



RESOLUTION # 47-3/24

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

ITEM # 3-16

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: -
For: 28
Against: 1
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -
1 Vacant - Dist 1

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: [check]
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 0

RE: APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR A \$50,000 GRANT TO THE LAKE ONALASKA LAKE DISTRICT TO ASSIST WITH DREDGING PROJECT

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 Federal and State authorities have approved dredging of an area of the lake; and

WHEREAS, the dredging project will help restore and create new fish habitat, enhance access, and provide relief to properties experiencing the filling in of shoreline; 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 \$50,000 towards the dredging project. This amount would be combined with fundraising and other grants to offset the cost of the project; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board has budgeted \$100,000 annually toward Lake District projects since 2022 to help offset future dredging costs of Lake Neshonoc; and

WHEREAS, through approval of Resolution 16-8/23, the La Crosse Board of Supervisors allocated \$10,000 in matching funds for harvesting aquatic vegetation in the Lake Onalaska boat travel corridor.

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 \$50,000 dollars for the Lake Onalaska dredging project.

FISCAL NOTE: There is currently \$280,000 available in the 100.205.2130 division within the County financial system. This \$50,000 contribution will reduce available dollars to \$230,000 for future Lake District projects.

Date: 3/13/24
[Signature]
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 3-13-24
[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

Reviewed Only Recommended Not Recommended
Co. Admin. [Signature]
Fin. Director [Signature]
Corp. Counsel [Signature]
Board Chair [Signature]
Requested By: Robert Abraham
Date Requested: December 12, 2024
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 21 Day of March, 2024

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 21st day of March 2024.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk