

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2019

### AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING TO ACCEPT MULTI DISCHARGER VARIANCE FUNDING; AND AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET

*Background: The multi-discharger 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 Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department is able to provide assistance in the implementation of these practices.*

*In December 2018, the department submitted paperwork necessary to participate in the MDV program and accept funding per Sauk County Resolution No. 169-2018. Actual funding amounts did not become available until January 1, 2019 and include participation by the City of Reedsburg (\$83,424.63), Village of Blue River (\$6,157.22), and the Village of Union Center (\$12.88). The MDV funding amount received in 2019 will be \$89,594.72 compared to \$48,616.00 that was included in the 2019 budget.*

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, hereby authorizes the Director of Conservation, Planning, and Zoning to act on behalf of Sauk County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning 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-share agreements with landowners/operators to install best management practices utilizing MDV funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors that the 2019 Budget be amended to increase the Multi Discharger Variance revenue to \$89,594.72.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

**SAUK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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**Fiscal Note:** The current budget reflects the anticipated amount of MDV funding provided by the DNR prior to the January 1, 2019 sign-up period. New estimates based upon participation in the program for MDV funding were provided after January 1, 2019 at \$89,594.72. The revenue from MDV will offset the expenses associated with the program.

**MIS Note:** No impact.