

# REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

OCTOBER 1, 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 Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Garcia, Gorman, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Butler and Gainer (2)

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.

13FINA0071 Vendor Name: Clauss Brothers, Inc.  
City & State: Streamwood, Illinois  
Invoice Total: \$178,653.13  
Contract Number: 12-31-105  
Total Contract Awarded: \$2,400,000.00 (36 months contract period)  
Name of Account – Emerald Ash Borer Impact, Tree Planting Services-09-6753  
Purchase Order Number: 00000863  
Original Board Approval Date: 09-11-12  
Board Option Renewal Date: 09/11/15  
Description: Comprehensive Tree Planting and Maintenance  
District(s): Districtwide

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

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.

13FINA0072

Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation  
of the Forest Preserve District.....October 1, 2013

<b>Workers' Compensation Claims Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present:</b>	<b>\$365,176.77</b>
<b>Workers' Compensation Claims To Be Approved:</b>	<b>\$49,546.47</b>

**\*For details on payment approvals by the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee, refer to the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee Report for October 1, 2013.**

**COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE,  
MOVED APPROVAL OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS. THE  
MOTION CARRIED.**

13FINA0073

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.

Transmitting a Communication dated, October 1, 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 Vega Tree Service, Northlake, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 13-31-111W consists of the removal, topping or pruning of 1,824 trees, due mostly to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), in accordance with the District's specifications in Region 7, Sag Valley Division. Vega Tree Service, Northlake, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of four (4) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on August 30, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

1. Vega Tree Service	\$109,000.00
2. Homer Tree Service	\$146,677.30
3. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$148,951.00
4. Trees R'Us, Inc.	\$498,810.00

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

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$109,000.00

Contract period: Seventy (70) working days from issuance of purchase order.

Account Name/Number: EAB Impacted Tree Removal: 09-6756

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

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

District(s): 17

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GORMAN, MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0073). THE MOTION CARRIED.**

13FINA0074

Transmitting a Communication dated, October 1, 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 13-31-114 consists of the removal, topping or pruning of 1,465 trees, due mostly to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer, in accordance with the Districts specifications in Region 2, Northwest Division. Groundskeeper Landscape, Orland Park, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of four (4) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on August 14, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

1. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$152,820.00
2. Clean Cut Tree Service	\$153,800.00
3. Homer Tree Service	\$199,000.00
4. Trees R'Us, Inc.	\$496,200.00

Groundskeeper Landscape is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$152,820.00

Contract period: Sixty (60) working days from issuance of purchase order.

Account Name/Number: EAB Impacted Tree Removal: 09--6756

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

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

District(s): 15

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GORMAN,  
MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA0074). THE  
MOTION CARRIED.**

13FINA0075

Your Committee was presented with the Revenue Report for the period ended August 31, 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 TOBOSLKI. 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 13FINA0071  
Communication Number 13FINA0072  
Communication Number 13FINA0073  
Communication Number 13FINA0074  
Communication Number 13FINA0075

Recommended for Approval  
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Recommended for Receiving and Filing

Respectfully submitted,  
Forest Preserve District  
Committee on Finance

  
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Gregg Goslin, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available on the Office of the Secretary to the Board's web site on the Video Page at <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/secretarytotheboard/county-board-proceedings/county-board-video-and-audio/>