

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #16-13**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BARTER CONTRACT/EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN RED BUFFALO NURSERY AND
THE MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FOR THE CONTROL OF PHRAGMITES IN EXCHANGE FOR NATIVE SEED
AT GOOSE LAKE CONSERVATION AREA**

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") is a unit of local government authorized to enter into contracts and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its affairs (70 ILCS 410/12(a)); and

WHEREAS, the Red Buffalo Nursery (hereinafter referred to as the "Red Buffalo"), is a local business which is willing to assist the District with control of invasive species by providing professional services; and

WHEREAS, the District owns and manages property commonly known as Goose Lake Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, Goose Lake Conservation Area has an invasive population of a non-native species *Phragmites australis* (*common reed*); and

WHEREAS, Red Buffalo has the licensing and knowledge to provide targeted applications of herbicide for the control of the *Phragmites*; and

WHEREAS, the District has volunteers that collect seeds from native plants on District properties that are of value to natural resource management and restoration activities of the District and others; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that it is in the best interest of the public for the entities to cooperatively work together to control non-native invasive species and extend the habitat and populations of native species through cooperative arrangements and exchanges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the District that it is desirable and in the best interest of the District to authorize the execution of the Barter Contract/ Exchange Agreement with Red Buffalo Nursery to treat *Phragmites australis* in exchange for native seed gathered from District holdings and the President and Vice President of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to execute this resolution and the Executive Director is authorized to execute said Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #16-13 has been executed this 19th day of May, 2016, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0



BONA HEINSOHN PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



DAVID KRAZ

STEPHEN BARRETT SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES