

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee  
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney  
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

July 7, 2017  
DATE DRAFTED

**Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget  
Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project**

1 **WHEREAS**, in early 2017, the Land Conservation Committee entered into a Service Agreement with  
2 Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (WINs) to participate with the implementation phase of the  
3 Adaptive Management Project in Rock County's portion of the Yahara River Watershed; and  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the aforesaid service agreement's financial commitment from the Yahara WINs was solely  
6 based on the best available financial estimates; and  
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8 **WHEREAS**, since this time staff has engaged landowners whom expressed interest in program  
9 participation and developed new estimates for the 2017 program costs; and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, a budget amendment to the Land Conservation Department's 2017 budget to accommodate  
12 newly developed costs is required; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Yahara WINs will provide funding, through reimbursement, to offset costs associated  
15 with the implementation of phosphorus runoff abatement best management practices and associated costs  
16 for staff and support for said project on a dollar for dollar basis.  
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
19 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, amends the Land Conservation Departments budget as  
20 follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>5/20/2017</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
62-6311-0000-46002 Other Grants and Contracts	\$40,000	\$69,125	\$109,125
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
62-6311-0000-63110 Administrative Expenses	\$22,000	(\$4,000)	\$18,000
62-6311-0000-64928 Cost Sharing	\$18,000	\$73,125	\$91,125

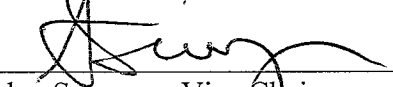
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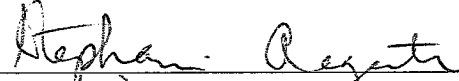
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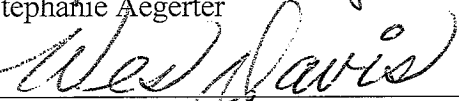
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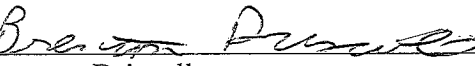
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

  
Richard Bostwick, Chair

  
Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

  
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James Quade, USDA-FSA Representative

  
Jeremy Zajac

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

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Mary Mawhinney, Chair

8-3-17  
Date

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Josh Smith  
County Administrator

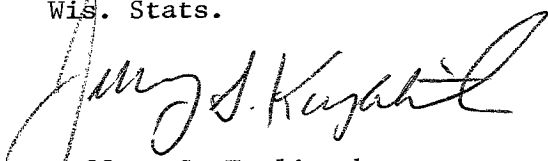
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of an additional \$69,125 from Yahara WINS for the Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project. No County funding will be used for this project.

  
Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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

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**Executive Summary**

The Yahara River Watershed is threatened by excessive phosphorus from sources identified 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 Yahara Watershed. 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 Rock County's portion of the Yahara River watershed. A Service Agreement was entered into by both parties and the Land Conservation Department's Budget was amended. The information used to amend the LCD budget was based on the best available information.

Since then, staff has been engaged with interested landowners. The requested amendments to the LCD budget are based on estimates generated from these contacts and spatial information gathered from the field.

Yahara WINS will reimburse the County for costs associated with the aforementioned work, on a dollar for dollar basis.