



RESOLUTION # 16-8/23

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

ITEM # 8-11

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 29
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 8
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1

RE: APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR MATCHING FUNDING OF \$10,000 FOR HARVESTING OF AQUATIC VEGETATION IN THE LAKE ONALASKA BOAT TRAVEL CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, Since 2016 the Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District [Lake District] has been working with local groups and partner agencies to identify ways to improve access to Lake Onalaska and the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge; and

WHEREAS, increased flowage into the Mississippi River and Lake Onalaska have increased sediment and nutrients entering into the water systems causing an increase of filamentous algae, duck weed and rooted aquatic vegetation like wild rice. Although vegetation is a source of food for wildlife it also greatly impedes boat travel and traps more sediment reducing overall water depth; and

WHEREAS, harvesting aquatic vegetation in the boat travel corridor will preserve the habitat for fish and wildlife while allowing boaters to travel on designated corridors to access Lake Onalaska and the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the opening and maintenance of the travel corridors will improve safe boat travel; protect watercraft from undue damage; and reduce the need to rescue stranded boaters; and

WHEREAS, access to and the use of the Lake Onalaska and the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge benefits not only La Crosse County but the entire region by providing access to outdoor recreation and by contributing to the local economy specifically in the area of outdoor recreational equipment, particularly marine and fishing equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Lake District is requesting a contribution of \$10,000 for the purpose of harvesting aquatic vegetation in the Lake Onalaska boat travel corridor. This amount would be a matching fund to the amount in the Lake District's harvest account as well as to private donations and fund raising efforts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the request by the Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District for matching funding in the amount of \$10,000 ~~dollars~~ for harvesting aquatic vegetation in the boat travel corridors of Lake Onalaska.

FISCAL NOTE: Funding for Lake District projects was provided in the 2023 Budget in line item 100.205.2130 Account 60200.01.

Date: 8-9-23
[Signature]
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 8-9-23
[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____	Requested By: Jane Klekamp Date Requested: July 24, 2023 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____	
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17 Day of August, 2023

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 17th day of August 2023.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk