



# AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** March 27, 2025  
**TO:** Forest Preserve District Planning & Utilization Committee  
**FROM:** Jennifer Rooks-Lopez, Director of Planning and Land Protection  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Approval of a bid to replace the irrigation well at Settler's Hill Golf Course

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of a bid from Prairie State Water Systems, Inc. for the replacement of the irrigation well at Settler's Hill Golf Course.

**BACKGROUND:**

The District owns two golf courses, Settler's Hill in Geneva and Hughes Creek in Elburn. Currently the courses are co-managed by the District with Landscapes Golf Management (LGM).

In July 2024, the former District golf course management company hired a well service company to inspect the main well and pump that provide water for the Settler's Hill irrigation system. The inspection revealed that this well is only producing 25 gallons per minute (gpm) while it is designed to produce at a rate 100 gpm. The current water production rate is insufficient to fill irrigation ponds during annual drought conditions. Additionally, both the dated pump and well-shaft need to be replaced having been found to be in either current or imminent failure.

The District was not able to reach a deal with the former lessee on this needed repair. This lack of investment into capital improvement as well as other performance issues led to non-renewal of any option years on that lease and the change in District golf course management.

To date, the well and pump still require replacement, preferably before the 2025 annual drought, to ensure sufficient water to properly recondition the damaged turf this season. The District conducted a formal bid process for the well replacement. Bids were publicly advertised, with two (2) bidders responding. Prairie State Water Systems, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder with a base bid of \$36,323.40. Additionally, \$5,000.00 shall be set aside as contingency to cover any unanticipated costs that may arise during the construction for a total contract amount not to exceed \$41,323.40.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds totaling \$34,650.75 remain within account #03-35-35-7050 (project #30323), for Settler's Hill Golf Course Improvements. Additional funds of \$6,672.65 are available from savings realized in the Settler's Hill Golf Course clubhouse, cart storage, and parking lot engineering/architecture account # 03-35-35-5070,

(project #31009), to cover this \$41,323.40 expense.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Committee approve the base bid submitted by Prairie State Water Inc. for \$36,323.40 plus a contingency of \$5,000.00 to cover any unanticipated costs that may arise during the installation for a total cost not to exceed \$41,323.40.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Settler's Hill Location Map*

*Abstract- Settler's Hill Well Replacement*