the primary government financial statements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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Reason: Based on a Request for Proposals that was issued by the District to which the District received four (4) responses, Baker was selected. Proposals were evaluated based upon pricing, experience and knowledge, and MBE/WBE goal participation.

Baker is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

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

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$177,900.00. Contract Period: November 15, 2012 through November 14, 2015. (012000-620020 Annual Reports Audit).

District(s): Districtwide

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Commissioner Goslin seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
FOR DELIVERY OF ELECTRICITY DISTRICTWIDE**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 15, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to be added as an additional party to Cook County Contract Number 11-87-004 with Integrys Energy Systems, De Pere, Wisconsin (“Integrys”) for the purchase and delivery of electricity to District facilities.

Reason: request for Proposals were issued by Cook County to which the County received six responses. Proposals were evaluated based upon pricing (commodity cost and fixed added costs), financial stability and credit rating, experience and knowledge and MBE/WBE participation. The term of the existing contract is from December 2011 thru December 2013 with two (2) one-year option renewals. Participating in Cook County’s contract for electricity will allow the District to aggregate electric usage and obtain an approximate cost savings for Fiscal Year 2013 of \$126,000.00 or 36%.

Integrys Energy Systems, De Pere, Wisconsin is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

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

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$200,000.00. Contract Period: December 2012 through December 2014. (015100-640100 Electricity and Natural Gas).

Districtwide

Commissioner Goslin seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
FOR TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICES**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 15, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a one-year contract with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. Chicago, Illinois for the provision of an on-site engineer and troubleshooting services for the District.

Reason: This will allow the district to maintain on going services Districtwide by purchasing off an existing contract with the County. The terms, conditions and termination date of the agreement will be identical to the Cook County Contract 09-41-276 approved at the September 10, 2012 Cook County Board meeting.

Sentinel Technologies, Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

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

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$135,000.00. Contract extension: September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. {019900-620096 Contractual Services (IT)}.

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Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Special Events Calendar be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
NOVEMBER 2012**

**ITEM #7**

**November 16  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Teens Outside 2012: The Future of Regional  
Conservation  
Chicago Brookfield Zoo**

Hosted by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County with support from the Chicago Zoological Society, the Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago Wilderness and

**Friday, November 16  
7:00 p.m.**

**Evening Owl Prowl  
River Trail Nature Center**

Take a hike outside to try and call in some local owls. Afterward, warm up inside with snacks and see some of

our resident owls up close. Preregistration required. Fee applies. Chicago Public Schools; this event has Juan Martinez, head of Natural Leaders Network of the Children & Nature Network, kicking-off a Teen Congress, providing an opportunity for local, environmentally active high school students to get inspired, connect with others and share their outdoor experiences. Youth will also be the first to hear about a new initiative of FPDCC partner groups to develop the Teens Outside Leadership Team. This group of young people will be asked to meet several times throughout the year and work with staff at the partner agencies to develop ideas and programs that will attract more young people to outdoor and environmental activism and activities.

**Saturday, November 17**  
**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Turkeys and Their Fowl Friends**  
**Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center**

Turkeys are often overlooked feathered beauty. Learn more about Ben Franklin's preferred bird and other fowl foods the Pilgrims may have enjoyed.

**November 17 & 18**  
**10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Tree Trim**  
**Chicago Brookfield Zoo**

Community and Corporate groups are invited to sponsor a tree, make ornaments, and spend the day at the zoo decorating your tree! Tree sponsoring packages include zoo and parking passes and more.

**November 18**  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Sand Ridge Nature Center**  
**Settler's Day**  
**15821 Paxton Avenue, South Holland**

Celebrate our heritage with living history demonstrators from the French fur trade, pioneer, and Revolutionary and Civil War periods. Activities include an imaginary wagon train, history hikes, pioneer games and crafts. Donations of non-perishable food to local food pantries will be gratefully accepted.

**November 22**  
**Noon**

**Thanksgiving Day Feast for the Animals**  
**Chicago Brookfield Zoo**

The annual Thanksgiving Day feast for the animals begins at noon and features guests helping dish out tasty nutritious treats to the goats, cows, llamas and horses. After helping out, guests can watch as zookeepers feed some of the not-so-tame animals like the hawks, owls, and raccoons.

**Sundays in November**  
**1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.**

**Canyon Tour**  
**Sagawau Environmental Learning Center**  
Learn how the only limestone canyon in northeastern Illinois was formed and how life survives in this dynamic habitat. Be prepared to wade through a creek.

**November 23 thru January 6**  
**10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Wonderland Express**  
**Chicago Botanic Garden**  
Returning for its seventh season this popular holiday attraction featuring model trains as they travel through replicas of famous landmarks of Chicago made of natural materials is a delight for guests of all ages. Inside the Regenstein Center, watch miniature trains wind through village of Chicago landmarks created from natural materials. Visit an English country train platform and view a video on the creation of Wonderland Express. Tour decorated trees and take in a gingerbread village display. Walk by 750,000 lights trimming trees from the entrance to the Regenstein Center. Fees Apply

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Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, moved to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.