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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: October 1, 2018
MEMO TO: Craig Taylor, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

Agenda Item# 9.9

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for the Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control 2018/19 Project at Chiwaukee Prairie to Applied Ecological Services, Broadhead, Wisconsin in the Contract Price of \$102,655.00 and at Lyons Woods and Illinois Beach State Park to Pizzo and Associates, Leland, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$178,730.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: These projects were approved as part of the adopted FY 2018/2019 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, or as part of the adopted FY 2017/2018 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and carried forward to the current year. In the following chart, the "Budgeted" amount is the budget for the work in each listed "Preserve (Project)" and the "Actual" amount identifies the recommended lowest responsible bid received for such work:

Preserve (Project)	Budgeted	Actual	Account
Lyons Woods (account 1)	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,500.00	69644100-803200-56013
Lyons Woods (account 2)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,800.00	27644000-704800
Chiwaukee Prairie	\$ 187,500.00	\$ 102,655.00	69644100-803200-56050
Illinois Beach State Park	\$ 164,500.00	\$ 149,430.00	69644100-803200-56050

BACKGROUND: Staff solicited competitive bids for the eleventh year of the Ecological Land Management Program that is designed to treat selected areas of new growth, invasive trees and shrubs in restoration sites by hiring a single contractor on a per-hour basis at multiple forest preserve sites. The bid package for the Program was broken down into four "Projects": (i) Multiple Forest Preserves, (ii) Lyons Woods Forest Preserve, (iii) Chiwaukee Prairie, and (iv) Illinois Beach State Park. The latter three Projects were broken out separately because they are being funded in whole or in part by grants and the grant documents require the District to obtain separate, identifiable bids for those Projects. The restoration work at Chiwaukee Prairie and Illinois Beach State Park is to be completed as part of the federally-approved Great Lake Restoration Initiative and under that initiative; the District received a federal grant to administer restoration work on properties owned by multiple parties across the Lake Plain Partnership RAMSAR Area. Target species for control include buckthorn, honeysuckle, multi-flora rose, grey dogwood, Oriental bittersweet, Japanese barberry, black locust and raspberry/blackberry.

The project was advertised on July 23, 2018. The bids for the Multiple Forest Preserves Project came in substantially over budget. Staff is not recommending a contract on that work at this time. Instead, staff will revise the specifications to bring the Project scope in line with available resources and re-bid the

Project. If the attached resolution is approved, work at Lyons Woods, Chiwaukee Prairie, and Illinois Beach State Park is anticipated to begin November 1, 2018 and be completed by August 31, 2019.

Staff recommends the following lowest responsible bidders be awarded contracts for the Lyons Woods, Chiwaukee Prairie and Illinois Beach State Park Projects.

	Contract Price
Lyons Wood Forest Preserve to Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Leland, IL	\$ 29,300.00
Chiwaukee Prairie to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Broadhead, WI	\$ 102,655.00
Illinois Beach State Park to Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Leland, IL	\$ 149,430.00

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Purchasing Manager, Corporate Counsel

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR SMALL INVASIVE TREE AND
SHRUB CONTROL AT LYONS WOODS FOREST PRESERVE, CHIWAUKEE
PRAIRIE AND ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control in 2018/19 at Lyons Woods, Chiwaukee Prairie and Illinois Beach State Park (the "Work") pursuant to the bidding documents for such Work (the "Bid Documents"); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on August 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. and such bids are identified on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the District's staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations Committee, have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find (i) Applied Ecological Services, Inc., with its bid of \$102,655.00 ("Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid"), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work at Chiwaukee Prairie identified in the Bid Documents and (ii) Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., with its bids of \$29,300.00 and \$149,430.00 ("Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. Bids"), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve and Illinois Beach State Park, respectively, identified in the Bid Documents and award contracts for the Work to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. and Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. (the "Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Applied Ecological Services, Inc. and Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. are the lowest responsible bidders for the Work, as set forth in the previous clause;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, **THAT**:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Chiwaukee Prairie in the amount of \$102,655.00 (the "Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Price") is hereby awarded to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. The Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Bids are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Lyons Woods and Illinois Beach State Park in the amount of \$178,730.00 (the "Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Contract Price") is hereby awarded to Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. (the Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Price and the Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Contract Price are, collectively, the "Contract Prices").

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contracts for the Work in the amounts of the Contract Prices.

Section 4: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contracts' terms.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 9th day of OCTOBER, 2018

AYES: 20

NAYS: 0

APPROVED this 9th day of OCTOBER, 2018

Ann B. Maine
Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani
Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. 5450

EXHIBIT A

19002 Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control 2018/2019

Vendor		Lyons Woods Forest Preserve	Chiwaukee Prairie	Illinois Beach State Park
Native Restoration Services		\$40,000	\$147,000	No Bid
Applied Ecological Services		No Bid	\$102,655	\$149,583
Liberty Prairie Restorations		\$29,350	No Bid	No Bid
Red Buffalo Nursery		\$39,450	No Bid	No Bid
ENCAP, Inc		\$38,750	\$170,625	\$248,625
Integrated Lakes Management		\$46,000	\$161,000	\$234,600
Tallgrass Restoration		\$71,000	\$248,500	\$362,100
Pizzo & Associates		\$29,300	No Bid	\$149,430

Lowest Responsible Bid