RESOLUTION #

Resolution Authorizing the Director of Land Resources and Environment to Submit Multi-Discharger Variance Application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The multi-discharger variance (MDV) for phosphorus extends the timeline for Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permitted facilities with complying with low-level phosphorus limits. In exchange, these facilities commit to stepwise reductions of phosphorus within their effluent as well as helping to address nonpoint sources of phosphorus from farm fields, cities or natural areas to implement projects designed to improve water quality. Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department and various WPDES permit holders are pursuing an approach to address reductions of phosphorus in the Baraboo River and Lower Wisconsin Watersheds through MDV watershed projects. Actual funding amounts are not made available until January 1 of any given year.

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to s. 283.16, Wis. Stats, the MDV application must be submitted by Sauk County annually to determine eligibility to receive multi-discharger variance (MDV) funds; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors,

met in regular session, that Sauk County continues to support the installation of conservation practices that prevent phosphorus pollution caused by soil erosion and agricultural runoff to protect groundwater surface water resources; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Director of Land Resources and Environment is hereby authorized to submit the MDV application.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Environment Committee, this 20th day of December 2022.

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [X] NO

Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [X] 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: The proposed 2023 Land Resources and Environment Department budget shows potential grant amounts of $22,951. Final funding amounts depend upon participation of other Counties in the watershed and will not be available until after January 1, 2023.

MIS Note: No Impact