



DATE: March 6, 2025

MEMO TO: Sara Knizhnik, Chair
Operations Committee

Gina Roberts, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: Alex Eichman
Director of Golf Operations

Pati Vitt
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for Plant Protectant and Herbicide Products to Advanced Turf Solutions, Inc.; Carlin Sales Corporation; BTSI; Clesens Inc.; Conserv FS; Pendelton Turf Supply; Reinders, Inc; SiteOne Landscape Supply; Simplot AB Retail, Inc.; Van Diest Supply Company; Nutrien AG Solutions; and Heritage Landscape Supply Group, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$529,500.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability; Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The District's approved FY2025 budget provides for payment for these products with \$101,000.00 in the Natural Resources Grounds Maintenance Supplies account (27643800-641100) and \$428,500.00 in the Golf Grounds Commodities account. 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 on other District properties. Each yellow highlighted bid listed on the Exhibit is the lowest responsible bid for the corresponding type of product (assuming the Board allows the withdrawal of the Incorrect Bids, defined below). The bids highlighted in red on the Exhibit (the "Non-Conforming Bids") do not conform to the bidding specifications because they include unacceptable alternate products or container sizes that would result in a purchase of excess product. The bids highlighted in blue on the Exhibit (the "Incorrect Bids") are low bids that the vendors are asking to withdraw –because they reportedly reflect old prices from 2024 that the bidders state they will no longer be able to hold during the terms of the proposed Contracts. The staff recommends that the Board: (i) reject the Non-Conforming Bids, and (ii) allow the vendors to withdraw the Incorrect Bids.

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

APPENDIX A

The Plant Protectant products have been budgeted for in the Golf Grounds Commodities and Natural Resources Grounds Maintenance Supplies account codes as follows:

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)

Natural Resources

27643800-641100 (grounds maintenance supplies)

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
PLANT PROTECTANT AND HERBICIDE 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 and herbicide 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 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., and such bids are summarized on the exhibit attached hereto (the “Exhibit”); and

WHEREAS, the bids highlighted in blue on the Exhibit (the “Incorrect Bids”) are low bids that the bidders have asked to withdraw, because such bids reflect prices that such bidders state they are unable to hold during the terms of the proposed Contracts (defined below); and

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

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Golf Operations, the Director of Natural Resources, the Operations Committee, and the Finance Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners: (i) 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 (ii) award contracts for the Products to each of Advanced Turf Solutions, BTSI, Carlin Sales Corporation, Clesens Inc., Conserv FS, Heritage Landscape Supply Group, Inc., Nutrien AG Solutions, Pendelton Turf Supply, Reinders Inc., Simplot AB Retail Inc., SiteOne Landscape Supply, and Van Diest Supply (collectively the “Low Bidders”) for the Products for which each Low Bidder submitted the 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. Approval of Withdrawal of Incorrect Bids. The withdrawal of the Incorrect Bids is hereby approved.

Section 3. Rejection of Non-Conforming Bids. The Non-Conforming Bids are hereby rejected.

Section 4. Acceptance of Low Bids and Award of Contracts. 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 5. Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contracts for the Products in the amounts of the Contract Prices.

Section 6. Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contracts’ terms.

Section 7. 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 _____, 2025

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025

Jessica Vealitzek, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

ITEM #	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	Advanced Turf Solutions		Carlin Sales		Clesens		Conserv FS		BTSI		Van Diest Supply		SiteOne Landscape Supply		Simplot		Reinders		Pendelton Turf		Nutrien AG		Heritage		Masterblend		
			Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec	Unit Price	Per Spec
1	DENSICOR	51 OZ. BOTTLE	Y	\$739.60			Y	\$739.60					Y	\$739.60	Y	\$739.60	Y	\$739.60	Y	\$739.60	N	\$525.93			Y	\$739.60			
2	ENCLAVE	2X2.5 GAL CASE	Y	\$610.00			Y	\$610.00	Y	\$610.00		\$610.00	Y	\$610.00	Y	\$610/case	Y	\$610.00	Y	\$610.00	Y	\$610.00			Y	\$610.00			
3	EXTERIS STRESSGARD	2x2.5 GAL CASE	Y	\$732.00			Y	\$732.00					Y	\$732.00	Y	\$732/case	Y	\$732.00	Y	\$732.00					Y	\$822.00			
4	INSIGNIA INTRINSIC	2X2.5 GAL CASE	Y	\$7,522.50			Y	\$7,375.00					Y	\$7,522.50	Y	\$7522.5/case	Y	\$7,522.50	Y	\$7,375.00	Y	\$7,522.50			Y	\$7,522.50			
5	MAXTIMA	2X2.5 GAL CASE	Y	\$4,715.00			Y	\$4,620.00				\$4,620.00	Y	\$4,715.00	Y	\$4715.00/case	Y	\$4,715.00	Y	\$4,620.00	Y	\$4,715.00			Y	\$4,715.00			
6	RAYORA	2X2.5 CASE	Y	\$1,226.00			Y	\$1,226.00	Y	\$1,226.00		\$1,226.00	Y	\$1,226.00	Y	\$1226.00/case	Y	\$1,226.00	Y	\$1,226.00					Y	\$1,226.00			
7	RESILIA	2.72 GALLON	Y	\$918.87			Y	\$918.87					Y	\$918.88	Y	\$918.87	Y	\$918.87	Y	\$918.87					Y	\$918.87			
8	ANDERSONS FOLTEC SG 24-0-8	3X13.6# CASE					Y	\$262.00	Y	\$262.00			Y	\$262.00			Y	\$262.00	Y	\$262.00									
9	ACELEPRYN	0.5 GAL JUG			Y	\$966.50	Y	\$966.50					Y	\$966.50	Y	\$966.50	Y	\$966.50	Y	\$966.50	N	\$675.00			Y	\$966.50			
10	CUTLESS MEC	2X2.5 GAL CASE	Y	\$2,589.00			Y	\$2,589.00	Y	\$2,589.00		\$2,589.00	Y	\$2,589.00	Y	\$2589.00/case	Y	\$2,589.00	Y	\$2,589.00	Y	\$2,589.00			Y	\$2,589.00			
11	DURENTIS	0.5 GAL JUG	Y	\$2,250.00			Y	\$2,250.00	Y	\$2,550.00		\$2,250.00	Y	\$2,250.00	Y	\$2,250.00	Y	\$2,250.00	Y	\$2,250.00	N	\$675.00			Y	\$2,250.00			
12	SONAR 1	20 # BUCKET					Y	\$726.33	Y	\$726.33			Y	\$726.33	Y	\$726.33	Y	\$726.33	Y	\$726.33	Y	\$726.33	Y	\$726.33	Y	\$726.33			
13	FLUAZINAM 40%	1 GALLON JUG	Y	\$295.00			Y	\$210.00	Y	\$235.00		\$305.00	Y	\$210.25			n	\$222.00	Y	\$234.00	Y	\$215.00							
14	PROPICONAZOLE 14.3	2X2.5 GAL CASE	Y	\$320.00	n	\$84.50	Y	\$231.00	Y	\$260.00		\$274.00	Y	\$245.50			Y	\$255.56	Y	\$245.52	Y	\$255.88			Y	\$254.35			
15	RELIANT	2X2.5 GAL CASE					Y	\$94.00					Y	\$93.75			Y	\$99.67							Y	\$89.65			
16	TEBUCONAZOLE 3.6F	4X1 GAL CASE	Y	\$232.00	Y	\$64.50	Y	\$156.00	Y	\$182.00		\$170.00	Y	\$159.00	Y	\$194.40/case	Y	\$163.33	Y	\$161.41	Y	\$160.00			Y	\$165.22			
17	TM 4.5 FLO	2X2.5 CASE	Y	\$304.00	n	\$251.43	Y	\$221.00	Y	\$225.00		\$225.00	Y	\$198.75			Y	\$204.17	Y	\$255.88	Y	\$208.00			Y	\$213.59			
18	ADDIT	10x8 OZ. CASE															Y	\$1,055.56	N	\$177.00	Y	\$1,150.00					Y	\$1,140.00	
19	QUALIPRO 2D	4X1 GAL CASE					Y	\$285.20	Y	\$318.84		\$350.00	Y	\$218.80	Y	\$314.32/case	Y	\$325.56	Y	\$313.65	Y	\$310.00			Y	\$318.48			
20	QUALIPRO 3D	2X2.5 GAL CASE			n	\$950.73	N	\$124.50	Y	\$110.40		\$130.00	Y	\$99.25			Y	\$123.89	Y	\$117.65	Y	\$119.00							
21	QUICKSILVER	4X8 OZ CASE	Y	\$732.00			Y	\$644.00	Y	\$752.00		\$175.00	Y	\$583.00	Y	\$461.04/case	Y	\$711.12	Y	\$472.00					Y	\$695.65			
22	AQUADUCT FLEX	44# BAG	Y	\$360.80			Y	\$180.40					Y	\$180.40	Y	\$180.40	Y		N	\$78.45	Y	\$180.40			Y	\$180.40			
23	DISPATCH	2X2.5 CASE	Y	\$586.00			Y	\$586.00					Y	\$586.00	Y	\$586.00/case	Y		N	\$315.00	Y	\$585.75			Y	\$587.50			
24	DUPLEX 5	2X2.5 GAL CASE					Y	\$141.00	Y	\$164.88							Y	\$138.33	N	\$580.00									
25	DUPLEX 275	275 GAL TANK					Y	\$5,810.50									Y	\$6,004.17	N	\$30,662.50									
26	ENVY	1 GAL JUG					Y	\$84.00	Y	\$93.94							Y	\$86.14	N	\$180.00					Y	\$74.15			
27	EZ TABS	24 CT CASE					Y	\$256.86	Y	\$250.00							Y	\$321.93	N	\$264.80					Y	\$247.61			
28	FORTE	2X2.5 GAL CASE															Y	\$2,400.00											
29	PRECIP	2X2.5 CASE					Y	\$211.00	Y	\$211.00							Y	\$167.82	N	\$357.98					Y	\$138.32			
30	PRECIP	55 GAL DRUM					Y	\$2,186.25									Y	\$1,746.25	N	\$3,090.00									
31	RELY III	2X2.5 GAL CASE															Y	\$400.00											
32	TV 23 G	50# BAG															Y	\$75.00											
33	VIVAX TABS	24 CT CASE	Y	\$334.95			Y	\$254.00	Y	\$295.00							Y	\$334.95	N	\$264.80					Y	\$252.28			
34	WINTERGREEN PLUS	2X2.5 GAL CASE					Y	\$241.31	Y	\$224.91							Y	\$269.70	N	\$249.08									
35	0-0-7 WITH 0.15% DIMENSION SGN 240	50# BAG					Y	\$16.38							Y	\$22.83	n	\$13.65			N	\$16.00							
36	0-0-7 WITH 0.067% ACELEPYN SGN 240	50# BAG			Y	\$33.85	Y	\$28.27						Y	\$28.15	Y	\$30.22	Y	\$29.83		Y	\$33.10				Y	\$33.00		
37	AMMONIUM SULFATE 21-0-0 SGN 100	50# BAG					Y	\$16.90	Y	\$14.74							Y	\$21.25	Y	\$25.00	N	\$20.70				Y	\$19.00		
38	ANDERSONS 15-0-0 80% FORTIFY AND 28% BARRICADE	50# BAG					Y	\$17.44	Y	\$19.25				N	\$14.55			Y	\$17.05							Y	\$18.00		
39	ANDERSONS 15-0-0 80% FORTIFY AND 28% BARRICADE	1000# TOTE					Y	\$360.00	Y	\$740.00				N	\$301.90			Y	\$308.24							Y	\$350.00		
40	LEBANON 16-0-8 GREENS GRADE	40# BAG					Y	\$45.75								Y	\$47.50	Y	\$45.75										
41	PENDELTON 0-0-26	2X2.5 GAL CASE								\$210.00									N	\$99.00	Y	\$105.00							
42	PENDELTON 5-0-0-5FE	2X2.5 GAL CASE												N	\$45.00						Y	\$65.00							
43	PENDELTON 30-0-0 50% CRN AND AMINO ACIDS	2X2.5 GAL CASE																	N	\$176.50	Y	\$85.00							
44	PENDELTON READY PHYTE	2X2.5 GAL CASE																	N	\$99.00	Y	\$164.40							
45	PLANT FOOD 6 IRON 12-0-0	2X2.5 GAL CASE												N	\$88.00			N	\$94.00	Y	\$117.50								
46	PRUDENT 44	2X2.5 GAL CASE															Y	\$299.03	N	\$74.26									
47	UMAXX 46-0-0 SGN 250	50# BAG			n	\$33.73	Y	\$33.76					Y	\$33.00			Y	\$37.34								Y	\$33.75		
48	UMAXX 46-0-0 SGN 250	2000# TOTE					Y	\$1,350.40					Y	\$1,320.00			Y	\$1,493.65								Y	\$1,338.00		
49	UREA 46-0-0	50# BAG	Y	\$19.15	n	\$48.80	Y	\$17.27	Y	\$15.85							Y	\$34.92	Y	\$35.40	Y	\$27.00				Y	\$17.40		
50	PAC LOW	1 GAL JUG	Y	\$198.00	Y	\$116.59	Y	\$135.10	Y	\$144.88		\$153.00	Y	\$113.35	Y	\$164.06	Y	\$142.22	Y	\$157.81	Y	\$120.00			Y	\$92.93			
51	PROHEX 27.5 WDG	6# CONTAINER															Y	\$408.00	Y	\$324.71	Y	\$408.00			Y	\$408.00			
52	CAPTAIN XTR	2X2.5 GAL CASE	Y	\$205.30			Y	\$171.00	Y	\$182.00		\$214.82	Y	\$169.00	Y	\$184.24/case	Y	\$178.78	Y	\$214.83	Y	\$180.00	Y	\$207.50	Y	\$172.46			
53	SECLEAR	2X2.5 GAL CASE	Y	\$78.82	Y	\$43.19	Y	\$65.25	Y	\$75.00		\$82.38	Y	\$64.75	Y	\$72.88/case	Y	\$67.56	Y	\$83.00	Y	\$70.00	Y	\$80.00	Y	\$66.09			
54	SGA CUBE	EA																			Y	\$14.00							
55	ACTIVATOR 90	2X2.5 GAL												N	\$117.90			n	\$35.75	N	\$177.00			Y	\$90.00				
56	BARK OIL	11.25 GAL			n	\$51.13							Y	\$183.60			Y	\$139.36	N	\$139.36			N	\$225.00					
57	CHOICE WEATHER MASTER	2X2.5 GAL																			Y	\$105.00							
58	DRY PACK DYE	CASE	Y	\$260.66	n	\$69.41											Y				Y	\$260.00	Y	\$240.00					
59	GARLON 3A	2X2.5 GAL			n	\$154.70	N	\$265.07	Y	\$199.88			Y	\$237.75			Y	\$317.65	Y	\$505.38	Y	\$264.00	Y	\$290.00	Y	\$293.48			
60	GARLON 4	2X2.5 GAL			n	\$177.29	N	\$310.00	Y	\$234.88			N	\$246.00			Y	\$429.42	Y	\$683.52	Y	\$324.00	Y	\$375.00	Y	\$396.74			
61	INTENSITY	2X2.5 GAL					N	\$128.80					N	\$129.75			Y				Y	\$210.00							
62	MAKAZE	2X2.5 GAL							Y	\$76.44			N	\$73.25			Y		N	\$62.27			Y	\$100.					