



# Lake County Forest Preserves

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**DATE:** March 1, 2021

**TO:** Jessica Vealitzek, Chair  
Operations Committee

**Agenda Item#** 10.3

Julie Simpson, Chair  
Finance Committee

**FROM:** James L. Anderson  
Director of Natural Resources

Alex Eichman  
Chief of Golf Course Operations

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a resolution awarding contracts for District-Wide Plant Protectant Chemicals to Advanced Turf Solutions, Inc., BTSI, Clesens Inc., Chicagoland Turf, Conserv FS, Growing Solutions, Inc., Pendelton Turf Supply, Reinders, Inc., SiteOne Landscape Supply, and VanDiest Supply Company in a total amount not to exceed \$342,900.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Organizational Sustainability; Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The District's approved FY2021 budget provides for payment for these products with \$80,000.00 in the Natural Resources Grounds Maintenance Supplies and \$262,900.00 in the Golf Grounds Commodities. Specific account codes are shown on Appendix A to this memorandum.

**BACKGROUND:** These products are purchased annually and used on an as-needed basis to maintain the golf courses and provide the needed herbicide applications throughout the other properties in the District. Each yellow bid and each red highlighted bid listed on the Exhibit attached to the attached resolution is the lowest (or potential lowest) bid for the corresponding type of Product. The bids highlighted in blue on the Exhibit attached to the resolution do not conform to the bidding specifications because they include unacceptable alternate products, container sizes, or units of measure that would result in a purchase of excess product or otherwise do not conform to the bidding specifications. The staff recommends the rejection of the highlighted in blue.

With respect to the red highlighted bids on lines 44 and 71 of the Exhibit, the bidders have sent written requests to withdraw these bids stating that their low bids are typographical errors.

If the blue highlighted bids are rejected and the red highlighted bids are allowed to be withdrawn, then the yellow highlighted bids are the low bids for each product.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Manager of Landscape Ecology, Purchasing Manager and Corporate Counsel.

## APPENDIX A

The Plant Protectant products for Ecological Restoration and Grounds Maintenance have been budgeted for in the Natural Resources Grounds Maintenance Supplies account code 27643800-641100.

The Plant Protectant products for Golf Operations have been budgeted for in the Revenue Facilities Golf Grounds Commodities account codes:

### Countryside

80523800-642200 (herbicide)  
80523800-642300 (fertilizer)  
80523800-642400 (plant protectants)  
80523800-642500 (insecticide)  
80523800-642600 (turf grass chemicals)

### Brae Loch

81523800-642200 (herbicide)  
81523800-642300 (fertilizer)  
81523800-642400 (plant protectants)  
81523800-642500 (insecticide)  
81523800-642600 (turf grass chemicals)

### ThunderHawk

83523800-642200 (herbicide)  
83523800-642300 (fertilizer)  
83523800-642400 (plant protectants)  
83523800-642500 (insecticide)  
83523800-642600 (turf grass chemicals)



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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF PLANT PROTECTANT PRODUCTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids to purchase plant protectant products, which are listed under the column titled “PRODUCT DESCRIPTION” on the attached exhibit (the “Products”); and

**WHEREAS**, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on January 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.; and such bids are summarized on the exhibit attached hereto (the “Exhibit”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the blue highlighted bids on the Exhibit are for incorrect and unacceptable alternate products, container sizes, or units of measure that do not conform to the bidding specifications for the Products (the “Non-Conforming Bids”); and

**WHEREAS**, Advanced Turf Solutions, Inc., Chicagoland Turf, and Clesens, Inc., have requested that they be allowed to withdraw the red highlighted bids on the Exhibit, stating that such bids are typographical errors (the “Incorrect Bids”); and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s staff; the Purchasing Manager; the Chief of Golf Operations, the Director of Natural Resources; the Operations Committee and the Finance Committee have reviewed the bids, and based upon the bids, recommend that the Board of Commissioners (i) allow the Incorrect Bids to be withdrawn (ii) reject the Non-Conforming Bids, (iii) find that each yellow highlighted bid listed on the Exhibit (collectively, the “Low Bids”) is a lowest responsible bid for the corresponding type of Product listed in the “PRODUCT DESCRIPTION” column of the Exhibit and (iv) award contracts for the Products to each of Advanced Turf Solutions, Inc., Wheeling, Illinois; BTSI, New Lenox, Illinois; Chicagoland Turf, Downers Grove, Illinois; Clesens Inc., Lincolnshire, Illinois; Conserv FS, Wauconda, Illinois; Growing Solutions, Inc., New Lenox, Illinois; Pendelton Turf Supply, Inc., Waterford, Wisconsin; Reinders, Inc., Elgin, Illinois; SiteOne Landscape Supply, Wheeling, Illinois; and VanDiest Supply Company, Freeport, Illinois, (collectively the “Low Bidders”) for the Products for which each Low Bidder submitted a Low Bid, pursuant to which the District may purchase such amounts of the Products that it determines are necessary or desirable for District use (the “Contracts”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that each Low Bid is a lowest responsible bid for the corresponding type of Product listed in the “PRODUCT DESCRIPTION” column of the Exhibit;

**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. Rejection of Non-Conforming Bids and Incorrect Bids.** The Incorrect Bids are hereby allowed to be withdrawn. The Non-Conforming Bids and the Incorrect Bids are hereby rejected.

**Section 3. Acceptance of Bids.** The Low Bids in the amounts listed on the Exhibit (the "Contract Prices") are hereby accepted and Contracts for the Products are hereby awarded to the Low Bidders.

**Section 4. Award of Contracts.** The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized to execute the Contracts for the Products in the amount of the Contract Prices.

**Section 5. Payments.** The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

**Section 6. 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2021

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APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2021

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani  
Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit # 5742

  
Angelo D. Kyle, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

