RESOLUTION # 2021-18

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING RELATED TO WATERSHED PLANNING AND CONSERVATION PRACTICE ADOPTION PROVIDED THROUGH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TARGETED RUNOFF MANAGEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, La Crosse County Land Conservation Department has been awarded a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Targeted Runoff Management Program Grant in the amount of $600,000 for the implementation of the Bostwick Creek 9 Key Elements Watershed Plan; and,

WHEREAS, up to $170,000 of the Targeted Runoff Management Program Grant can be used for staffing reimbursement; and,

WHEREAS, the Targeted Runoff Management Grant is projected to last through 2024, which includes an anticipated 1-year extension; and,

WHEREAS, the Targeted Runoff Management Grant is likely to be renewed for multiple 3-year grant cycles; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation Department develops strategies, implements programs, and provides technical assistance to protect and enhance the soil and water resources of La Crosse County; and,

WHEREAS, continued support for conservation and water quality improvements are a priority of La Crosse County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the funding of $600,000 from Department of Natural Resources Targeted Runoff Management Grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors authorizes the hiring of one (1) FTE Watershed Planner position within the Department of Land Conservation, for work on this grant and other duties within the Department; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any appropriate account transfers necessary to the funding of this position.

FISCAL NOTE: The work for this grant will be shared by all staff within the Land Conservation Department. Total cost of this position starting 4/1/2021 is estimated to be $64,000. No County match is required, but the Department is requesting that $34,000 be funded with the grant, and the other $30,000 be funded with $18,000 in health insurance savings within the 2021 budget, and the remaining $12,000 be funded with a carryforward from unused salary and fringe savings from the 2020 budget.

Date: 2/9/21
Committee Chair

Date: 2/10/21
Committee Chair

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Co. Admin.
Fin. Director
Corp. Counsel
Board Chair

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Not Recommended
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Requested By: Monica Kruse
Date Requested: January 20, 2021
Drafted By: County Administrator

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 18th Day of February, 2021.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE
I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 18th day of February 2021.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk