

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2019

**AUTHORIZING THE LAND RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
SAUK SOIL & WATER IMPROVEMENT GROUP**

Background: To improve water quality in Wisconsin, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) provides grants to producer led groups that implement non-point source pollution abatement activities. As part of this grant, the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment (LRE) Department will collaborate with The Sauk Soil & Water Improvement Group (SSWIG) to help document and communicate water quality improvements and projects that are implemented by the group. The Sauk Soil & Water Improvement Group currently does not meet the definition of a legal entity as defined in Ch. ATCP 52 Wis. Adm. Code. As a result, the Land Resources and Environment Department will act as a fiscal manager in order to accept and manage DATCP Producer Led Watershed Protection Grant funds on behalf of the producer-led group. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is attached and outlines the objectives and responsibilities of this partnership.

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

WHEREAS, the DATCP Producer Led Watershed Protection Grant application requires a MOU be developed in order for funds to be applied for and received; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors which met in regular session, that the Land Resources and Environment Director is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sauk Soil & Water Improvement Group.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on August 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fiscal Note: The proposed 2020 budget will show a potential grant amount of \$40,000 available for implementing the producer led watershed project. LRE staff time as well as collaborator members' time will be utilized as a match, resulting in no levy impact.

MIS Note: No new MIS impact.