

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

County Board Room, County Building

**Board Meeting of
Thursday, January 19, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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

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10:00 A.M.

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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 Beavers, Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, and Tobolski (15)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

ABSENT: Commissioners Reyes, and Suffredin (2)

INVOCATION

Rabbi Michael Balinsky is the Executive Vice President of the Chicago Board of Rabbis gave the invocation.

President Preckwinkle moved that the meeting do now recess for the purpose of holding the various committee meetings.

BOARD RECONVENED

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

QUORUM

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

PRESIDENT

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved that Proposed Resolution be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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12-R-01

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

Congratulating The Emmy Award Winning Makers Of The Film Entitled “Operation Rhino” And Thanking Those Involved In Supporting The Residents Of Misericordia/Heart Of Mercy

WHEREAS, a recent film created by the Chicago Zoological Society has won an Emmy Award; and

WHEREAS, “Operation Rhino“ captures the journey of a Brookfield Zoo rhino as it finds a new home at Misericordia/Heart of Mercy; Misericordia/Heart of Mercy opened in 1921 as a maternity hospital for women of meager means, both married and unwed, at 2916 West 47th Street in Chicago; today, located on Chicago’s North Side, Misericordia/Heart of Mercy supports more than 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities—some of whom also have physical challenges and medical issues—from diverse religious, racial, and socio-economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, as part of “Operation Rhino,” Brookfield Zoo’s veterinary experts and rhino keepers orchestrated the special transport and met with Misericordia/Heart of Mercy residents to discuss rhino care and the conservation efforts underway to save these magnificent pachyderms, with Misericordia residents learning that Brookfield Zoo was the first zoo in the United States to successfully breed the critically endangered black rhino; and

WHEREAS, when Brookfield Zoo’s rhino came out of its special transport crate at Misericordia/Heart of Mercy, it was unveiled that the rhino was not real, but rather a ceramic rhino that had been in storage at the zoo’s Pachyderm House, and that the rhino would now be used at Misericordia’s Expressive Arts Studio. The expressive arts are an impactful and effective way that men and women with developmental disabilities can communicate and express their feelings; and

WHEREAS, Misericordia/Heart of Mercy’s residents then painted a beautiful mural of the Serengeti on the rhino and it was featured at Misericordia/Heart of Mercy’s *Artist in All* event where it helped raise funding for Misericordia/Heart of Mercy. Just a few weeks later, Misericordia’s resident artists traveled to Brookfield Zoo where they met a real live black rhino, feeding it fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the Chicago Zoological Society believe that the conservation movement must be inclusive of and inspire people from all income levels, communities and abilities.

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, do hereby commend the creators of the film, “Operation Rhino,” for highlighting how expressive arts can enrich the lives of men and women with developmental disabilities, for drawing attention to the need for greater rhino conservation efforts, and for reminding us all of the great work that organizations like Misericordia/Heart of Mercy are doing to support and advocate for those with developmental disabilities.

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that Proposed Resolution be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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12-R-02

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

WHEREAS, each year, Friends of the Parks recognizes individuals and groups who have, in its judgment, most improved their local park or forest preserve; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cassie Hatzfeld has been recognized by Friends of the Parks as the “2011 Outstanding Forest Preserve District Employee;” and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hatzfeld is a Naturalist I in the Department of Resource Management; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hatzfeld has demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership by developing and coordinating a County-Wide Teen Service-Learning Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hatzfeld is an invaluable member of the Education Section and has been instrumental during the standup of the new Youth Education Outreach Team; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, Ms. Hatzfeld has coordinated over 300 workdays across numerous sites throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Teen Service-Learning Program has allowed over 9,000 students to learn about the local environment while committing over 26,000 hours to the care and stewardship of the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, by building relationships with teens and teachers throughout the County, Ms. Hatzfeld has been able to connect new and diverse groups with the natural world.

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, do hereby congratulate Ms. Cassie Hatzfeld on being recognized by the Friends of the Parks as the “2011 Outstanding Forest Preserve District Employee,” and do commend her diligent and successful efforts to energize and engage a whole new generation of Cook County citizens in the stewardship of our precious natural resources.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that Proposed Ordinance Amendment be referred to the Committee on Environmental Control (Comm. No. 12ENVI0001). **The motion carried unanimously.**

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN and PETER N. SILVESTRI, 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

Forest Preserve District of Cook County Lighting Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title I, Chapter 16, Section 1-16-4 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

Section 1-16-4. – Forest Preserve District of Cook County Lighting Ordinance

- A. *Title.* This division shall be known and may be cited as the “Forest Preserve District of Cook County Lighting Ordinance.”

B. Purpose. The purpose of the Forest Preserve District Cook County Lighting Ordinance is to achieve effective and efficient lighting, while:

1. preserving the safety, security and well-being of Cook County residents and visitors;
2. protecting natural flora and fauna;
3. conserving energy and other resources; and
4. allowing visual access to starry night skies.

Accordingly, it is the intent of this Ordinance to have Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments use lighting systems that minimize light pollution, light trespass and conserve energy while maintaining nighttime safety, utility, security and productivity.

C. Public and Private Partners. Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments shall strive to plan, design, operate and maintain their lighting systems, with public and private partners, in a manner that meets the guidelines and objectives outlined in this ordinance.

D. Applicability. The requirements of this Code shall apply to all new and replacement lighting on roadways, developments, properties, buildings or structures under the jurisdiction of Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments. Each Forest Preserve District of Cook County Department will create, enact and implement policies and procedures to meet the purposes of this ordinance in accordance with the guidelines set forth herein.

E. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction or administrative agency, the invalidity of that provision or application shall not affect, impair or invalidate any remaining section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance or its application.

F. Conformance with Applicable Codes. All outdoor electric illuminating devices shall be installed in conformance with the provisions of the Cook County Code, the Cook County Zoning Regulations, the Illinois Compiled Statutes or any Federal Statute. Where any provision of any of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, or any Federal Statute, or any related County regulation conflicts with the requirements of this ordinance, the most restrictive shall govern.

G. Guidelines. In furtherance of this ordinance, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments will work to ensure that:

1. All lighting fixtures and lamps shall be located, installed, directed, shielded and maintained to avoid light trespass and to eliminate direct light and/or glare on neighboring properties. To the best extent practicable, light emitted from outdoor lighting on Forest Preserve District property shall not cause the light level along any property line, as measured at a height of 60 inches above grade in a plane at any angle of inclination to exceed the maximum light level of 0.1 footcandles. For purposes of this section, "footcandle" is defined as "a unit of luminous flux."
2. Lights that minimize the amount of electricity consumed (such as Low Pressure Sodium, High Pressure Sodium, Mercury Vapor or Light Emitting Diode) are to be installed, to the best extent practicable.

3. Lighting directed upwards is to be eliminated, to the best extent practicable. When lighting flags, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Departments will strive to install lighting that is directed downwards, to the best extent practicable.
 4. All non-essential lighting is encouraged to be turned off after business hours and/or when not in use.
 5. Where practical, outdoor lighting installations are to include timers, dimmers, sensors, or photocell controllers that turn the lights off during daylight hours to reduce overall energy consumption and eliminate unnecessary lighting. Sensor activated fixtures should not be triggered by activity off the subject property.
 6. When selecting new outdoor lighting, the full cost of operation over the life of the fixture(s) should be considered. Substantial annual energy savings may be realized by using quality efficient fixtures. To the best extent practicable, all lamps installed must exceed 72 lumens per watt.
 7. Indiscriminate and excessive lighting should be avoided. Light should be directed only to where it is needed with appropriate intensity.
 8. On properties which are adjacent to or contain sensitive biological resources, any exterior lighting shall be limited to low-level lights and shields to minimize the amount of light entering any identified sensitive biological resource areas, to the best extent practicable.
- H. *Exceptions.*** This ordinance shall not apply if the Forest Preserve District of County Administrative Department finds that one or more of the following conditions apply:
1. The lighting is required by State, County or Federal law.
 2. The lighting is in use for a temporary purpose, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Special Events
 - b. Seasonal Decorations
 - c. Maintenance or repair operations
 - d. Other emergency lighting
 3. The lighting is in use for construction activities intended to keep a roadway in serviceable condition. Lighting used for construction must only be erected during the period of construction and must be removed upon completion of construction activities.
 4. The lighting is in use for the control of aircraft.
 5. The lighting is located within a fountain, underwater or to illuminate the American Flag.

COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE OF THE FOREST PRESERVE
DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 19, 2012

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Murphy, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Beavers, Daley, Fritchey, Garcia, Goslin, Schneider, Sims and Tobolski (10)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Collins, Gainer, Reyes, Silvestri, Steele and Suffredin (7)

Also

Present: Chris Flattery – Director, Planning & Development, Forest Preserve District of Cook County;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Real Estate of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the hour of 9:30 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following item and upon adoption of this report, the recommendation is as follows:

11REAL0007 ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent, transmitting a communication dated December 15, 2011, 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.

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: 17

***Referred to the Real Estate Committee on 12/15/11 (item #8)**

Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Sims, moved to Approve Communication No. 11REAL0007 as amended. The motion carried.

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

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

Communication Number 11REAL0007

Approved As Amended

Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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

January 19, 2012

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider, Silvestri, and Sims (5)

Absent: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Steele (4)

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 Thursday, January 19, 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 item and upon adoption of this report, the recommendation is as follows:

11RULE0013 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of the Proceedings of the meeting held on Thursday, December 15, 2011

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Sims, moved to Approve Communication No. 11RULE0013. The motion carried.

11RULE0014 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, December 15, 2011

Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Daley, moved to Approve Communication No. 11RULE0014. The motion carried.

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

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

Communication Number 11RULE0013 Approved

Communication Number 11RULE0014 Approved

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, 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

JANUARY 19, 2012

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Commissioners Reyes and Suffredin (2)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

SECTION 1

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.

12FINA0001 **PATNICK CONSTRUCTION**, Bensenville, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$42,569.00 for Contract Number: 10-80-70. Total Contract Awarded: \$104,780.00. Construction & Development Account Number: 608000-670255. Purchase Order Number: 038488. Original Board Approval Date: May 4, 2011. Description: New Sewer and Water Lines to Comfort Station at Green Lake Pool
District: 4

12FINA0002 **J & R 1st IN ASPHALT, INC.**, Hickory Hills, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$31,923.90 for Contract Number: 10-80-79F. Total Contract Awarded: \$400,318.36. Construction & Development Account Number: 598000-670058. Purchase Order Number: 038665. Original Board Approval Date: July 13, 2011. Description: Dan Ryan Woods Bicycle Trail Improvements
District: 3

12FINA0003 **J & R 1st IN ASPHALT, INC.**, Hickory Hills, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$27,401.90 for Contract Number: 10-80-79H. Total Contract Awarded: \$99,387.22. Construction & Development Account Number: 588000-670058 & 598000-670058. Purchase Order Number: 038666 & 038667. Original Board Approval Date: July 13, 2011. Description: 40 Acre Woods – 119th Street Underpass Trail
District: 17

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- 12FINA0004 **ARROW ROAD CONSTRUCTION**, Mount Prospect, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$358,352.11 for Contract Number: 10-80-04. Total Contract Awarded: \$379,745.00. Construction & Development Account Number: 598000-670057 & 608000-670057. Purchase Order Number: 038642 & 038644. Original Board Approval Date: July 13, 2011. Description: Resurfacing Parking Lots at Busse Woods 26 & 27, Belleau Lake Patching & Catch Basin, Pipe Replacement at Busse Reservoir and Asphalt Walkway at Busse Woods Flying Field
District: 17
- 12FINA0005 **CONSERVATION DESIGN FORUM**, Elmhurst, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$35,829.81 for Contract Number: 11-80-14. Total Contract Awarded: \$160,430.00. Capital Improvement Account Number: 091000-670061. Grant Account Number 108062-620040. Purchase Order Number: 038900 & 038901. Original Board Approval Date: October 5, 2011. Description: Professional Services – Master Plan for Oak Forest Preserve
District: 6
- 12FINA0006 **URS CORPORATION**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$46,778.75 for Contract Number: 11-80-46. Total Contract Awarded: \$192,500.00. Land Acquisition Account Number: 066000-680010. Purchase Order Number: 038974. Original Board Approval Date: July 13, 2011. Description: Review & Update of 1994 Land Acquisition Plan
District: District Wide
- 12FINA0007 **MAX MCGRAW WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**, Dundee, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$26,725.00. Total Contract Awarded: \$60,000.00. General Consulting Services Account Number: 013100-630336. Purchase Order Number: 038848. Original Board Approval Date: September 8, 2011. Description: Wildlife Disease Surveillance
District: District Wide
- 12FINA0008 **JF NEW & ASSOCIATES**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$30,690.82 for Contract Number: 08-31-43. Total Contract Awarded: \$225,000.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 091000-670055. Purchase Order Number: 038438. Original Board Approval Date: September 4, 2008. Board Approval Date for Optional Renewals: May 4, 2011. Description: Comprehensive Vegetation Management – South Region
District: 17
- 12FINA0009 **TALLGRASS RESTORATION**, Schaumburg, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$57,836.32 for Contract Number: 09-80-14. Total Contract Awarded: \$400,000.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 093110-670055. Purchase Order Number: 038358. Original Board Approval Date: September 4, 2008. Board Approval Date for Optional Renewals: March 2, 2011. Description: Prescribed Burning – North Region
Districts: 13, 14 & 15
- 12FINA0010 **TALLGRASS RESTORATION**, Schaumburg, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$46,804.09 for Contract Number: 09-80-14. Total Contract Awarded: \$400,000.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 093110-670055. Purchase Order Number: 038360. Original Board Approval Date: March 5, 2009. Board Approval Date for Optional Renewals: March 2, 2011. Description: Prescribed Burning – Central Region
Districts: 16 & 17

12FINA0011 **GROUNDSKEEPER LANDSCAPE**, Orland Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$80,382.75 (Final Payment) for Contract Number: 11-31-103. Total Contract Awarded: \$187,559.75. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 578000-670055. Purchase Order Number: 038708. Original Board Approval Date: September 8, 2011. Description: Tree Removal Due to Emerald Ash Borer
Districts: 1, 9 & 16

THE ABOVE ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN.

12FINA0012 **PIZZO AND ASSOCIATES**, Leland, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$231,941.55 (Final Payment) for Contract Number: 09-80-15. Total Contract Awarded: \$500,000.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 091000-670055. Purchase Order Number: 038436. Original Board Approval Date: September 4, 2008. Board Approval Date for Optional Renewals: May 4, 2011. Description: District Wide Shoreline Enhancement
Districts: 4, 6, 9, 14, & 17

12FINA0013 **ATLAS BOBCAT, INC**, Schiller Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$219,868.00 (Final Payment) for Contract Number: 4016553. Total Contract Awarded: \$220,000.00. Vehicle and Truck Account Number: 091000-660051. Purchase Order Number: 038759. Original Board Approval Date: July 13, 2011. Amended Board Approval Date: October 5, 2011. Description: Three (3) Skid Steer Tractors with Attachments
Districts: District Wide

COMMISSIONER STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, MOVED APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSMENTS. 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.

12FINA0014

Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the
Forest Preserve District.....December 15, 2011

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2011 To Present: \$733,683.47

Proposed Settlements To Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2011 To Present: \$1,869,660.81

Legal Fees for 12/15/11 To Be Approved: \$271,746.36
***For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for December 15, 2011.**

COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUTLER, 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.

12FINA0015

Transmitting a Communication, dated January 19, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with EnCAP, Inc.; Sycamore, Il., for habitat enhancement and maintenance.

Reason: Contract 11-31-111C consists of prescribed burning and vegetation management in accordance with the detailed specifications. EnCAP, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible of seven (7) bidders for the habitat enhancement and maintenance central work zone, time and materials contract.

The Forest Preserve District Board of Cook County granted permission to advertise this project for bid on July 13, 2011.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on November 30, 2011.

The time and materials bid results were as follows:

1. EnCAP, Inc.	\$ 558.00
2. Pizzo & Associates, Ltd.	\$ 749.78
3. Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.	\$ 856.25
4. Applied Ecological Services	\$1,025.25
5. V-3 Construction Group	\$1,150.50
6. Tallgrass Restoration	\$1,202.00
7. Cardno JF New	\$1,370.00

Contractor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-110N,11-31-111C,11-31-112S will not exceed \$2,100,000.00. Contract Number 11-31-110N was previously approved at the December 15, 2011 board meeting.

Contract period: January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 with two (2) one-year renewal options.

Account Number: Capital Improvement Fund Account: 091000-670055.

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.

Districts 9, 16 & 17

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (12FINA0015). THE MOTION CARRIED.

12FINA0016

Transmitting a Communication, dated January 19, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with EnCAP, Inc.; Sycamore, Il., for habitat enhancement and maintenance.

Reason: Contract 11-31-112S consists of prescribed burning and vegetation management in accordance with the detailed specifications. EnCAP, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible of six (6) bidders for the habitat enhancement and maintenance south work zone, time and materials contract.

The Forest Preserve District Board of Cook County granted permission to advertise this project for bid on July 13, 2011.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on November 30, 2011.

The time and materials bid results were as follows:

1. EnCAP, Inc.	\$ 492.00
2. Pizzo & Associates, Ltd.	\$ 681.73
3. Conservation Land Stewardship	\$ 795.50
4. Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.	\$ 893.25
5. Applied Ecological Services	\$1,025.25
6. Cardno JF New	\$1,045.00
7. Tallgrass Restoration	\$1,132.00

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Contractor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-110N,11-31-111C,11-31-112S will not exceed \$2,100,000.00. Contract Number 11-31-110N was previously approved at the December 15, 2011 board meeting.

Contract period: January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 with two (2) one-year renewal options.

Account Number: Capital Improvement Fund Account: 091000-670055.

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.

Districts 3,4,5,6 & 17

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (12FINA0016). THE MOTION CARRIED.

12FINA0017

Transmitting a Communication, dated January 19, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Emerald Bloom Landscaping, New Lenox, Il., for the planting of trees.

Reason: Contract 11-31-117N consists of the planting of trees, due to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer, in accordance with the District's specifications north of I-290. Emerald Bloom Landscaping was the lowest responsive and responsible of seven (7) bidders for the Tree Planting North contract.

The Forest Preserve District Board of Cook County granted permission to advertise this project for bid on September 8, 2011.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on December 21, 2011.

The bid results "for planting an individual tree" were as follows:

1. Emerald Bloom Landscaping	\$ 94.75
2. Tallgrass Restoration LLC.	\$107.00
3. Christy Webber Landscape	\$120.00
4. KGI Landscaping	\$145.00

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5. Native Landscape Contractors	\$166.10
6. Atrium	\$195.00
7. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$286.53

Contractor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-117N and 11-31-123S will not exceed \$ 300,000.00.

Contract period: January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 with two (2) one-year renewal options.

Account Number: Capital Improvement Fund Account: 091000-670055.

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.

Districts 1, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15& 17. **VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (12FINA0017). THE MOTION CARRIED.**

12FINA0018

Transmitting a Communication, dated January 19, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Emerald Bloom Landscaping, New Lenox, Il., for the planting of trees.

Reason: Contract 11-31-123S consists of the planting of trees, due to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer, in accordance with the District's specifications south of I-290. Emerald Bloom Landscaping was the lowest responsive and responsible of seven (7) bidders for the Tree Planting South contract.

The Forest Preserve District Board of Cook County granted permission to advertise this project for bid on September 8, 2011.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on December 21, 2011.

The bid results "for planting an individual tree" were as follows:

1. Emerald Bloom Landscaping \$ 94.75

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2. Christy Webber Landscape	\$120.00
3. Antigua	\$165.00
4. Native Landscape Contractors	\$166.10
5. Atrium	\$195.00
6. Beverly Environmental	\$221.00
7. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$286.53

Contractor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-123S and 11-31-117N will not exceed \$ 300,000.00.

Contract period: January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 with two (2) one-year renewal options.

Account Number: Capital Improvement Fund Account: 091000-670055.

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.

Districts 3,4,5,6,11,16 & 17.

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (12FINA0018). THE MOTION CARRIED.

12FINA0019

Transmitting a Communication, dated January 19, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Efraim Carlson & Son, Inc., Suite 105, 14052 Petronella Drive, Libertyville, IL, for Ned Brown Preserve Boathouse & Concession Building at Busse Woods Reservoir.

Reason: Contract Number 10-80-60 consists of constructing a one story masonry building and other related incidental work necessary to complete this improvement according to Plans, Standard Specifications and Detail Specifications. Efraim Carlson & Son, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible of seven (7) bidders.

The Forest Preserve District Board of Cook County granted permission to advertise this project for bid on September 8, 2011.

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Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on December 21, 2011. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County staff requests approval to award a contract to Efraim Carlson & Son, Inc.

The bid results were as follows:

1. Efraim Carlson & Son, Inc.	\$688,800.00
2. Sigalos & Associates, Ltd.	\$714,500.00
3. Tri-state Enterprises, Inc.	\$752,786.00
4. Path Construction Company	\$758,600.00
5. Edon Construction Co., Inc.	\$835,159.00
6. Reliable & Associates Construction Co.	\$849,888.00
7. F. H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates LLC	\$902,000.00

Contractor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$688,800.00

Contract Period: January 19, 2011 through October 9, 2012.

Account Number: Capital Improvement Fund Account: 091000-670061

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.

District: 15

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (12FINA0019). THE MOTION CARRIED.

12FINA0020

Transmitting a Communication, dated January 19, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to reject all bids and advertise to re-bid General Headquarters Exterior Building Renovations with a revised scope.

Reason: Contract 11-80-56 consists of the restoration of existing historic wood windows including furnishing and installing new wood screen/storm windows for energy efficiency improvements, abating existing asbestos and lead containing materials, selective rehabilitation and staining of existing wood trim and siding, masonry cleaning, painting, minor stucco repairs, minor slate roofing repairs for the District's General Headquarters including all work necessary to complete this improvement according to Plans, Standard Specifications and Detail Specifications.

The Forest Preserve District Board of Cook County granted permission to advertise this project for bid on March 2, 2011. Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on November 30, 2011.

The bid results ranged from \$1,227,000.00 to \$1,542,005.00.

The District will limit the scope of the work to an initial priority phase in order to reduce the project cost at this time.

District: 9

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (12FINA0020). THE MOTION CARRIED.

SECTION 4

12FINA0021

Your Committee was presented with the Revenue Report for the period ended November 30, 2011 for the Corporate Fund, as presented by the Finance and Administration Department.

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER, MOVED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REVENUE REPORT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that Permission to Advertise be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

Transmitting a Communication dated January 19, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for 2012 projects identified in the attached "2012 Capital Projects Bid List." Approval at this time will allow the projects to be advertised as plans and specifications are available. All contracts requiring formal approval will be presented with their respective bid results to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

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