

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Comm.
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Comm.
SUBMITTED BY

February 15, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

**AMENDING 2018 LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET
TO OFFSET ADDITIONAL STATE AID**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
2 annually provides funding to Land Conservation Departments (LCD) with a staff and support grant; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, during the time the County Budget was being developed, DATCP staff informed each
5 county to anticipate a reduced grant amount which is reflected in approved 2018 county budget; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, in late December of 2017, the LCD was informed by DATCP staff the funding for the staff
8 and support grant to the counties was restored and the final allocation plan would be forwarded in the near
9 future with the new grant values for each county; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, the final allocation plan was received in late 2017 and is \$14,717 higher than originally
12 budgeted; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, the LCC requests the 2018 LCD budget be amended to account for funds needed replace a
15 LCD staff office chair and additional equipment which will be offset by the increase in state aid; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, the LCD Staff has identified various needs that haven't been addressed in past due to
18 budgetary restraints. These requests will be offset by the increase in state aid; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, the remaining portion of the increase in revenue will be used to offset staffing costs by
21 reducing cost allocations in various accounts; and,
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) wishes to send two committee members to the
24 Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA) annual conference to be held March 14
25 through March 16, 2018 in Lake Geneva WI and various other WLWCA sponsored meetings throughout
26 2018; and,
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28 **WHEREAS**, the LCC requests the 2018 LCD budget be amended to account for the increase in costs
29 associated with attendance at the WLWCA annual conference which will be offset by the increase in
30 state aid; and,
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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
33 this 8th day of March, 2018, approves the increase in revenue, supported by the DATCP
34 annual grant for staff and support and the associated expenses as identified and hereby amends the Land
35 Conservation Department's budget as follows:

<u>A/C DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET AT 02/08/2018</u>	<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
<u>Land Conservation</u>			
<u>Source of Funds:</u>			
62-6200-0000-42200 State Aid	\$148,630	\$14,717	\$163,347
<u>Use of Funds:</u>			
62-6200-0000-63100 Office Supplies & Expenses	1,200	1,000	2,200
62-6200-0000-64200 Training	1,650	350	2,000
62-6200-0000-64201 Conference Expense	600	600	1,200
62-6200-0000-68000 Cost Allocations	(84,709)	12,767	(78,209)

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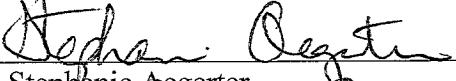
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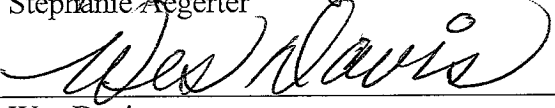
Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE


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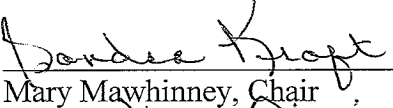
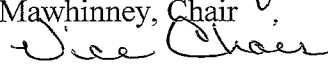

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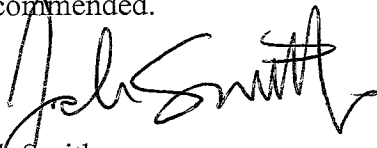
FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 4-0.

 3/8/18
Mary Mawhinney, Chair Date
 Vice Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

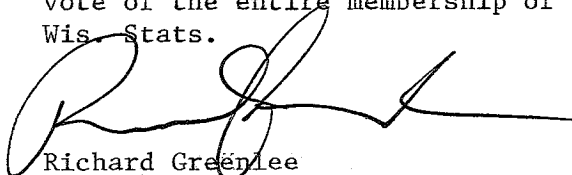
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of an additional \$14,717 in State Aid for Land Conservation programs. No County matching funds are required.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2018 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Land Conservation Department's (LCD) annually receives a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection for staffing and support. During the development period for the 2018 County Budget, DATCP staff notified each county to expect a reduction in the annual staff and support grant amount. The 2018 approved budget reflects the reduction anticipated by DATCP staff. In late November DATCP notified the County that the funding level for the annual staff and support grants had been restored, and the annual allocation plan was soon to be approved by the state land and water conservation board. The new value for Rock County was increased by \$14,717. This resolution requests County Board approval to amend the Land Conservation Budget for the following actions: increasing the State Aid revenue by \$14,717 for a total of \$163,347.

Costs associated with a few needed items within the LCD, i.e. office chair, various field tools, and additional staff training are identified under office supplies and expenses and training budget lines. These requested amendments total \$1,350.

Also, increasing the Conference Expense line in the LCD budget by \$600 allowing for two LCC members to attend the WLWCA annual conference and the ability to attend various other WLWCA sanctioned meetings throughout 2018. This requested amendment is identified under the Conference Line.

The remaining \$12,716 will be used to reduce staff costs associated with various programs the LCD administers.