



# AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** April 25, 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 Obsidian Asphalt Paving for the Jon J. Duerr 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 Obsidian Asphalt Paving, for the Jon J. Duerr Site Improvements Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve (197 acres) is located in South Elgin, IL and remains a highly-popular preserve thanks in part to its Riverbend Trail that links the Fox River and the Randall Road regional trail systems. It is also the second most popular birding location within Kane County's forest preserves.

In 2020, the District applied for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Open space Land Acquisition (OSLAD) grant to renovate the main parking lot, boat launch, shelters, restroom, regional trail system and surrounding natural areas at the preserve. Due to the impacts of COVID, the grant was not awarded until August of 2022. Since that time, there have been significant increases in construction costs, including significant changes to the ADA boat launch, a grant requirement, to accommodate the fluctuations and conditions of the Fox River.

The District conducted a formal bid process for the improvements. Bids were publicly advertised, with four (4) bidders responding on April 9th. The responsible, lowest bidder is Obsidian Asphalt Paving with a base bid plus alternate 1 of \$1,293,604.70. Additionally, \$48,796.00 shall be set aside as contingency to cover any unanticipated additional costs, that may arise during construction for a total project amount of \$1,342,400.70.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds totaling \$1,300,000.00 were allocated in Fiscal Year 2022/23 for engineering and construction of this project of which \$968,079.00 remain (\$331,921.00 sent to date for engineering and pre-purchase of shelters and native seed). Additional funds of \$374,503 are requested in the 2024/25 fiscal year budget to cover the additional amount bringing the total available potential funding to \$1,342,582.00 in the Construction & Development Fund, account #03-35-35-7050, project # 31003.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Committee approve the base bid plus Alternate # 1 from Obsidian Asphalt Paving, for Jon J. Duerr Site Improvements for \$1,293,604.70, plus a contingency of \$48,796.00 to cover any unanticipated additional costs that may arise during construction in an amount not to exceed \$1,342,400.70.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Jon Duerr Forest Preserve Location Map*

*Proposed Jon Duerr Site Improvement Plan*

*Abstract-Jon Duerr Site Improvements*