



# AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** May 30, 2024

**TO:** Forest Preserve District Planning & Utilization Committee

**FROM:** Jennifer Rooks-Lopez, Chief of Planning & Land Management

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Approval of a Bid for construction with Midwest Excavators LLC., for the Buffalo/Brunner Family Forest Preserve Site Improvements.

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## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of a bid for construction with Midwest Excavators LLC, for the Buffalo/Brunner Family Forest Preserve Site Improvements.

## **BACKGROUND:**

\$625,000 of funds were allocated in the FY23/24 budget to complete the construction of a shelter, bathroom, parking lot, sled hill, drainage improvements and trail connections and construction drawings development. Additional funds of \$100,000 were allocated in the FY24/25 budget due to increased construction costs since the project was originally planned.

This project is partially funded by KDOT in the total amount of \$625,000. The original plan for Buffalo/Brunner Preserve was to construct a new lodge to upgrade the Raging Buffalo facility with assistance from KDOT in the amount of \$500,000. When this project did not move forward, the District evaluated other uses of the funding for the Preserve. In 2021, KDOT amended its agreement through a restatement and an additional \$125,000 would be provided to the District to construct a shelter and bathroom on site.

The District conducted a formal bid process for the improvements. Bids were publicly advertised, with four (4) bidders responding. The responsible, lowest bidder is Midwest Excavators LLC. with a base bid of \$603,724.60. Additionally, \$15,928.46 shall be set aside as contingency to cover any unanticipated additional costs, that may arise during construction for a total project amount of \$619,653.06.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds totaling \$725,000 are budgeted in account 03-35-35-7050, project number 30902, which includes the additional \$100,000 that was approved in the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget. Insufficient funds totaling \$569,653.06 are available for this project, however \$50,000 in savings from the engineering project at Brunner/Raceway Woods trail connection in account 03-35-35-5070, project 30605 are available to cover the remaining balance needed for this expenditure. The District has received \$500,000 of funding to date from

KDOT and will receive the additional \$125,000 of funding from the County after the project has been completed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Committee approve the base bid Midwest Excavators LLC. for Buffalo/Brunner Family Forest Preserve Site Improvements for \$603,724.60, plus a contingency of \$15,928.46 to cover any unanticipated additional costs that may arise during construction in an amount not to exceed \$619,653.06.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Buffalo/Brunner Preserve Location Map*

*Proposed Buffalo/Brunner Site Improvement Plan*

*Abstract-Buffalo/Brunner Site Improvements.*