

REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 19, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Commissioners Beavers and Tobolski (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.

13FINA0033 **EFRAIM CARLSON & SON, INC.**, Libertyville, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$103,629.22 for Contract Number: 10-80-60. Total Contract Awarded: \$688,800.00. Original Board Approval Date: January 19, 2012. Description: Ned Brown Preserve Boathouse and Concession Building

District(s): 15

13FINA0034 **URS CORPORATION**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$101,931.04 for Contract Number: 06-80-03. Total Contract Awarded: \$380,500.00. Original Board Approval Date: September 2, 2010. Description: Phase II Engineering Services/Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail

District(s): 5 & 6

13FINA0035 **CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICE, INC.**, Grayslake, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$44,700.00 for Contract Number: 12-31-111. Total Contract Awarded: \$149,000.00. Original Board Approval Date: September 11, 2012. Description: Tree Removal Due to EAB

District(s): 14 & 15

13FINA0036 **PIZZO AND ASSOCIATES**, Leland, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$83,987.99 for Contract Number: 11-31-110N. Total Combined Contract Awarded: \$2,100,000.00. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011 - Renewed February 4, 2013. Description: Habitat Enhancement & Maintenance – North

District(s): 13, 14 & 17

13FINA0037 **VEGA TREE SERVICE**, Stone Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$52,600.00 for Contract Number: 12-31-109. Total Contract Awarded: \$52,600.00. Original Board Approval Date: September 11, 2012. Description: Tree Removal Due to Emerald Ash Borer - South Region

District(s): 5 & 6

13FINA38 **VEGA TREE SERVICE**, Stone Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$29,798.00 for Contract Number: 11-31-115C. Total Combined Contract Awarded: \$300,000.00. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011 – Renewed February 4, 2013. Description: Tree and Stump Removal - Central Region

District(s): 9 & 12

13FINA0039 **TALLGRASS RESTORATION**, Schaumburg, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$36,661.80 for Contract Number: 12-31-102. Total Contract Awarded: \$500,000.00. Original Board Approval Date: April 4, 2012. Description: Districtwide Shoreline Enhancement and Maintenance.

District(s): Districtwide

13FINA0040 **SASAFRASNET, LLC**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$124,446.19 for Contract Number: 11-53-063R. Total Contract Awarded: \$4,708,095.00. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011. Description: Motor Fuel for Vehicles and Trucks

District(s): Districtwide

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

SECTION 2

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

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

13FINA0041

Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the
Forest Preserve District.....February 4, 2013

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present:	\$11,000.00
Proposed Settlements To Be Approved:	\$0.00
Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present:	\$142,158.790
Legal Fees for 2/04/13 To Be Approved:	\$90,678.32

***For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for 2/04/2013.**

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

SECTION 3

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.

13FINA0042

Transmitting a Communication dated, March 19, 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 PirTano Construction Company Inc., Addison, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-80-20 consists of installing underground conduits at four locations in accordance with the District's specifications. PirTano Construction Company Inc., Addison, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of six (6) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on February 20, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

1. PirTano	\$93,908.00
2. H & H	\$99,810.00
3. Town & Country	\$105,679.10
4. Lyons & Pinner Electric	\$108,250.19
5. Utility Dynamic Corp.	\$131,040.00
6. Broadway Electric	\$168,887.50

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$93,908.00 (Buildings Account 09-6710)

Contract period: Sixty (60) calendar days from issuance of the Notice to Proceed

The Forest Preserve District's 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, 4, 9 and 15

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0042). THE MOTION CARRIED.

13FINA0043

Transmitting a Communication dated March 19, 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 RNR Contractors Inc., Morris, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 12-80-60 consists of demolishing selective buildings and bridges at the former Rolling Knolls Golf Course in accordance with the District's specifications. RNR Contractors Inc., Morris, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of two (2) bidders.

The bid results were as follows:

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| 1. RNR Contractors Inc. | \$157,777.00* |
| 2. Pan-Oceanic Eng. Co. Inc. | \$260,000.00 |

* RNR bid \$157,732.00, but after further examination, RNR made a mathematical error in its calculation. Their actual bid was \$157,777.00.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on February 15, 2013.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$157,777.00 (Buildings Account 09-6710)

Contract period: Ninety (90) calendar days from issuance of the Notice to Proceed

The Forest Preserve District's 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): 15

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES,
MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0043). THE
MOTION CARRIED.**

13FINA0044

Transmitting a Communication dated, March 19, 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 McGinty Brothers, Inc., Long Grove, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-31-103 consists of, the removal of herbaceous and woody invasive plants through herbicide application, cutting, mowing or other mechanical and manual means with removal of debris generated by these activities in Zanders Woods, within Thornton-Lansing Road Nature Preserve Region 9, Thorn Creek Division.

McGinty Brothers, Inc.; Long Grove, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of seven (7) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on February 1, 2013.

The bid results, based on various per acre costs, were as follows:

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| 1. McGinty Brothers, Inc. | \$5,935.00 |
| 2. Pizzo and Associates | \$6,775.99 |
| 3. Cardno, JF New | \$9,195.00 |

4. Encap, Inc.	\$10,442.50
5. Integrated Lakes Management	\$12,582.50
6. Conservation Land Stewardship	\$14,062.00
7. Tallgrass Restoration, LLC.	\$19,070.00

The total amount of the contract is anticipated not to exceed \$219,920.00, of which the District was awarded a grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for \$100,000.00. The District is required to provide a \$119,920.00 grant match.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$\$119,920.00 after reimbursement (Restoration/Landscape Account 09-6750)

Contract period: From issuance of purchase order through October 1, 2014

The Forest Preserve District's 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): 6

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0044). THE MOTION CARRIED.

13FINA0045

Transmitting a Communication dated, March 19, 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 Pizzo and Associates, Leland, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-31-102 consists of, the removal of herbaceous and woody invasive plants through herbicide application, cutting, mowing or hand-pulling as well as removal of debris generated by these activities. Also controlled burning to stimulate native plants and reduce exotic plants as well as brush pile burning to remove woody debris in accordance with the District's specifications in Sand Ridge Nature Preserve, Sand Ridge Nature Center, Green Lake Savanna and Jurgensen Woods Region 9, Thorn Creek Division.

Pizzo and Associates; Leland, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of seven (7) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on February 1, 2013.

The bid results, based on various per acre costs, were as follows:

1. Pizzo and Associates	\$11,299.81
2. McGinty Brothers, Inc.	\$14,958.50
3. Encap, Inc.	\$15,031.82
4. Integrated Lakes Management	\$16,807.50
5. Cardno, JF New	\$17,464.00
6. Conservation Land Stewardship	\$19,532.00
7. Tallgrass Restoration, LLC.	\$24,410.00

The total amount of the contract is anticipated not to exceed \$510,000.00, of which the District was awarded a grant through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for \$350,000.00. The District is required to provide a \$160,000.00 grant match.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$160,000.00 after reimbursement (Restoration/Landscape Account 09-6750)

Contract period: From issuance of purchase order through September 14, 2014

The Forest Preserve District's 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): 4 and 6

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0045). THE MOTION CARRIED.

13FINA0046

Transmitting a Communication dated, March 19, 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 Groundskeeper Landscape, Orland Park, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-31-107 consists of the removal of 1,263 trees, due mostly to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer, in accordance with the District's specifications in Region 6, Palos Division. Groundskeeper Landscape, Orland Park, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of six (6) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on February 13, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

1. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$104,238.00
2. McGinty Bros.	\$123,376.45
3. Homer Tree Service	\$127,114.80
4. Clean Cut Tree Service	\$139,000.00
5. Trees R'Us, Inc.	\$141,720.00
6. Landscape Concepts Management	\$176,820.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$104,238.00 (Restoration/Landscape Account 09-6750)

Contract period: Ninety (90) working days from issuance of purchase order

The Forest Preserve District's 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): 17

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES,
MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0046). THE
MOTION CARRIED.**

13FINA0047

Transmitting a Communication dated, March 19, 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 Powell Tree Care, Elk Grove, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-31-105 consists of the removal of 769 trees, due mostly to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer, in accordance with the District's specifications in Region 1, Poplar Creek Division. Powell Tree Care, Elk Grove, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of eight (8) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on February 6, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

1. Powell Tree Care	\$56,750.00
2. The Care of Trees	\$63,180.00
3. Homer Tree Service	\$67,073.50
4. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$71,741.58
5. Trees R'Us, Inc.	\$73,520.00
6. Winkler's Tree Service	\$83,498.00

7. McGinty Bros.	\$88,765.00
8. Clean Cut Tree Service	\$102,280.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$56,750.00 (Restoration/Landscape Account 09-6750)

Contract period: Forty-Five (45) working days from issuance of purchase order

The Forest Preserve District's 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): 14

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0047). THE MOTION CARRIED.

13FINA0048

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into a contract with McGinty Bros. Tree Service, Long Grove, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-31-106 consists of the removal of 842 trees, due mostly to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer, in accordance with the District's specifications in Region 9, Thorn Creek Division. McGinty Bros. Tree Service, Long Grove, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of six (6) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on February 13, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

1. McGinty Bros.	\$66,934.00
2. Vega Tree Service	\$78,000.00
3. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$82,111.00
4. Homer Tree Service	\$86,616.10
5. Trees R'Us, Inc.	\$110,430.00
6. The Care of Trees	\$118,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: **\$66,934.00** (Restoration/Landscape Account 09-6750)

Contract period: Fifty (50) working days from issuance of purchase order

The Forest Preserve District's 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): 4, 5 and 6

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0048). THE MOTION CARRIED.

SECTION 4

13FINA0049

Your Committee was presented with the Revenue Report for the period ended December 31, 2012 for the Corporate Fund, as presented by the Finance and Administration Department.

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

SECTION 5

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

Your Committee was presented with the Revenue Report for the period ended December 31, 2012 for the Corporate Fund, as presented by the Finance and Administration Department.

COMMUNICATION NO. 13FINA0032

Transmitting a Communication dated February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Requesting permission to discuss with the Finance Committee in executive session the possible acquisition of real estate property to be utilized as a future forest preserve.

***Referred to the Committee on Finance on February 4, 2013.**

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Illinois Statute, 5ILCS 120/2, Section C5, which reads "The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired." Section C7, which reads "The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. This exception should not apply to the investment of assets or income of funds deposited into the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund."

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yeas: Commissioners Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioners Beavers, Collins and Tobolski (3)

The motion to enter into executive session Carried.

Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri moved to Approve the action reflected in Communication No. 13FINA0032, and the related handout included, but not limited to the acquisition of a note and real estate as recommended by the Forest Preserve District. Vice Chairman Steele called for a roll call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE
COMMUNICATION NO. 13FINA0032**

Yeas: Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Gorman, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin, Vice Chairman Steele and Chairman Goslin (14)

Nays: None - 0

Absent: Commissioners Beavers, Garcia and Tobolski (3)

The motion to approve Communication No. 13FINA0032, Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Forest Preserve District
Committee on Finance



Gregg Goslin, Chairman

Attest:



Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary