

FOREST PRESERVE BOARD AGENDA
118 N. CLARK STREET, COUNTY BOARD ROOM
JANUARY 7, 2009 - 10:00 A.M.

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PROPOSED AGREEMENT

ITEM #1

SUBMITTING FOR APPROVAL AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES IN THE FOREST PRESERVES.

COMMUNICATION

ITEM #2

TRANSMITTING REQUESTS RECEIVED BY THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT DEEMED TO BE NON-COMPLIANT WITH THE MISSION OF THE DISTRICT. TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

ITEM #3

THE DISTRICT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SELECTION FOR GRANT FUNDING, THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COLLING SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000.00. TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

ITEM #4

THE DISTRICT IS PLEASED TO A GRANT AWARD OF \$247,000 TO THE UIC IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK ON THE ACRHIVES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT. TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

ITEM #5

TRANSMITTING THE 4TH QUARTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT. TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

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COMMUNICATION (CONT'D)

ITEM #6

TRANSMITTING THE COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

ITEM #7

REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE TIRES AND TUBES FROM THE JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CONTRACT #4015505.

ITEM #8

SUBMITTING FOR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF WORKING CASH FUNDS FROM THE BROOKFIELD ZOO.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ITEM #9

COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI SUBMITTING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE BANNING NYLON MESH IN THE FOREST PRESERVES.

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF NYLON MESHING
TO PROTECT NEW PLANTS BY WATER AREAS OF THE FOREST PRESERVES

Sponsored by
Commissioner Peter N. Silvestri

WHEREAS, nylon meshing is used to protect new plants in areas near water in the forest preserves; and

WHEREAS, nylon mesh is an attractive material for ingestion by animals in these areas; and

WHEREAS, nylon mesh can choke such animals, and although claimed to be biodegradable, it can last for six months or more in such areas; and

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE (CONT'D)

ITEM #9 (CONT'D)

WHEREAS, nylon mesh is unsightly and creates safety hazards for humans and animals;
and

WHEREAS, modern technology should provide alternatives to the use of nylon mesh;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners prohibit the use of nylon mesh on forest preserve property and direct the Forest Preserve District administration to implement another material or process to protect new plants on such properties.

PROPOSED COMMUNICATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM #10

AUDIT.....JANUARY 6, 2009

ITEM #11

REAL ESTATE.....JANUARY 6, 2009

ITEM #12

FINANCE.....JANUARY 7, 2009

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Forest Preserve District is set for February 5, 2009.

January 7, 2009

To the Honorable President
and Members of the Board of
Forest Preserve District Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is respectfully requested that authority be granted to the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into the attached agreement with the National Audubon Society for the purpose of re-instating a successful program to carry out ecological restoration activities within the District. Funding for these activities will be disbursed from the Department of Resource Management's Restoration Intern Program Account #013100-620053 and was previously approved in the 2009 Appropriation Ordinance.

As specified in the agreement, all activities will comply with the Land Management Guidelines as set forth by the Board of Forest Preserve District Commissioners.

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County will reimburse the National Audubon Society an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in accordance with the attached agreement. These funds will be transferred to the National Audubon Society upon receipt of invoices for the actual costs incurred.

Approval is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Bylina
General Superintendent

SMB:rdn
Districtwide
Attachment

AGREEMENT

This agreement, dated as of _____, between the National Audubon Society, a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of New York, through its Chicago Wilderness Program office ("Audubon"), and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("District"), a political subdivision of the State of Illinois, regards projects to be undertaken in 2009 on lands owned and managed by the Forest Preserve District.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the District owns and manages numerous preserves of natural habitat that are of interest to Audubon; and

WHEREAS, the District desires the assistance of Audubon in undertaking certain ecological restoration activities on certain of these lands; and

WHEREAS, Audubon wishes to assist the District in the management of these lands; and

WHEREAS, the District has appropriated \$150,000 to be spent in 2009 on these activities; and

WHEREAS, the District and Audubon wish to further specify how these funds will be spent.

NOW THEREFORE, the District and Audubon agree as follows:

1. Recitals are hereby incorporated and made a part hereof by reference.
2. All activities carried out under this Agreement shall be consistent with policies approved by the Board of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.
3. The District funds identified to cover habitat enhancement and restoration projects on District grasslands, wetlands and woodlands habitat ("Projects") shall come from those funds appropriated by the District as part of its 2009 budget.
4. Work on the Projects will be completed no later than December 31, 2009 (unless otherwise agreed to by the parties). The District shall reimburse Audubon for all direct expenses incurred by Audubon in each of the following categories, up to the combined maximum total of \$150,000.
 - a. Salary and fringe-benefit costs for short-term restoration technicians (also known as "summer restoration interns") ("Technicians"). These Technicians will be recruited, hired and paid as short-term employees by Audubon. Their work on District-owned land will be supervised by Audubon in cooperation with District Master Stewards and overseen by the District's Volunteer Coordinator and/or Resource Manager IV. Initial training in safety, tool maintenance, and District management practices will be provided by District Resource Management staff. The work of the Technicians will be guided by site-specific workplans previously developed by site stewards and approved by the District.
 - b. Supplies and tools for Technician activities on District land, the ownership of which will vest with the District.
 - c. Personnel, supplies and prorated rent, phone, and related program costs for Audubon staff employed in recruiting, training and supervising Technicians and providing payroll and related support.

5. Audubon shall submit invoices to the District in order to be reimbursed for Project activities undertaken under this Agreement. Invoices shall document personnel, supplies and materials paid for under this Agreement. All other costs will be documented by copies of paid invoices. The final invoice shall be submitted by December 1, 2009. Audubon will administer the above Projects, including making initial payment for expenses.

6. Audubon, as well as any subcontractors hired by Audubon to undertake Projects authorized by this Agreement, are responsible for obtaining all permits, insurance and permissions of the District necessary to carry out any activities authorized by or covered by this Agreement. Audubon, as well as any subcontractors, shall comply with all statutes, rules, regulations, policies and procedures at all times whether local, state or federal.

7. This Agreement does not reflect all activities undertaken by Audubon or the District with respect to the management of District lands. This Agreement is intended only to cover those specific Project activities identified and funded as set out herein.

8. This Agreement may only be amended by the parties in a signed writing. This Agreement shall be binding when signed by the parties but shall cover all authorized Project activities even if those activities were begun prior to execution of this Agreement.

9. Audubon agrees to maintain general comprehensive liability insurance throughout the terms of this Agreement naming the District as an additional insured, which insurance shall be in the primary amount of \$1,000,000, with an umbrella policy in the amount of \$10,000,000. Audubon shall notify the District within ten (10) days of any and all material changes to its insurance policies.

10. This Agreement automatically terminates on December 31, 2009 unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.

11. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.

12. Neither Party may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Consent shall not unreasonably be withheld.

13. This is the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements and/or understandings whether written or oral.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
OF COOK COUNTY

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

January 7, 2009

To the Honorable President
and Members of the Board of
Forest Preserve District Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the previous quarter the Forest Preserve District (FPD) has received requests for use of FPD property that were deemed to be non-compliant with the MISSION of the FPD. The following is a list of those projects:

1. Request for sign-off on 4(F) document for improvement of 143rd Street between LaGrange Road and Wolf Road. Requested by The Illinois Department of Transportation and Orland Park
2. Request for installation of Pole line along 31st Street between Prairie Avenue and First Avenue in Brookfield. Requested by The Commonwealth Edison Company.
3. Request for license to locate operate, and maintain a 36" diameter storm sewer on FPD property in Glenwood. Requested by Village of Glenwood.
4. Request to issue permit to allow drilling and placing ground water monitoring wells on FPD property at four locations in Cook County. Requested by The Illinois State Geological Survey.

Receive and File.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Bylina, Jr.
General Superintendent

SMB/am/dw

January 7, 2009

To the Honorable President
And Members of the Board of
Forest Preserve District Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On June 4, 2008 your Honorable Body approved funds in the amount of \$803,747.50 for the addition of an environmentally friendly geothermal heating and cooling system for the new Little Red Schoolhouse. On July 2, 2008, approval was received for the District to apply for an Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Geothermal Grant.

At this time, the District is please to announce that this project has been chosen as one of a select few to receive the maximum available grant award amount of \$90,000. This is a most welcome addition to the funding of this worthwhile project.

To be Received and Filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Bylina, Jr.
General Superintendent

SMB:am
District 17

January 7, 2009

To the Honorable, the President
and Members of the Board of
Forest Preserve Commissioners

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

At its February 7, 2008 board meeting, your honorable body authorized the Forest Preserve District to collaborate with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) on a grant proposal to preserve, protect and catalog the District's historic documents, and if funds were received, to transfer historic materials to UIC.

The District is pleased to announce that the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation awarded a three-year grant of \$247,000 to UIC in support of the university's work on the archives of the Forest Preserve District.

Recognizing the District's central role in the history of land conservation and ecological restoration, the Donnelley Foundation is providing the grant to preserve the District's impressive collection of historic records, including documents, publications, photographic images, scrapbooks, sketches, blueprints, drawings, and maps.

These materials are of interest to the public and scholars in many fields of study, so in addition to their preservation and protection the materials will be cataloged and made available to the public at the UIC library and by way of an online finding aid. A subset of materials will be used to create an online "virtual exhibit" depicting the history of the Forest Preserve District.

This is for your information to be received and filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Bylina
General Superintendent

SMB: cbg

January 7, 2009

To the Honorable President
and Members of the Board of
Forest Preserve District Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Planning and Development Department has prepared in CD ROM format, the attached "Construction Project Progress Report" for the fourth quarter of 2008. This report outlines by commissioner district, projects that are planned to be undertaken, are currently under construction or have been recently completed. Funding for these projects is provided by SB83 bond proceeds, Illinois First funds, Capital Development funds or third party sources such as grants.

This information is to be received and filed.

Respectfully submitted.

Steven M. Bylina, Jr.
General Superintendent

SMB:am/jh
Districtwide

January 7, 2009

To the Honorable President
and Members of the Board of
Forest Preserve District Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Planning and Development Department has prepared the attached "2008 Construction Completion Report". This report outlines by facility types, projects that have been completed in 2008. Funding for these projects is provided by SB83 bond proceeds, Illinois First funds, Capital Development funds or third party sources such as grants.

This information is to be received and filed.

Respectfully submitted.

Steven M. Bylina, Jr.
General Superintendent

SMB:am/am
Districtwide

January 9, 2009

To the Honorable President,
and Members of the Board of
Forest Preserve District Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Permission is requested to purchase tires and tubes from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company from a Joint Purchasing Agreement with the State of Illinois contract #4015505 which expires on November 9, 2010.

Purchases will be made on an as needed basis throughout the year for all District Law Enforcement and maintenance vehicles. Total purchases for the year are expected to exceed \$25,000.00.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has acknowledged that adequate funding is available to cover the estimated cost in the 2009 General Maintenance Equipment Maintenance Services, Supplies and Materials Account# 015100-620120.

Approval is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Bylina, Jr.
General Superintendent

SMB: tt/cw



Chicago Zoological Society
Inspiring Conservation Leadership

December 1, 2008

Mr Marlo Kemp
Chief Financial Officer
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
69 West Washington
Suite 2060
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Marlo:

Please accept this letter as our 2009 annual working cash fund request. As you know, our cash flows during the months of October through March are financially challenging. These cash flows are very typical of our shoulder seasons.

This annual circumstance is clearly within the intent of the original establishment of the zoological park working cash fund as originally proposed and enacted under P.A. 80-320, Art 1, Sec. 42.1 dated September 18, 1980. We are therefore submitting this request to draw on the zoological park working cash fund of \$1.5 million in January 2009, which would allow us to continue to provide outstanding services to our public constituents.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to present the working cash fund resolution to the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for approval at the January, 2009 meeting. The Society recognizes its statutory obligation to repay the \$1.5 million working cash fund from the net collection of the second 2008 tax levy installment.

Sincerely,

Stuart D. Strahl, Ph. D.
President and CEO

/pd

Cc: Dan Donovan

Brookfield, Illinois 60513-0719 708 688 8400 www.CZS.org

Brookfield Zoo is owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and managed by the Chicago Zoological Society
Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer M/F/D/V

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