

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee
SUBMITTED BY

March 8, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget to Begin Implementation of the Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee wishes to enter into a Service Agreement with Yahara
2 Watershed Improvement Network (WINs) to participate with the implementation phase of the Adaptive
3 Management Project in Rock County's portion of the Yahara River Watershed; and,

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5 **WHEREAS**, the Yahara WINs will provide funding, through reimbursement, to offset costs associated
6 with the implementation of phosphorus runoff abatement best management practices and associated costs
7 for staff and support for said project; and,

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department needs to amend their 2017 budget to accommodate this
10 new project. The current budget does not include budgetary authority to collect revenues or expend costs
11 associated with the aforesaid service agreement.

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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
14 this 23rd day of March, 2017, authorizes the Land Conservation Committee to enter into
15 the service agreement with Yahara WINs and commence with the implementation of the Adaptive
16 Management Project; and,

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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Land Conservation Department's 2017 budget be amended as
19 follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>3/1/17</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
62-6311-0000-46002	-0-	\$40,000	\$40,000
Other Grants and Contracts			
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
62-6311-0000-63110	-0-	\$22,000	\$22,000
Administrative Expenses			
62-6311-0000-64928	-0-	\$18,000	\$18,000
Cost Sharing			

Respectfully submitted,

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Richard Postwick
Richard Postwick, Chair

Alan Sweeney
Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

Wes Davis
Wes Davis

ABSENT
Anders Dowd

Brenton Driscoll
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Kara Hawes
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ABSENT
Jeremy Zajac

James Quade
James Quade, USDA FSA Representative

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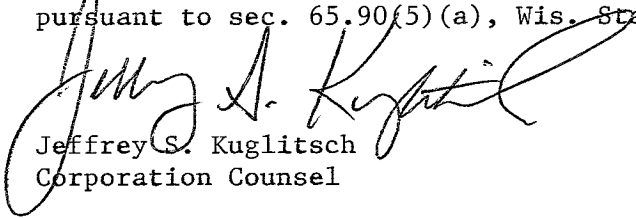
This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$40,000 in funding from Yahara WINs to begin implementation of the Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project. No County funding will be used for this project.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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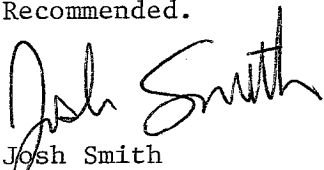
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2017 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 3-0


Mary Mawhinney, Chair

3-16-17
Date

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Executive Summary

The Yahara River Watershed is threatened by excessive phosphorus from sources such as agricultural runoff, urban stormwater and wastewater treatment plant discharges. The elevated phosphorus levels are a threat to water quality and aquatic life throughout the area. The Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (Yahara WINS) began in 2012 to reduce all phosphorus loads and meet water quality standards established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). This program employs watershed adaptive management, a strategy in which all sources of phosphorus pollution in an area work together to meet water quality goals. This strategy is more effective and less expensive than the sources working separately on individual solutions. Partners in Yahara WINS include cities, villages, towns, wastewater treatment plants, agricultural producers, environmental groups and others.

Yahara WINS approached the Land Conservation Department in 2016 to discuss the merits of developing a partnership to apply best management practices in the Yahara River watershed. Once the service agreement is signed by both parties and the Land Conservation Department's budget is amended, the Land Conservation Department staff will work with agricultural producers in the Yahara River and Badfish Creek watersheds to establish a series of Best Management Practices on the landscape to reduce phosphorus discharges to these waterbodies. Yahara WINS will reimburse the County for costs associated with the aforementioned work, on a dollar for dollar basis.