



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2025

TO: Forest Preserve District Finance & Administration Committee

FROM: Jeremy Jensen, Director of Operations
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval for the Purchase of One 2025 Ford Ranger 4x4 Pickup Truck for the Operations Department

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval to purchase a Ford Ranger Crew Cab 4x4 truck for the Operations department.

BACKGROUND:

Funding was approved in the fiscal year 2025/26 budget for the purchase of a compact pickup truck. The compact pickup truck is currently being utilized within the District and has proven capable of safely transporting up to four staff and has the ability to carry basic tools, materials and supplies as needed for supporting operational needs. They offer better fuel economy than a full-size pickup, yet retain the hauling capabilities.

This truck will replace a Chevy Colorado (vehicle #07) that is currently in the Operations department fleet. Vehicle #07 is relatively low-milage, and still has approximately 5 years of serviceability until replacement. This vehicle will be transferred to the Community Engagement department and represents the only vehicle in that department's fleet. This light-duty truck will become the "pool-vehicle" for the District's naturalist staff and will be utilized in all manner of programming as naturalists serve the county.

A Ford Ranger Crew Cab 4x4 is being recommended and is available through the State of Illinois Procurement Contract with Morrow Brothers Ford, of Greenfield, Illinois for a total cost of \$44,281.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds totaling \$46,000 were budgeted in account 01-21-21-7010, Operations Administrative Automotive. Sufficient funds of \$46,000 are available to cover the total purchase cost of \$44,281.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Committee approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Ranger Crew Cab 4x4 from Morrow Brother Ford, of Greenfield, Illinois, as presented, for a total cost of \$44,281.

ATTACHMENTS:

Quotation