



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee meeting was held Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 9:30 AM at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by President Kious in Chair Wojnicki's absence, at 9:31 AM. Remote=*

Members Present:

<u>Attendee Name:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
President Chris Kious	Present
Chairman Barbara Wojnicki	Absent
Commissioner Myrna Molina	Present
Commissioner Bill Lenert	Present
Commissioner David Brown	Present
Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann	Present
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Present
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Present
Commissioner Mavis Bates	Present*

Others Present:

Exec. Dir. Meyers; Dir. of NRM Haberthur; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk; Chief of Planning Anderson Jr.; Dir. of Ops. Goreth; Dir. of Public Safety & Chief of Police Burger; Attorney Hodge; Recording Secretary Figliozzi; KCIT staff Peters.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2021

RESULT:	APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
AYES:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, David Brown, Cheryl Strathmann, Michael Kenyon, Jarett Sanchez
REMOTE:	Mavis Bates
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki

III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes)

None.

IV. Bids and Proposals

A. Presentation and Approval of a Bid for the Purchase of Native Seed for Restoration at Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve

Dir. Haberthur presented the following bid results for the native seed mix restoration project. Bids were sought for 146 separate species to be mixed by District staff and then sown across an approximately 50-acre field at Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Burlington.

This restoration is a new agricultural-field-to-tallgrass-prairie restoration and represents the third phase of our Bobolink prairie project aimed to recreate prairie habitat. Bids were released to 20 vendors with 5 responding. Bids were quoted for 135 of the requested species with 4 species prices coming in at the same price. Ties were settled with a coin toss at District Headquarters on 10/19/21. Lowest qualified bids for all species is detailed in an attachment. All five of the responding vendors won at least one species and totals are as follows:

- RES Great Lakes LLC dba Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries of Broadhead, Wisconsin, was the lowest qualified bid on 22 of the requested species for a total of \$10,426.00
- Cardno, Inc. of Monee, Illinois, was the lowest qualified bid on 8 of the requested species for a total of \$2,146.00.
- Agrecol LLC of Evansville, Wisconsin, was the lowest qualified bid on 16 of the requested species for a total of \$20,978.00.
- Prairie State Nursery of LaSalle County, Illinois, was the lowest qualified bid on 17 of the requested species for a total of \$5,331.50.
- Shooting Star of Spring Grove, Minnesota, and Prairie Moon of Winona, Minnesota, submitted a combined bid and were the lowest qualified bid on 72 of the requested species for a total of \$46,600.69.

The total of all bids was \$85,482.19.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/4/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner	
AYES:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, David Brown, Cheryl Strathmann, Michael Kenyon, Jarett Sanchez,	
REMOTE:	Mavis Bates	
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B. Presentation and Approval of Bids for Herbicide Control of Woody Re-sprouts at Various Preserves

Dir. Haberthur presented the following bid results for the Woody re-sprout application. District staff and contractors annually clear dozens of acres. These clearing projects remove large portions of non-native and invasive woody vegetation from degraded woodlands. The removal of mid- and over-story individuals from a woodland opens the forest floor to sunlight. The sunlight equally favors both beneficial species and invasive non-natives. The contracted work detailed below will target invasive woody species for chemical spot control. Through this process, we will promote desirable plants and restore both the structure and function of the woods. Successive years of effort will reduce the effort and cost needed to maintain these areas in perpetuity.

The District publicly advertised the bid and sent it to 29 vendors with 5 responding. Three vendors provided the qualified, lowest bid for each of the four projects:

Project 1 – Helm Woods Forest Preserve – (49 acres): Bid of \$14,825 by Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois.

Project 2 – Lone Grove Forest Preserve – (40 acres): Bid of \$15,800 by Encap, Inc. of DeKalb, Illinois.

Project 3 – Freeman Kame Forest Preserve – (35 acres): Bid of \$13,440 by Tallgrass Restoration, Inc. of Schaumburg, Illinois.

Project 4 – Pingree Grove Forest Preserve – (13 acres): Bid of \$3,840 by Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois.

DISCUSSION: Brief conversation regarding native and invasive species.

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MOVER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann, Commissioner	
AYES:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, David Brown, Cherryl Strathmann, Michael Kenyon, Jarett Sanchez	
REMOTE:	Mavis Bates	
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki	

V. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of the 2022 IDNR Request for CWD Control on District Properties

Dir. Haberthur provided background information of the District's Deer Program, explaining the difference from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) program, which focuses on Chronic Waster Disease (CWD). The Forest Preserve District program measurers the vegetative impacts of deer. The IDNR starts their program at the end of the hunting season. Northern Regional Wildlife Roy Domazlicky, from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, (IDNR) thanked the commission for the opportunity to provide information and appreciated the allowance for control of the CWD. He presented a PowerPoint presentation covering the history of the disease and the infected deer mitigation program.

Commissioner Bates asked if CWD was similar to Mad Cow disease and if humans could contract the disease through eating the meat. Domazlicky explained the difference between the diseases and stated that to date, they have not recorded a positive case in humans through consumption. Domazlicky continued the presentation, noting six positive cases of CWD in 2020. He provided maps and discussed the positive areas.

The IDNR collected a total of 108 CWD samples (130 requested) for FY2021. Among these samples 6 were found positive. The IDNR is requesting two additional preserves to be included in the list as the most recent positive cases came from the heavily dense deer population area.

DISCUSSION: *President Kious spoke in favor of the CWD mitigation program, however he noted that Chair Wojnicki wanted to address the noise issue. Mr. Domazlicky stated that by state law, they are not allowed to use certain suppressors, however they are aware of the noise and trying to minimize as much as possible. Commissioner Strathmann asked about deer families, spread of infection rate. Domazlicky stated that an infected buck can potentially travel up to two miles and spread the disease along the way. He stated that the IDNR will target the deer that demonstrate erratic behaviors common to the disease. Commissioner Sanchez asked about hunters and the visibility of the infected behavior. Domazlicky responded that the only way to confirm is by testing, submitting samples unless the deer demonstrate severe symptoms. The current timeframe for samples takes between 3-6 weeks. They continue to work towards a faster turnaround. Dir. Haberthur noted that all hunters approved through the District are required to provide the samples.*

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SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner
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VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Litigation and Personnel

None.

VII. Communications

Exec. Dir. Meyers reminded the Committee of the Full Commission Retreat tomorrow, Friday October 29, 2021 at the Barbara Belding Lodge at 8:00 a.m.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
AYES:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, David Brown, Cherryl Strathmann, Michael Kenyon, Jarett Sanchez,
REMOTE:	Mavis Bates
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki

President Chris Kious
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozi

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Recording Secretary