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RESOLUTION #

Resolution Authorizing the Director of Land Resources and Environment to Submit Grant Application for Surface Water Grant Program

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

BACKGROUND:

Being fortunate to have an abundance of water resources, Sauk County recognizes the negative impacts aquatic invasive species can have on rivers, lakes, and streams. Prevention measures as well as outreach and educational programming are critical components to protecting our water resources. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources administers the Surface Water Grant Program that supports efforts to protect water resources, including through watercraft inspection, monitoring, and early detection of aquatic invasive species, and other activities related to aquatic invasive species prevention.

Historically, counties and other organizations were required to apply for grant funding on an annual basis. Starting in 2020, a predetermined funding amount is allocated to each county annually. Counties have the option to receive the funds directly or designate an agent to accept those funds and implement these activities on the county's behalf. In 2021, the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association (USRWA) became the designated agent for Sauk County. A Cooperative Agreement is in place which outlines the responsibilities of the county and USRWA. In order for USRWA to receive and utilize these funds, Sauk County must submit a surface water grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session and authorizes the Land Resources and Environment Director to submit the surface water grant application.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Environment Committee, this 18th day of October 2022.

Consent Agenda Item: [☐] YES [X] NO

Fiscal Impact: [X] None [☐] Budgeted Expenditure [☐] Not Budgeted

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:

Offered and passage moved by: Land Resources and Environment Committee

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Fiscal Note: As the designated agent for Sauk County, Upper Sugar River Watershed Association will receive allocated funds of \$13,058.86 on behalf of Sauk County directly from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

MIS Note: No Impact