

DATE: August 3, 2026

MEMO TO: Sara Knizhnik, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: Daniel E. Stearns
Director of Facilities

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to ILF1, LLC d/b/a Elmhurst Ford, for the Purchase of Three New Fleet Vehicles (two 2026 Ford F-350 Super Duty Dump Trucks with plow and spreaders and one 2025 Ford F-350 Mechanic Truck with crane) in the Contract Price of \$336,215.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability.

FINANCIAL DATA: The FY 2026 adopted Vehicle Replacement Fund budget (90104100-804000) includes \$780,000.00 for replacement purchases for eleven vehicles, including these three Ford F-350 trucks. The total cost to purchase all eleven vehicles will be \$755,215.00.

On February 11, 2026, the Board approved a Resolution pre-authorizing the purchase of these three vehicles up to an estimated cost of \$240,000.00 (\$80,000.00 each). The total actual cost for these three vehicles is \$336,215.00.

BACKGROUND: Eleven vehicles are to be purchased in FY2026 as part of the District-wide vehicle replacement program. In accordance with the most recent amendment to the Purchasing Policy, the Board approved a Resolution on February 11, 2026 that pre-authorized the purchase of those eleven vehicles, so long as the contract prices were under the pre-authorized estimates. Eight of the vehicles have already been purchased accordingly.

Replacements for the remaining three vehicles, specifically units #139 (2014 Chevy K3500), #152 (2015 Chevy K3500), and #120 (2012 Chevy K3500), were recently advertised for competitive bids. The lowest responsible bids exceed the previously estimated prices of the vehicles and their upfitting and must be approved separately by the Committee and Board in accordance with the Purchasing Policy. The price differences are primarily attributed to significant market price increases for the vehicle attachments and upfitting.

A notice seeking bids for purchase of these three vehicles was advertised in the Lake County News Sun, and the bids were received and opened on July 7, 2026. One bid was received from the following bidder in the following amount:

VENDOR
ILF1, LLC d/b/a Elmhurst Ford

TOTAL BID
\$336,215.00

Staff recommends that Elmhurst Ford be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder.

The new mechanic truck will be assigned to the Facilities Department and used by the Mechanical Services Division staff based at the Operations and Public Safety Facility. The two new dump trucks will be assigned to the Countryside grounds staff and Lakewood grounds maintenance staff.

The vehicles are expected to be in service for ten years in accordance with the Vehicle Replacement guidelines.

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR AUGUST MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2026**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract to ILF1, LLC d/b/a Elmhurst Ford for the Purchase of Three New Fleet Vehicles” and requests its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ ☐ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____Nays: _____
☐ Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ILF1, LLC d/b/a ELMHURST FORD
FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE NEW FLEET VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) desires to purchase three new fleet vehicles consisting of two 2026 Ford F-350 Super Duty Dump Trucks with plow and spreader attachments and one 2025 Ford F-350 Mechanic Truck with crane attachment, or approved equivalents (the “Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, the District has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for purchase of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on July 7, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received from ILF1, LLC d/b/a Elmhurst Ford (“Elmhurst Ford”) in the amount of \$336,215.00; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Facilities, and the Operations Committee, have reviewed the bid and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Elmhurst Ford to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for purchase of the Equipment to Elmhurst Ford (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Elmhurst Ford is the lowest responsible bidder for the Equipment;

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 bid submitted by Elmhurst Ford in the amount of \$336,215.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted, and a Contract for purchase of the Equipment is hereby awarded to Elmhurst Ford.

Section 3: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract with Elmhurst Ford for purchase of the Equipment in the amount of the Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract 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 _____ day of _____, 2026

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026

Jessica Vealitzek, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____