

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management
THRU: Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Water and Land Resources
DATE: September 30, 2020
RE: Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc., for the Seven Bridges and Wolf Creek #1 Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc., for the Seven Bridges and Wolf Creek #1 Timber Sale.

BACKGROUND

On September 3, the District issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB 19/20-031 WLR) for timber located on the Seven Bridges and Wolf Creek tracts in Jefferson County. The timber sale is a 224-acre logger select first thinning of 18 and 19 year old planted slash pines. This harvest will reduce the number of diseased or suppressed trees and allow the highest quality trees to continue growing. Additionally, it will improve ecological conditions and wildlife habitat by allowing more sunlight penetration to the forest floor, enhancing the production of groundcover.

Bid responses were received on September 24, 2020. Bids were received from five companies as indicated below. The bid calculation revenue is based on the District estimated volumes of pine pulpwood and pine chip-n-saw.

Bidder	City	Bid Calculation Revenue
H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc.	Perry, Florida	\$233,004.80
Genesis Timber	Madison, Florida	\$192,640.00
Greenwood Resources Inc.	Cross City, Florida	\$188,518.40
Southland Forest Products	Valdosta, Georgia	\$219,520.00
Promise Habitat Services, LLC	Plant City, Florida	NO BID

H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, Inc., bid was \$18.35/ton for pine pulpwood and \$29.10/ton for pine chip-n-saw.

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