

POST BOARD ACTION REPORT

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building
Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**

Present: President Preckwinkle and all Commissioners except Butler and Suffredin

COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM #1 APPROVED

Capital Development... APPROVED Meeting of January 15, 2013

Rules APPROVED Meeting of January 15, 2013

Finance..... APPROVEDMeeting of January 15, 2013

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

ANNOUNCEMENT

**PRESENTATION BY THE FRIENDS OF THE FOREST PRESERVES
ON THE CHICAGO CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP CORPS PROGRAM**

ITEM # 2 RECEIVED AND FILED

Transmitting a Communication dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Friends of the Forest Preserves to present the Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps (“CLC”) program and the work done by participants in the program on Forest Preserve District of Cook County property.

Friends of the Forest Preserves launched the CLC program in 2009. CLC is a six-week summer internship that partners with the Student Conservation Association that engages high school students and their adult leaders in hands-on conservation projects in the forest preserves. Since 2009, 212 high school students and 29 adult leaders have participated in the CLC program contributing over 47,000 hours of service to the forest preserves. Program projects include invasive species removal, trail maintenance and native gardening at the nature centers. This is a diverse program that brings together youth from across Cook County and the City of Chicago and is proud to boast a 97% retention rate. Students also receive valuable job readiness and environmental education training and are compensated with a maximum pay of \$1,550.00.

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County has proudly supported this program that introduces young people to a potential career in conservation while also giving students the opportunity to make a positive contribution to their forest preserves and community.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

**APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT
FOR JOB NO. 05-19.1.3A2 LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE
RESTORATION AND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

ITEM # 3 APPROVED (VOTING PRESENT: GORMAN, REYES)

Transmitting a Communication dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting approval of payment in the amount of \$58,447.00 to Madison Construction, Orland Park, Illinois, for final payment for Job. No. 05-19.1.3A2 Little Red Schoolhouse Restoration and Water System Improvements. This Project is a Senate Bill 83 Project that was approved at the May 4, 2005 Board Meeting.

Reason: Final work for all SB83 projects is now completed and the contractors and consultants have submitted invoices for final payments. The original SB83 accounts that were specified as the funding source on the previous Board approved items have been closed. Alternate funding sources need to be approved before making final payments on these contracts.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the funding for Job Number 05-19.1.3A2 and acknowledges that \$58,447.00 is available in Construction and Development Fund Accounts 588000-670061 and 598000-670061 for final payment.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$58,447.00. (598000-670061 and 588000-670061 Construction and Development Fund Accounts).

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

**APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT
FOR JOB NO. 05-19.1.4B BUNKER HILL, CALDWELL WOODS, IRENE HERNANDEZ
FAMILY PICNIC AREA & THATCHER WOODS COMFORT STATIONS**

ITEM # 4 APPROVED (VOTING PRESENT: GORMAN)

Transmitting a Communication dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM # 4 cont'd

requesting approval of payment in the amount of \$43,894.00 to Madison Construction, Orland Park, Illinois, for final payment for Job No. 05-19.1.4B Bunker Hill, Caldwell Woods, Irene Hernandez Family Picnic Area & Thatcher Woods Comfort Stations. This Project is a Senate Bill 83 Project that was approved at the May 4, 2005 Board Meeting.

Reason: Final work for all SB83 projects is now completed and the contractors and consultants have submitted invoices for final payments. The original SB83 accounts that were specified as the funding source on the previous Board approved items have been closed. Alternate funding sources need to be approved before making final payments on these contracts.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the funding for Job Number 05-19.1.4B and acknowledges that \$43,894.00 is available in Construction and Development Fund Accounts 598000-670061 and 588000-670061 for final payment.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$43,894.00. (598000-670061 and 588000-670061 Construction and Development Fund Accounts).

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

**APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT
FOR JOB NO. 05-19.1.3A1 NEW LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE NATURE CENTER**

ITEM # 5 APPROVED AS AMENDED BY ERRATA (VOTING PRESENT: GORMAN)

Transmitting a Communication dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting approval of payment in the amount of ~~\$43,894.00~~ \$333,120.00 to Madison Construction, Orland Park, Illinois, for final payment for Job No. 05-19.1.3A1 New Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

Reason: Final work for all SB83 projects is now completed and the contractors and consultants have submitted invoices for final payments. The original SB83 accounts that were specified as the funding source on the previous Board approved items have been closed. Alternate funding sources need to be approved before making final payments on these contracts.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the funding for Job Number 05-19.1.3A1 and acknowledges that \$333,120.00 is available in Construction and Development Fund Accounts 598000-670061 and 588000-670061 for final payment.

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ITEM # 5 cont'd

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$333,120.00. (598000-670061 and 588000-670061 Construction and Development Fund Accounts).

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

**APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT
TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, CONSTRUCTION
OBSERVATION FOR SENATE BILL 83 PROJECTS**

ITEM # 6 APPROVED (VOTING PRESENT: DALEY, MURPHY & VOTING NO: COLLINS)

Transmitting a Communication dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting approval of payment in the amount of \$48,958.49 to McDonough Associates Inc., Chicago, Illinois and Ardmore Associates (MBE/WBE/DBE), Chicago, IL 60602 for final payment for providing design services, project management, and construction observation for Senate Bill 83 Projects. This Project is a Senate Bill 83 Project that was approved at the May 4, 2005 Board Meeting.

Reason: Final work for all SB83 projects is now completed and the contractors and consultants have submitted invoices for final payments. The original SB83 accounts that were specified as the funding source on the previous Board approved items have been closed. Alternate funding sources need to be approved before making final payments on these contracts.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the funding for this final payment and acknowledges that \$48,958.49 is available in Construction and Development Fund Accounts 598000-670061 and 588000-670061 for final payment.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$48,958.49. (598000-670061 and 588000-670061 Construction and Development Fund Accounts).

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

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

**APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT
FOR JOB NO. 05-19.1.6A CENTRAL MAINTENANCE
FACILITIES - CENTRAL GARAGE ROOF REPLACEMENT**

ITEM # 7 APPROVED AS AMENDED BY ERRATA

Transmitting a Communication dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting approval of payment in the amount of \$43,200.00 to ~~Madison Construction, Orland Park, National Roofing Corp., Forest Park, Illinois~~, for final payment for Job No. 05-19.1.6A Central Maintenance Facilities – Central Garage Roof Replacement. This Project is a Senate Bill 83 Project that was approved at the May 4, 2005 Board Meeting.

Reason: Final work for all SB83 projects is now completed and the contractors and consultants have submitted invoices for final payments. The original SB83 accounts that were specified as the funding source on the previous Board approved items have been closed. Alternate funding sources need to be approved before making final payments on these contracts.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the funding for Job Number 05-19.1.6A and acknowledges that \$43,200.00 is available in Construction and Development Fund Accounts 598000-670061 and 588000-670061 for final payment.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$43,200.00. (598000-670061 and 588000-670061 Construction and Development Fund Accounts)

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

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
WITH FISHIN' BUDDIES, INC. TO SPONSOR YOUTH RECREATION
AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES**

ITEM # 8 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM # 8 cont'd

requesting authorization for the District to enter into an agreement with the Fishin' Buddies, Inc. Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of sponsoring and supporting youth recreation and conservation programs and activities.

Reason: For more than twenty years, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") has partnered with Fishin' Buddies to provide educational and recreational outdoor programs and activities to underserved youth in Cook County. For the last four years, Fishin Buddies has sponsored several programs including, the Youth Conservation Conference ("YCC"), an intensive, four-week boot camp for High School youth; the Fall Fishing Derby; and the C.O.R.E Kids program, a winter/outdoor program for elementary and middle school youth. Those youth who complete the YCC also may be eligible for a two-week paid internship at the District.

The total cost of these programs offered by Fishin; Buddies is about \$65,000.00 It is requested that the District be given authority to proceed as a sponsor and supporter of the programs listed above by making a donation of \$34,400.00 to Fishin' Buddies to support the programs. Fishin' Buddies Inc. has committed to raising the balance of the program costs.

Fishin' Buddies, Inc.'s offices are in the 5th District. Fishin' Buddies, Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$34,400.00. Contract period: January 15, 2013 through September 30, 2013. (0154000-630335 Special Events Program Account).

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

District(s): Districtwide.

**PROPOSED CONTRACT
FOR DISTRICTWIDE OFFICE SUPPLIES**

ITEM # 9 APPROVED (VOTING PRESENT: COLLINS, SIMS)

Transmitting a Communication, dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #9 cont'd

requesting authorization, per Section 1-8-3(X) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") Code of Ordinances, for the District to purchase office supplies from Guy Brown Products, Itasca, Illinois based on the pricing terms and conditions established via the contract by and between Guy Brown Products and the County of Cook.

Reason: Based on a competitive method, the Cook County Health and Hospital System and the Chief Procurement Officer of Cook County entered into an agreement with Guy Brown Products with respect to the purchase of office supplies and other related items (Cook County Contract for Supply Document #12-84-066). The District believes it would be advantageous to utilize the same contract provisions.

Guy Brown Products is in good standing with the State of Illinois

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$100,000.00. Contract period: January 15, 2013 through September 30, 2013. (630010 Various Districtwide Office Supply Corporate Accounts).

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

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance

District(s): Districtwide

**REPORT
CAMPGROUND MASTER PLAN**

ITEM #10 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated January 15, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting approval of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Campground Master Plan. In October 2011, the District Board approved the selection of a consultant team led by Studio Outside to assist in this planning effort, which was developed with significant outreach and public input. The Campground Master Plan is now complete. Copies of the completed plan have been distributed to the Board of Commissioners and can also be downloaded from the District's website.

There is no additional fiscal impact.

District(s): Districtwide

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JANUARY 2013**

ITEM #11 RECEIVED and FILED

In addition to the dozens of free programs at the District's six Nature Centers each month, the following special events are taking place in January. For a full list of events in the Forest Preserve District, visit fpdcc.com/events.

Ongoing – when there is snow

Cross Country Ski Trails

SAGAWAU Environmental Learning Center

Come ski our beautiful groomed trails. Ski rentals available until 2 pm daily. Lessons are available on Saturdays and Sundays at 9:30 am, and are filled on a first come, first served basis. Reservations not accepted. All skiers must obtain a trail pass. Call for snow conditions. Daily through the season, 9 am– 4 pm

**Ongoing starting January 14
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Chicago Botanic Garden

Exhibition: Woodcut: Bryan Nash Gill

The exhibition of woodcut relief prints looks deeply into the life of 25 trees. In ink and paper documentation, the artist captures the miracle of nature and time through every line, crack and tree ring. The exhibition is on display in the Joutras Gallery of the Regenstein Center. Admission is free.

**Saturday, January 19
1:30 p.m.**

Sand Ridge Nature Center

Owls: Winter Nesters

Come learn about these specially adapted birds of prey that hatch their young during the coldest days of winter. See our own great horned owl up close!

**Sunday, January 20
1:00 p.m.**

Crabtree Nature Center

Barrington Hills, IL • 847-381-6592 **Winter Wonders Scavenger Hike** Join us on a winter walk through the woods. Look for tracks, listen for birds and feel the soft sturdy fur of regional animals.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #11 cont'd

**Wednesday, January 23
10:30 a.m.**

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
Mother Nature and Me: Tracks and Signs of Wildlife. Hear a story, go on a nature walk, and do a craft about tracks and signs of wildlife. For children, ages 3 – 5, with an adult.

**Saturday and Sunday
January 25 – January 27
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Chicago Botanic Garden
Three Friends of Winter Bonsai Silhouette Show
To celebrate the winter season in the Japanese tradition, the Chicago Botanic Garden highlights the Three Friends of Winter (pine, plum, and bamboo), which are symbols of flourishing under adverse conditions. The show features deciduous trees from the Garden's Bonsai Collection in their dormant phase, which highlights their branch structure and beauty. Admission is free.

**Sunday, January 27
1 p.m.**

The Harold "Hal" Tyrell Trailside Museum of Natural History
Winter Scavenger Hunt
Enjoy a mid-winter afternoon outdoors on a hunt for signs of animal activity and winter plant life. Warm up afterwards with snacks by a campfire. \$1 per person. Registration required by January 26.

**Mondays, January 14, 21 & 28
10-11 a.m.**

Chicago Botanic Garden
Story Time in the Lenhardt Library
Nature-themed stories and stories geared for children two to five accompanied by caregiver. Free admission.

**Saturday, February 2
1 p.m.**

Crabtree Nature Center
Great Groundhog's Day
Come celebrate the only animal with its own holiday! Learn how it all began and take home a groundhog weather forecaster.

**Ongoing Saturdays & Sundays
3 p.m.**

River Trail Nature Center
What's on the Menu?
Join us at feeding time to learn about our display animals and their unique habits.