



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 2026

TO: Forest Preserve District Finance and Administration Committee

FROM: Patrick Chess, Director of Natural Resources
Ben Haberthur, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of the Purchase of a John Deere 6M 115 Cab Tractor for the Natural Resource Management Department

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of awarding the purchase of one (1) John Deere 6M 115 Cab Tractor to AHW LLC of Hampshire, IL.

BACKGROUND:

Based on the District's replacement schedule, one (1) John Deere 6420M Utility Tractor was approved for replacement in the 2026-2027 budget. The Natural Resource Management department currently owns and operates two large tractors, with the 6420M model representing the older tractor at over 22 years old.

This tractor has been heavily utilized every year since 2004. Primary work occurs during the summer months to mechanically control sweet clover and Canada thistle populations throughout the county. However, it has also proven its worth throughout the year in the construction and maintenance of burn breaks, seeding new prairies, tree planting, and herbicide application to make it one of the District's most versatile and valuable pieces of equipment.

The replacement of this tractor with a newer model will allow the District to continue to conduct year round management while avoiding some of the increasing maintenance costs experienced with the current tractor. Electrical problems and transmission issues have skyrocketed recently presenting both increased costs and safety hazards as the tractor sees extensive road travel.

We are requesting the utilization of the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Program for the purchase of the replacement tractor. AHW LLC of Hampshire, IL is an authorized Sourcewell dealer and John Deere has a Sourcewell contract providing a 24% reduction off of MSRP for the tractor. As the attached quotation reflects, the total purchase price is \$138,640.72.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds totaling \$140,000.00 were budgeted in the 2026/2027 fiscal year for the replacement tractor. Sufficient funds totaling \$140,000.00 are available in the Account #01-31-31-7020, for this expense totaling \$138,640.72.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the purchase of one (1) John Deere 6M 115 Cab Tractor from AHW of Hampshire, IL, for a total cost of \$138,640.72.

ATTACHMENTS: *Quotation*

John Deere 6M 115 Tractor Product Detail