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**Title:** Authorization to Execute a Contract for Six Mile Marsh Prairie and Laketown Wetland Vegetation Maintenance

**Resolution number:** 21-026

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**Recommended action:** Authorization to execute a contract with Prairie Restorations, Inc. (PRI) for one year of vegetation maintenance for Six Mile Marsh Prairie Restoration & Laketown Wetland Sites in the amount of \$31,900 and establish a not-to-exceed budget of \$35,090.

**Schedule:** May 2021 - December 2021: Prairie Restorations, Inc. performs vegetation maintenance

**Budget considerations:** Fund name and code: 2-2003-4550 Project Maintenance and Land Management  
Fund budget: 957,806  
Expenditures to date: \$9,066  
Requested amount of funding: \$35,090 (\$31,900 + 10% contingency)

**Past Board action:**

- Res # 20-039 Authorization to Award 2020 Vegetation Maintenance Contracts
- Res # 19-034 Authorization to enter into four contracts for vegetation maintenance at 25 sites
- Res # 18-034 Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Vegetation Maintenance at four Sites
- Res # 17-013 Authorization to Enter into Contract for Vegetation Maintenance at three Sites
- Res # 16-014 Authorization to Enter into Contracts for Vegetation Maintenance at 17 Sites

**Summary:**

In 2003, the District adopted a policy in which the District maintains vegetation established as part of its implementation of projects. This action was in response to the finding that project partners may not have the expertise, budget, or oversight needed for ongoing vegetation maintenance and that the District is best equipped to ensure that maintenance is regular and consistent. As more recent capital projects have reached the end of their warranty period, and maintenance and management goals have been refined for District lands, the number of projects where vegetation maintenance is needed has grown to 30 sites.

The District currently has contracts for 28 of these sites through 2022. This contract package will cover the remaining two sites, Six Mile Marsh Prairie Restoration and Laketown Wetland. These sites previously had a single year contract for 2020 due to a vegetation research project and wetland permitting requirements. A one year contract for 2021 will bring these two sites into time period alignment with all other vegetation management sites and their associated contracts beginning in 2023.

The District requested quote for vegetation maintenance at Six Mile Marsh Prairie and the Laketown Wetland and received quotes for vegetation maintenance from four contractors. The table below summarizes quotes received:

CONTRACTOR	SMMPR & Laketown Wetland (2)
Prairie Restorations, Inc.	\$31,900*
Minnesota Native Landscapes	\$33,350
Applied Ecological Services	\$34,763
Native Resource Preservation	\$49,350

\*Staff recommended quote

Based on the submitted quotes, staff recommends the award of the Six Mile Marsh Prairie Restoration & Laketown Wetland contract to Prairie Restorations Inc. (PRI) for one year of vegetation maintenance in the amount of \$31,900 and establish a not-to-exceed budget of \$35,090.

**Supporting documents (list attachments):**

Attachment A: Contract Sites Map