

**AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

DATE: August 25, 2020
DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
REQUESTER: Jesse Lavender
TITLE: Award Contract for Berm & Slope Mowing Services

I. MOTION REQUESTED

- A) Award Invitation to Bid No. B200200MIF, Berm and Slope Mowing Services, to Backwoods Clearing and Services, Inc. for berm and slope mowing of the Six Mile North Preserve and Briarcliff Conservation Areas on an as needed basis, for an initial term of three years, as approved in the departments' annual adopted budgets, in the amount not to exceed \$56,000.00 annually.
- B) Authorize the Chair to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.
- C) Grant the County Manager or designee the authority to renew the contract for up to three years, and to execute all associated documents, as approved in the departments' annual adopted budgets, if doing so is in the best interest of Lee County, and there are no cost increases associated with the renewals.

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Awards bid for berm and slope mowing services to Backwoods Clearing and Services, Inc.

The contract for berm and slope mowing services is for Six Mile North Preserve and Briarcliff Conservation Areas and will be completed on an as needed basis, and monthly from May through October for compliance with State of Florida permits.

These services will be provided in an amount not to exceed \$56,000 annually. Funding is included in budget.

III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTIONA) Board Action and Other History

County heavy equipment crew has historically performed these types of berm and slope mowing at these sites through access of special mowers through DOT, however, a contractor can maintain a schedule which also frees up county staff and equipment for other necessary jobs.

Maintenance of the berms is critical, especially the Six Mile North Preserve berm, as they are permitted by the State. The Six Mile North Preserve berm helps hold water onsite, and therefore berm integrity must be maintained. Without consistent mowing during the rainy season, woody and thick vegetation will begin to grow on the berm which can impact the berm structure. Without mowing, any attempts at removal of woody/thick vegetation that becomes established on the berm could result in erosion and potentially require additional sod.

It should also be noted that regular berm mowing helps maintain pedestrian access to the area, which is regularly used for guided birding hikes and seminars at Six Mile North Preserve.

B) Policy IssuesC) BoCC GoalsD) AnalysisE) Options**IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

A)	Current year dollar amount of item:	\$56,000
B)	Is this item approved in the current budget?	Yes
C)	Is this a revenue or expense item?	Expense
D)	Is this Discretionary or Mandatory?	Discretionary
E)	Will this item impact future budgets? If yes, please include reasons in III(D) above.	Yes
F)	Fund: Capital Improvement - Environmentally Sensitive Land Management Program: Parks and Recreation Operations Project: Berm and Slope Mowing Account Strings: KH5722030105.503490	

G)	Fund Type?	Other: Capital Improvement - Environmentally Sensitive Land Management
H)	Comments:	

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve

VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

VII. FOLLOW UP

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
08252020 Backwoods berm mowing B200200MIF	7/31/2020	Contract

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Parks and Recreation	Turner, Nicole	Approved	8/14/2020 - 11:08 AM
Parks and Recreation	Lavender, Jesse	Approved	8/14/2020 - 11:09 AM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	8/14/2020 - 11:45 AM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	8/14/2020 - 12:48 PM
County Attorney	Swindle, Amanda	Approved	8/14/2020 - 4:03 PM
County Manager	Brady, Christine	Approved	8/17/2020 - 10:47 AM