RESOLUTION #

Resolution to Authorize the Director of Land Resources and Environment to Accept Multi-Discharge Variance Funding; and Amending the 2024 Budget

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee and Finance Committee

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Multi-Discharge Variance (MDV) program for phosphorus extends the timeline for Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permitted facilities complying with low-level phosphorus limits. In exchange, facilities commit to step reductions of phosphorus within their effluent and provide funding to address nonpoint sources of phosphorus from farm fields or other natural areas through the implementation of practices designed to improve water quality. Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department can assist in the implementation of these practices.

In December 2023, the department submitted the paperwork necessary to participate in the MDV program and accept funding per Sauk County Resolution No. 94-2023. Actual funding amounts did not become available until January 1, 2024. The original MDV funding amount was anticipated to be $22,951; however, finalized funding amounts are now $144,642.17.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, to authorize the Director of Land Resources and Environment to accept multi-discharge variance funding and to:

* Submit watershed plans, annual reports, and other documentation required by the MDV Program to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and
* Enter into cost-sharing agreement with landowners/operators to install best management practices utilizing MDV funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors that the 2024 Budget be amended to increase the Multi-Discharge Variance expenditure funded by municipal wastewater treatment facilities.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Environment Committee and Finance Committee, this 19th day of March 2024.

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [ ] NO

Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [ ] Budgeted Expenditure [X] 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**

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Marty Krueger, Chair

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Peter Kinsman, Vice Chair

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Brandon Lohr

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Dennis Polivka

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Robert Spencer

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Valerie McAuliffe

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Lynn Eberl

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Randy Puttkamer

**Finance Committee**

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Marty Krueger, Chair

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Thomas Dorner

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Richard “Mike” Flint

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Lynn Eberl

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Tim McCumber

Fiscal Note: The 2024 LRE Department Budget did include funding for the MDV program in the amount of $22,951. As noted, an additional $121,691.17 is anticipated through the MDV program for Sauk County.

MIS Note: No information systems impact.