

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

County Board Room, County Building

**Board Meeting of
Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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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 Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, and Suffredin (12)

Absent: Commissioners Collins, Garcia, Murphy, Sims, and Tobolski (5)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle; Eddie Jones, Greencorps Chicago, City of Chicago Department of Transportation; Shelly A. Davis, Executive Director, Forest Preserve Foundation

INVOCATION

Father Richard Jakubik, a Priest and Therapist at the Holbrook Counseling Center of Catholic Charities gave the invocation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

CONSENT CALENDAR

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13-R-19

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

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

**HONORING THE NORTH BRANCH RESTORATION PROJECT AND
THEIR SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE VOLUNTEERS AND
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY STAFF**

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

WHEREAS, in October, the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials held their annual, national awards event which recognizes and honors excellence in county, regional, special district level Parks and Recreation throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the restoration efforts resulted in maintaining the health of our forest preserves, preserving native Illinois ecosystems, returning the forest preserves along the North Branch of the Chicago River to ecological health; and

WHEREAS, since 1977, volunteers have been giving more than 10,000 hours annually to this project and this award acknowledges the dedication and effort in preserving and restoring this area; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District is grateful to its staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the District’s mission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, I, Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Cook County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners, hereby congratulate the staff and volunteers who have earned this fine accolade on the restoration of this important natural area.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Resolution be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-R-20

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

Timothy O. Schneider, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

HONORING ARLINGTON ANGLERS FISHING CLUB

WHEREAS, the Arlington Anglers Fishing Club is a fishing club based in Cook County for fishing enthusiasts, the club helps to educate others about the sport of fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Anglers Fishing Club was founded in 1974 with eight members, today there are seventy members consisting of both boaters and non-boaters, and

WHEREAS, they hold regular monthly meetings at Cabela's in Hoffman Estates, at regular meetings they host professional anglers to speak and educate its members; and

WHEREAS, the club takes trips to local lakes and rivers like the Chain of Lakes and the Mississippi River and also overnight trips to Wisconsin and Minnesota, on fishing trips the boaters are encouraged to take the non-boaters on these fishing trips; and

WHEREAS, the club is a multi-species and family oriented fishing club, the club promotes fishing, strives to improve members fishing skills and sponsors and volunteers at various fishing outings; and

WHEREAS, they encourage children to participate in fishing events and promotes the practice of "Catch and Release" fishing; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2013 the Arlington Anglers volunteered at Commissioner Timothy O. Schneider's fishing derby, they measured and kept track of the different fish caught to determine the winners in different categories; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Commissioner Timothy O. Schneider and the Board of Commissioners of the Cook County Forest Preserve District would like to offer a deep appreciation for their contribution to Commissioner Schneider's fishing derby; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered over to the Arlington Anglers.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Resolution be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-R-21

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

Timothy O. Schneider, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

RECOGNIZING CABELA’S – HOFFMAN ESTATES STORE

WHEREAS, in 2007 Cabela’s a specialty retailer with a focus in outdoor gear, opened in Hoffman Estates, located in the 15th District in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Hoffman Estates location is a 185,000 square foot mega store that includes a taxidermy museum, dioramas, aquariums, a 26 foot high conservation mountain, a fudge shop and meeting spaces for events and local clubs; and

WHEREAS, Cabela’s partners with organizations that are dedicated to wildlife conservation efforts, including The American Sportfishing Association, Quail Forever, The Bass Federation and Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife are just a few of the conservation partners Cabela’s works with; and

WHEREAS, Cabela’s gives back locally by working with local municipalities and the Cook County Forest Preserve District (CCFPD); and

WHEREAS, Cabela’s participated in several of the CCFPD Master Plan meetings; and

WHEREAS, Cabela’s has hosted several events at the Crabtree Nature Center in Barrington, including the “ Explore the Forest” and many other Leave No Child Inside events at the CCFPD; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years Cabela’s has been a sponsor of Commissioner Timothy O. Schneider’s Fishing Derby; and

WHEREAS, this year the Fishing Derby was held on September 28, 2013, Cabela’s provided bait participants, prizes for the smallest and largest fish caught in various categories and gave each child under eleven participating a fishing pole; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County recognizes Cabela’s and its generous contributions to Cook County and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy is tendered to Cabela's, Hoffman Estate location.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Resolution be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-O-15

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Sponsored by

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

THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE

Making a change to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") procurement code for the purpose of furthering the goals of transparency and accountability with respect to the procurement process.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 1, Chapter 8, Section 1-8-2, Subsection O of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE

CHAPTER 8 - DISTRICT FINANCES

1-8-2: - CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.

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O. Purchase Procedure:

1. *Purchases exceeding \$25,000.00:* The purchases of and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services and all sales of personal property, equipment or other property which has become obsolete or unusable shall be based on competitive bids, except as provided in Subsection 5a and (6) of this section. If the amount involved is estimated to exceed \$25,000.00, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice on the District's web-site. Such notices shall include a general description of the commodities or contractual services to

be purchased or personal property, equipment or other property to be sold and shall state where all blanks and specifications may be obtained and the time and place for the opening of bids.

2. *Purchases of \$750.00 or less:* Purchases, excluding professional services, having a cost of \$750.00 or less may be made with "direct pay voucher" in the open market.
3. *Purchases greater than \$750.00 and less than \$25,000.00:* Except as provided in Subsections N and P of this section 1-8-2 of the District's Code, all purchases of, and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services and all sales of personal property, equipment or other property greater than \$750.00 and less than \$25,000.00 shall be based on competitive bids solicited by the Purchasing Agent via the District's web-site or as otherwise prescribed by the Purchasing Agent. Such bids, in order to be considered shall be submitted solely and directly to the Purchasing Agent and shall be rejected automatically if not submitted as directed by the Purchasing Agent.
4. *Authorization for purchases over \$150,000.00:* No purchases, orders or contracts of \$150,000.00 or more shall be made unless authorized by the District Board. All sales of obsolete or unusable material, property, or equipment shall be made to the highest bidder, except as provided for in Subsection N and P of this section 1-8-2.
5. *Determination of award:* All purchases, orders, or contracts, except those which by their nature are not adaptable to award by competitive bidding, shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration the qualities of the articles supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the requirements of the District and the delivery terms. In the determination of the award to the lowest responsible bidder, nothing herein shall be interpreted to preclude an award to a bidder other than the lowest actual bidder if such an award is made in furtherance of affirmative action policies adopted by the District Purchasing Agent for the promotion of nondiscriminatory hiring practices and equal employment opportunity. Provided, however, that the award of all contracts shall be responsible and reasonable. Any bid may be rejected and new bids may be solicited if the public interest is served thereby. Each bid, with the name of the bidder, shall be entered on a record with the successful bid indicated thereon. After the award of the purchase, order, or contract, said record shall be open to public inspection. A copy of all contracts shall be filed with the District Legal Department and Purchasing Agent.
6. *Distribution of assets:*
 - a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the District Board reserves the right to designate certain unusable, surplus and/or obsolete personal property, equipment or other property (hereinafter referred to collectively as "assets") for distribution as charitable donations. Assets may be designated for distribution as charitable donations, if:
 - (1) A determination has been made that the assets are not needed by any department or division of the District;

- (2) The assets are of a type that would provide a beneficial service in either the medical or education fields to a another entity; and
 - (3) The recipient of the assets is a legitimate nonprofit organization, local or foreign governmental entity.
- b. The assets shall be transferred by an appropriate instrument of transfer, which shall include:
- (1) A provision that requires the recipient to use the property in a manner that primarily promotes the implementation or improvement of educational services available to the public; and
 - (2) A provision that indicates that ownership of the assets automatically reverts to the District if the entity at any time fails to use the property in that manner.

The responsibility for determining the recipient of the donation, pursuant to the above guidelines shall reside in the Office of the President of the District Board, with approval by the District Board.

Effective date: This amended ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that the Ordinance Amendment be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO PAY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) THE LOCAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION
COSTS FOR THE THORN CREEK BICYCLE TRAIL**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

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

WHEREAS, a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) has been awarded to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) to construct a 4.75 miles of the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail (hereafter the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to enter into a local agency agreement (the “Local Agency Agreement”), with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) to pay 20% of the Phase III Construction Engineering costs associated with the Project, estimated at \$90,956.00; and

WHEREAS, IDOT has now awarded the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Agreement also provides for the division of construction costs for the Project and payment of 20% of the construction cost by the District as the Local Agency; and

WHEREAS, the total construction cost for the project is estimated at \$5,698,000.00 and the District's 20% local share of the construction cost is estimated at \$1,138,600.00;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County hereby authorizes the District to pay 20% of the construction cost to IDOT pursuant to the Local Agency Agreement.

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

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO PAY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) THE LOCAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE
NORTH BRANCH BICYCLE TRAIL LAKE COOK ROAD EXTENSION**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

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

WHEREAS, a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) has been awarded to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to construct 1.0 mile of the North Branch Bicycle Trail-Lake Cook Road Extension to the Greenbay Trail (hereafter the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to enter into a local agency agreement (the "Local Agency Agreement"), with the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") to pay 20% of the Phase III Construction Engineering costs associated with the Project, estimated at \$158,800.00; and

WHEREAS, IDOT has now awarded the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Agreement also provides for the division of construction costs for the Project and payment of 20% of the construction costs to IDOT by the District as the Local Agency; and

WHEREAS, the total construction costs for Stage 1 may not exceed \$1,445,615.00 of which IDOT will be responsible for 80% (\$1,156,492.00) and the Local Agency 20% (\$289,123.00); and

WHEREAS, the District will be fully reimbursed for Local Agency costs by the Chicago Botanic Garden ("Garden") pursuant to an Agreement with the Garden that caps the District's cost for the Project at \$100,000.00, an amount which has already been paid under prior engineering service contracts for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County hereby authorize the District to pay 20% of the construction cost to IDOT pursuant to the Local Agency Agreement.

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

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COMMISSIONERS

REPORT

2013 PICNIC PERMIT USERS SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE 13TH DISTRICT

Submitting a Report sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to submit the Picnic Permit Users Summary Report from the 13th District Report for 2013

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, moved that the communication be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT RULES COMMITTEE

November 12, 2013

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

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2013 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 recommendation are as follows:

13RULE0011 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Meeting held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

Vice-Chairman Gorman seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Approve Communication No. 13RULE0011. The motion carried.

13RULE0012 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Meeting held on Tuesday, October 17, 2013.

Vice-Chairman Gorman seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Approve Communication No. 13RULE0012. The motion carried.

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

SECTION 2

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

Communication Number 13RULE0011	Recommend for Approval
Communication Number 13RULE0012	Recommend for Approval

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 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: President Preckwinkle and Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Gainer, Gorman, Reyes, Silvestri and Suffredin (9)

Absent: Commissioners Collins, Fritchey, Garcia, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Sims and Tobolski (8)

Chairman Murphy asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee has considered the following disbursement submitted by the Administration of the Forest Preserve for payment.

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 a check to said vendor in the amount recommended.

13FINA0076

Vendor Name:	Matthew Paving Inc.-CPMH
City & State:	Oak Lawn, Illinois
Invoice Total:	\$245,124.34
Contract Number:	13-80-29
Total Contract Awarded:	\$381,999.94 (Three and Half (3.5) Month Period)
Name of Account:	Trails
Account Number:	60-6780
Purchase Order Number:	1372
Original Board Approval Date:	07-16-13
Description:	Resurfacing Bike Trail at Salt Creek
District(s):	16

13FINA0077

Vendor Name: Matthew Paving Inc.
City & State: Oak Lawn, Illinois
Invoice Total: \$224,945.93
Contract Number: 13-80-07
Total Contract Awarded: \$269,974.30 (Five (5) Month Period)
Name of Account: Site Amenities
Account Number: 25-6770
Purchase Order Number: 1373
Original Board Approval Date: 07-16-13
Description: Resurfacing Parking Lots at the North Branch Division H.Q.;
Harms South; & Glenview Woods
District(s): 14

13FINA0078

Vendor Name: Metro Ford Sales & Service
City & State: 6455 S. Western Ave., Chicago Illinois
Submit invoice totaling: \$714,914.00
Contract Number: 26234
Total Contract Awarded: \$714,914.00
Name of Account Number: Vehicle & Trucks
Account Number: 09-6625
Purchase Order Number: 00000843
Original Board Approval Date: 05/07/13
Description: Twenty Five (25) 2014 Ford Police Interceptors Sedan Vehicles
District(s): Districtwide

13FINA0079

Vendor Name: Path Construction Company, Inc.
City & State: Arlington Heights, Illinois
Invoice Total: \$395,226.00
Contract Number: 10-80-61
Total Contract Awarded: \$2,222,000.00 (Thirteen (13) Month Period)
Name of Account: Capital Improvement
Account Number: 09-6710
Purchase Order Number: 442
Original Board Approval Date: 09-11-12
Board Option Renewal Date: N/A
Description: Renovation and Remodeling of Poplar Creek Wildlife
Management Headquarters
District(s): 15

13FINA0080

Vendor Name:	Friends of the Forest Preserve
City & State:	Chicago, Illinois
Submit invoice totaling:	\$157,863.00
Name of Account Number:	Intern Programs
Account Number:	09-6758
Purchase Order Number:	919
Original Board Approval Date:	03/19/13
Description:	Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps Summer 2013
District(s):	Districtwide

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, MOVED APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

13FINA0081

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.

Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the Forest Preserve
District.....October 1, 2013

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2013 to Present:	\$383,405.92
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:	\$8,395.10
Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2013 to Present:	\$808,202.88
Legal Fees for 9/9/2013 To Be Approved:	\$82,455.75

***For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for October 1, 2013.**

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

Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation
of the Forest Preserve District.....November 12, 2013

Workers' Compensation Claims Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present: \$414,723.24

Workers' Compensation Claims To Be Approved: \$89,752.75

***For details on payment approvals by the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee, refer to the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee Report for November 12, 2013.**

COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES MOVED APPROVAL OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Your Committee has considered the bid submitted on the item 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.

13FINA0082

Transmitting a Communication dated, November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent
requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into a contract with Homer Tree Service, Lockport, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-31-115 consists of the removal, topping or pruning of 1,345 trees, due mostly to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer, in accordance with the District's specifications in Region 6, Palos Division and Region 8, Tinley Creek Division. Homer Tree Service, Lockport, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of two (2) bidders. Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on October 4, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

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| 1. Homer Tree Service | \$105,610.30 |
| 2. Trees R'Us, Inc. | \$138,155.00 |

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

Estimated Fiscal Impact: **\$105,610.30** This contract award requires Board approval as the contractor has been awarded work in excess of \$150,000 within the last twelve (12) months.

Contract period: Seventy (70) working days from Notice to Proceed

Account Name/Number: EAB Impacted Tree Removal: 09-6756 and Habitat Restoration: 09-6750

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

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

District(s): 5,6 and 17

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0082). THE MOTION CARRIED.

13FINA0083

Transmitting a Communication dated, November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent
requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into a contract with Tallgrass Restoration, LLC., Schaumburg, Illinois.
Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed **\$33,646.65**. This contract award requires Board approval as the contractor has been awarded work in excess of \$150,000.00 within the last twelve (12) months.
Contract period: Notice to Proceed through October 1, 2015.
Account Name/Number: Potential Grant Match and Working Fund-09-6757
The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.
The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.
District(s): 4

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0083). THE MOTION CARRIED.

13FINA0084

Transmitting a Communication dated, November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent
requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into a contract with Homer Tree Service, Lockport, Illinois.
Estimated Fiscal Impact: **\$253,685.00**. This contract award requires Board approval as the contractor has been awarded work in excess of \$150,000.00 within the last twelve (12) months.
Contract period: Seventy (70) working days from Notice to Proceed.
Account Name/Number: EAB Impacted Tree Removal: 09-6756 and Habitat Restoration: 09-6750
The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.
The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.
Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.
District(s): 17
The above item was withdrawn at the request of the sponsor.

13FINA0085

Transmitting a Communication dated, November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent
requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into a contract with Pan Oceanic Engineering Company, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

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Reason: Contract 13-80-02-02C1-R. Work includes repair and replacement of bridges, culverts, and an overpass throughout regions one through six of the District (25 locations total) and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.
Pan-Oceanic was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on October 25, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Pan Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc. | \$723,085.00 * |
| 2. Landmark Contractors Inc. | \$802,988.55 |

Estimated Fiscal Impact: **\$723,085.00**

Contract period: 9.6 months from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed

Account Name/Number: Building Accounts 25-6780, 60-6780, 51-6780 and 52-6780

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

*Pan Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc. bid \$724,785.00, but after further examination, Pan Oceanic, Co., Inc. made a mathematical error in its calculation. Their actual bid is \$723,085.00

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

District(s): 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GORMAN, MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0085). THE MOTION CARRIED.

Your Committee was presented with the Revenue Report for the period ended September 30, 2013 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. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

SECTION 2

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

Communication Number 13FINA0076	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13FINA0077	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13FINA0078	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13FINA0079	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13FINA0080	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13FINA0081	Recommended for Approval

Communication Number 13FINA0082	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13FINA0083	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13FINA0084	Withdrawn
Communication Number 13FINA0085	Recommended for Approval as Amended
Communication Number 13FINA0086	Recommended for Receiving and Filing

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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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

**EASEMENT REQUEST
FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR BRIDGE AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION ON
RAND ROAD AT THE DESPLAINES RIVER**

Transmitting a communication dated November 12, 2013, from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to grant permanent and temporary easements to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for bridge and road reconstruction on Rand Road at the Des Plaines River. The area for the permanent easements is 0.05 acre. The area for the temporary easement is 0.02 acres. IDOT indicates that 1 live tree will be impacted on District property for the project.

Reason: IDOT states that the existing bridge was built in 1928 and needs a complete replacement. In addition, raising the road profile will reduce flooding on the road and adjacent properties. The addition of turn lanes will reduce collisions at the adjacent North Elementary School and Scott Nolan Hospital entrances. The addition of a 10' wide side path will provide multi-use connection to the Des Plaines River Trail and the North Elementary School. The permanent easement is for construction and maintenance of the bridge, part of which presently exists on FPCC property. The temporary easement is for re-grading and reconstruction of part of the Des Plaines River Trail.

Easement Fee: IDOT has agreed to pay fair market value for the easements

Tree Mitigation Fee: \$3,982.00

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

District(s): 17

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that Easement Request be referred to the Committee on the Real Estate (Comm. No. 11FINA0165). **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**LICENSE REQUEST
FOR THE VILLAGE OF GLENCOE STORM SEWER OUTFALLS**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“The District”) to grant a License to the Village of Glencoe (the “Village”) to locate, operate and maintain two storm sewer outfalls into the East Diversion Ditch of the Skokie Lagoons.

The purpose of the proposed outfalls is to reduce flooding in the southwest part of the Village. The East Diversion Ditch was first constructed in the 1930s to receive and convey stormwater runoff from lands east of Skokie Lagoons. The Village has one existing licensed outfall at the location of the two proposed outfalls. The two proposed outfalls are draining the same tributary area as the one existing licensed outfall, so no new flows will be conveyed to the Ditch. The Village has demonstrated that the existing and proposed discharges to the Ditch, for the 100-year, 2-hour storm event, are equal. The Village states that by replacing one outfall with three, velocities of flows into the Ditch should be substantially reduced. The Village will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the District whereby the Village will assume all maintenance responsibilities for the East Diversion Ditch from Dundee Road to Tower Road. The Village also agrees to make erosion control improvements near the outfalls that will include native plantings.

Details of the proposed license are:

Term: Continuous

License Fee: \$3,300.00

License Application Fee: \$500.00

YELAR Fee: \$3,300.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$7,100.00 for the term of the License

(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

Tree Mitigation Fee: None

The area of the License is 0.02 acre

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

District(s): 13

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that the License Request be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROCUREMENTS & DISBURSEMENTS
NOVEMBER 2013 REPORT**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period September 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Report be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
REQUEST TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR AUDUBON CHICAGO REGION
AND PROPOSED RIGHT OF ENTRY**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into an agreement with the Audubon Chicago Region (ACR).

Reason: Audubon Chicago Region (ACR) has obtained a Save Our Great Lakes grant in the amount of \$100,000.00, a portion of which is to be used for restoration work at Miami Woods. The total project cost will be \$200,000.00 and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") hereby request permission to cover a portion of the remaining costs.

The project will provide a significant benefit to the District because it will improve riparian stopover habitat for migratory birds at Miami Woods by planting shrubs and trees.

In support of this project, the District desires to partner with ACR to assist in completion of the Project by providing funds, materials, equipment or other in-kind support in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.00. ACR is contributing the additional \$80,000.00 to complete the required match. With this in mind, the District desires and requests authority to grant ACR, its contractors and/or subcontractors a limited right-of-entry/access upon District property,

based upon the District's Partnership Agreement.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$20,000.00. Grant Award: \$100,000.00

Account Name-Number: Potential Grant Match and Working Fund - 09-6757

Funding period: September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015

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

District(s): 13

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

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**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
REQUEST TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FRIENDS OF
THE FOREST PRESERVES AND PROPOSED RIGHT OF ENTRY**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into an agreement with the Friends of the Forest Preserves (FFP).

Reason: Friends of the Forest Preserves (FFP) have obtained a grant from the Save Our Great Lakes Program in the amount of \$161,004.00 to be used generally for restoration activities within the Plum Creek Forest Preserve. The total project cost will be \$322,465.00 and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") hereby request permission to cover a portion of the remaining costs.

The project will provide a significant benefit to the District because it will improve the Plum Creek Forest Preserve by restoring and improving a quality stretch of stream in dire need of bank stabilization, improve aquatic habitat in the stream for fish and aquatic invertebrates, the diversity and ecological integrity of native plant communities along this waterway, including control of invasive species, and re-seeding native plants on 25 wetland and associated grassland acres and 1,150 feet of stream bank within the Plum Creek Forest Preserve.

In support of this project, the District desires to partner with Friends of the Forest Preserves to assist in completion of the Project by providing funds, materials, equipment or other in-kind support in an amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00. FFP will be contributing \$35,661.00 and Openlands will be contributing \$800.00 to complete the required match. With this in mind, the District desires and requests authority to grant FFP, its contractors and/or

subcontractors a limited right-of-entry/access upon District property, based upon the District's Partnership Agreement.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$125,000.00. Grant Award: \$161,004.00

Account Name-Number: Potential Grant Match and Working Fund -09-6757

Funding period: September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015

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

District(s): 6

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

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TASK ORDER)
ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR
LANDSCAPE & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM – 09D**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authority to enter into a contract (Task Order) between Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (District) for architectural and engineering design services for design of comfort stations under its landscape and civil engineering program.

Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-09D is for architectural and engineering design services for the District's landscape and civil engineering capital improvement program. The project scope includes design, bidding and construction administration for five (5) new comfort stations and renovation of seven (7) existing comfort stations with estimated construction budget of \$1,500,000.00.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of 85 firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District's capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement was subsequently executed with each pre-qualified firm which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order.

The Forest Preserve District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on August 2, 2013, to six pre-qualified firms and received proposals from five firms. A selection committee determined that Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, and its team of sub-consultants was most qualified to provide design services for the landscape and civil engineering program.

Fiscal Impact: \$154,053.00

Account Name-Account Number: General Consulting Services Accounts-25-6740, 51-6740, 52-6740, & 60-6740

Contract Period: 20 months from Notice to Proceed.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

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

District(s): 6, 14, 16 and 17

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

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TASK ORDER)
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
FOR LANDSCAPE & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM – GROUP 04Da**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) to enter into a contract with Site Design Group, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois, for design, bidding and construction administration for improvements identified in the master planning of Dan Ryan Woods.

Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-04Da is for architectural and engineering design services for the District’s landscape and civil engineering capital improvement program. The estimated construction budget is \$785,000.00.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of 85 firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District’s capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement, which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order, was subsequently executed with each pre-qualified firm.

A Task Order (#13-80-02-04D) was previously issued to Site Design Group on May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$67,190.00 to design improvements at Eggers and master plan at Dan Ryan Woods. The District now desires to issue a new Task Order to Site Design Group for up to \$85,710.00. This new Task Order requires Board approval as the total combined

award equals \$152,900.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$85,710.00.00

Account Name-Number: General Consulting Services Accounts - 25-6740, 51-6740, 52-6740 and 60-6740

Contract period: 19 months from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

District(s): 3 and 11

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

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT (Task Order)
ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
FOR LANDSCAPE & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM – GROUP 06Da**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) to enter into a contract with Upland Design Ltd., Plainfield, Illinois, for design, bidding and construction administration for improvements identified in the master planning of Thatcher Woods, Trailside Museum and Miller Meadow.

Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-06Da is for architectural and engineering design services for the District’s landscape and civil engineering capital improvement program. The estimated construction budget is \$607,500.00.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of 85 firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District’s capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement, which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order, was subsequently executed with each pre-qualified firm.

A Task Order (#13-80-02-06D) was previously issued to Upland Design Ltd. on May 1, 2013 in the amount of \$99,866.00 for master plans or design of improvements at Thatcher woods, Trailside Museum, GHQ and Miller Meadow. The District now desires to issue a

new Task Order to Upland Design Ltd for up to \$83,360.00. This new Task Order requires Board approval as the total combined award equals \$183,226.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$83,360.00

Account Name-Number: General Consulting Services Accounts - 25-6740, 51-6740, 52-6740 and 60-6740

Contract period: 19 months from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

District(s): 9 and 16

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT
CITY'S GREENCORPS CHICAGO PROGRAM**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to amend an existing Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the City of Chicago to reflect increased utilization of the City's Greencorps Chicago Program and increased funding of the same to facilitate various restoration and habitat enhancement projects.

Reason: The City of Chicago Department of Transportation manages a green industry job training program called Greencorps Chicago. Greencorps Chicago provides re-entry opportunities and skills to unemployed individuals in landscaping and horticulture, tree care, ecological restoration, chain saw operation, herbicide application, seed collection, plant identification, regional ecology and prescribed burn training. The District wishes to utilize Greencorps Chicago crews in undertaking certain ecological restoration and habitat enhancement projects, as well as other related land management projects. The District has assisted the City in recent years with training and educational opportunities. This increased utilization and corresponding additional funding will allow for the District and the City's Greencorps program to enhance their mutually beneficial relationship.

The IGA was previously approved at the March 19, 2013 Board meeting with a dollar amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$125,000.00 for a total fiscal commitment of \$375,000.00

Contract period: Date of execution through February 29, 2014.

Account Names/Account Numbers: Intern Programs 09-6758 and Habitat Restoration 09-6750

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

District (s): Districtwide

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Contract Amendment be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD
FROM THE ILLINOIS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THROUGH THE ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS**

Transmitting a Communication, dated November 12, 2013

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to accept a grant award from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, through the Illinois Coastal Management Program, to launch the Next Generation Youth Outdoor Ambassador program. The total project cost is \$199,240.00 with the grant providing \$99,115.00 in funding, and the Forest Preserves contributing \$100,125.00 in match. The Next Generation Youth Outdoor Ambassador program will hire teen ambassadors to engage with their peers to determine which forest preserve programs resonate with teens and motivate them to visit the forest preserves to explore nature and engage in healthy outdoor recreation activities. The program will reach at least 800 teens and culminate in a regional Teen Summit. The Forest Preserve plans to partner with Fishin' Buddies, Chicago Wilderness, the Chicago Housing Authority's Altgeld Garden Housing Project, and others, on this project. All activities will take place in the Calumet region in Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$100,125.00 Grant Award: \$99,115.00 Funding period: October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

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

District(s): 4 and 5

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Grant Award be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2013**

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Wednesday, November 13
7:30 pm

Please Don't Feed the Dolphins!

Brookfield Zoo

The Chicago Zoological Society's Sarasota Dolphin Research Program conducts the world's longest-running study of a wild dolphin population. Join Dr. McHugh for insight into issues facing dolphins in the wild. Registration is required; \$16 per person.

Friday, November 15
7 pm

A Night in November

Little Red School House, Willow Springs

Join us for an evening nature walk in mid-November. Pre-registration required; \$2 per person.

Monday, November 18
9 am to 1 pm

Wrapped in Red: Silk Scarf Dyeing with Natural Dyes,

Chicago Botanic Garden

In this class students will learn about two different natural red dyes: cochineal, a blue-red dye from the America, and madder, an orange-red dye from Asia Minor. Students will combine these two dyes to produce a unique red color on a silk scarf, which they will take home. Fee applies.

Saturday, November 16
1 to 4 pm

Family Archery & Outdoor Exploration Day

Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Grove 5, 87th and Western

Bring the family to enjoy nature and participate in our Family Archery Workshop, for kids and adults. Instruction provided. Other games and exploration activities will also be provided by staff.

Sunday, November 17
1 pm

Feathered Friend Feeders

Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Want to enjoy birds up close this winter? Join us in making easy bird feeders. Learn how to attract birds to your yard and maybe even keep the squirrels out.

Sunday, November 17
1 to 3 pm

Nature Journaling

Trailside Museum, River Forest

Begin your exploration of journaling with this workshop and a hike! Plus, get a guide to take home to help you continue nature journaling on your own. Please register at 708.366.6530.

Thursday, November 21
6 to 9 pm

Films in the Forest: Connected

Cummings Square, River Forest
The Forest Preserves' outdoor film series moves inside with Connected, a funny, eye-opening, and inspiring film by Director Tiffany Shlain that takes audiences on an exhilarating rollercoaster ride to discover what it means to be connected in the 21st.

Friday, November 22
7 pm

Nightlife: Evening Owl Prowl

River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook
Take a hike outside to try and call in some local owls. Afterwards, warm up inside with snacks and see owls up close. Registration required; \$2 per person.

Saturday, November 23
10 am to 12 pm

Nature Journaling

Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington
Begin your exploration of journaling with this workshop and a hike! Plus, get a guide to take home to help you continue nature journaling on your own.

Sunday, November 24
10 am to 3 pm

41st Annual Settlers' Day

Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland
Celebrate our heritage by stepping back into America's past. Don't miss costumed living-history demonstrators, history hikes, crafts, an imaginary wagon train adventure and more! Admission is free, though donations of nonperishable food or money, to benefit a local food depository, will be gratefully accepted.

Friday, November 29
1 pm

Turkey Trot Hike

Trail Side Museum, River Trail
Walk off that turkey dinner on a special post-holiday guided hike on the trails around Trailside Museum. Registration required by 11/27.

Saturday, November 30
Sunday, December 1
4 to 9 pm

Holiday Magic

Brookfield Zoo
See the lights. Feel the magic.
Continue your family tradition or start a new one during Chicagoland's largest holiday lights festival, which features over one million twinkling lights, animated light displays, a new laser show and a new video light show! Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet children through December 22. Regular parking and admission fees apply.

Friday, November 29 - Jan. 5
10 am to 6 pm

Wonderland Express
Chicago Botanic Garden
Watch miniature trains wind through a village of tiny Chicago landmarks created from natural materials. Tour the decorated greenhouses and take in a gingerbread village display. Be wowed by the display of 750,000 lights that trim the route from the entrance to the magical courtyards. Tickets required.

Sunday, December 1
11 am and 1 pm

Hanukkah Concert
Chicago Botanic Garden
The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will perform a one hour concert in the Alsdorf Auditorium. Tickets required.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, moved that the communication be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

NEW ITEMS AGENDA

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN EXPENDITURES REPORT

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the Chicago Botanic Garden Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise Actual Expenditures Report for the period of September 12, 2012 through September 20, 2013.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that Report be referred to the Committee on the Contract Compliance (Comm. No. 13CONT0002). **The motion carried unanimously.**

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CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY EXPENDITURES REPORT

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the Chicago Zoological Society Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise Actual Expenditures Report for the period of September 12, 2012 through September 20, 2013.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that Report be referred to the Committee on the Contract Compliance (Comm. No. 13CONT0003). **The motion carried unanimously.**

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FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY EXPENDITURES REPORT

Transmitting a Communication dated November 12, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise Actual Expenditures Report for the period of September 12, 2012 through September 20, 2013.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that Report be referred to the Committee on the Contract Compliance (Comm. No. 13CONT0004). **The motion carried unanimously.**

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