

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Land Conservation Comm.
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Comm.
SUBMITTED BY

September 21, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

AMENDING THE 2011 LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET
TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE WLWCA

1 WHEREAS, the Land Conservation Department has agreed to participate, in principle, in the
2 development and implementation of the DNR's Rock River Basin, Total Maximum Daily
3 Loads for Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids, Phosphorus Trading effort; and,

5 WHEREAS, this effort has been developed conceptually, but has not been fully developed to
6 address numerous issues such as legal instruments, development of a full basin trading
7 partnership, information and education issues and other issues; and,

9 WHEREAS, an US EPA Grant for the development of the necessary framework needed to
10 implement this effort is available; and,

12 WHEREAS, Rock County and the City of Janesville were identified as one of two potential pilot
13 projects within the Rock River Basin. The other pilot project being Dodge County and Beaver
14 Dam; and,

16 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) has agreed to
17 facilitate the grant application for the US EPA Grant; and,

19 WHEREAS, WLWCA will develop the grant application for the cost of \$10,000, which will be
20 divided amongst the grant participants; and,

22 WHEREAS, the City of Janesville and the City of Beaver Dam have agreed to participate and
23 financially support the grant development; and,

25 WHEREAS, the Land Conservation Department has agreed to participate and financially support
26 the grant development by providing \$2,000; and,

28 WHEREAS, if the grant application is successful, the much needed implementation framework
29 will be developed for the Phosphorus trading effort to be conducted in Rock County and the Rock
30 River Basin.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
33 assembled this 13th day of October, 2011, amends the Land Conservation
34 Department's budget as follows:

Table with 4 columns: A/C DESCRIPTION, BUDGET AT 01/01/2011, INCREASE (DECREASE), AMENDED BUDGET. Rows include Source of Funds (62-6210-0000-46400 Fund Forwarded) and Use of Funds (62-6200-0000-62119 Contracted Services).

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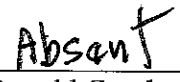
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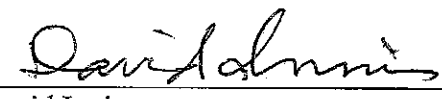
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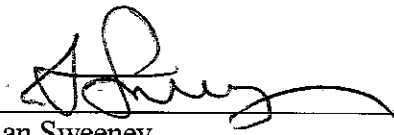

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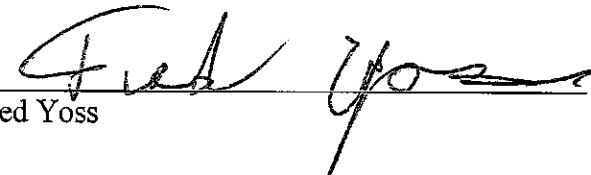

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FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 5-0.


Mary Mawhinney, Chair

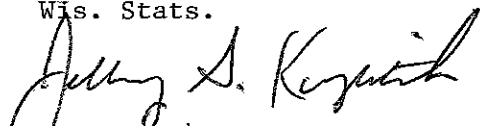
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes a \$2,000 transfer from Land Conservation's Tree Planting fund balance, which is currently \$5,495, for its share of a grant application by the WLWCA


Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

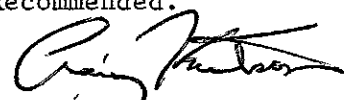
LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2011 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to Sec. 65.90(5)(a) Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Land Conservation Department requests an amendment to the budget to facilitate financial support to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) for the development of an US EPA grant. If the Grant application is funded, the development of the framework/process for the implementation of the Phosphorus Trading effort to be conducted in Rock County and the Rock River Basin will be completed. The WLWCA has agreed to facilitate the development of an agreed upon effort to develop a basin wide strategy for Nutrient Reduction as identified in the Request for Proposals: EPA-GM-2011-1. Phosphorus Trading allows Waste Water Treatment Facilities to fund agricultural best management practices in place of updating their treatment facilities.

Many legal issues stand in the way of the implementation of a full-scale phosphorus-trading program in the Rock River Basin. If the grant application is successful, a wide range of issues can be addressed prior to commencement with of this effort; includes legal documents, Memorandum of Understandings (MOU), and the establishment of a Rock River Basin Phosphorus Credit Clearing House.

The direct impact to Rock County will be the establishment of MOUs with local Waste Water Treatment Facilities, the development of legal documents for the establishment of a cost share program to fund Agricultural Best Management Practices, a source of funds to offset staff costs, and finally improvement in surface water quality for creeks that are not meeting water quality standards as identified in NR 102.

The direct impact on Janesville will be savings in not needing to upgrade the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF), which has been estimated at approximately 30 million dollars.