

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Comm.  
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney  
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Land Conservation Comm.  
SUBMITTED BY

April 6, 2016  
DATE DRAFTED

**AMENDING 2016 LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET  
TO OFFSET COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTY CAMPUS SITE  
RESTORATION**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department was allocated funding from the ATC Fund account in  
2 2009, per Resolution 09-2B-219, to fund various conservation projects; and,

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4 **WHEREAS**, a portion of the allocation was earmarked for the implementation of a site restoration /  
5 invasive species control project on the County Campus at HWY 51 and County F; and,

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7 **WHEREAS**, the north end of the project area was completed in 2012, which included removal of all  
8 invasive species and the seeding of native grasses and forbs; and,

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10 **WHEREAS**, in the Spring of 2014, the Land Conservation Department contracted the Wisconsin DNR  
11 to seed the 5.0 acre abandoned agriculture field with native grasses and forbs; and,

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13 **WHEREAS**, both aforementioned sites are at the point of needing a controlled burn to control invasive  
14 species and to assist with the further propagation of forb plants; and,

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee requests a transfer from the ATC Fund account and  
17 amend its budget to reflect the costs associated with the components of the site maintenance plan  
18 consisting of a controlled prairie burn at the County Campus at Hwy 51 and County F.

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
21 assembled this 14<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2016, authorizes the Land Conservation Department to  
22 enter in an agreement with DNR/Pheasants Forever and authorizes all payments for said activities  
23 associated with the controlled prairie burn.

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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Land Conservation Department's budget be amended as follows:

<u>A/C DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET AT 01/01/2016</u>	<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
<b><u>Source of Funds:</u></b>			
62-6351-0000-46400 ATC Fund Balance	\$ 0	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
<b><u>Use of Funds:</u></b>			
62-6351-0000-64900 Other Supplies and Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200

16-4A-528

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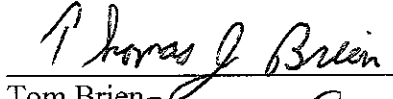
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Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

  
Richard Bostwick, Chair

  
Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

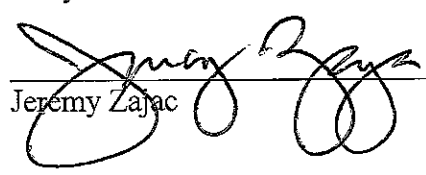
  
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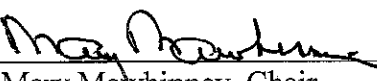
  
David Rebut, USDA-FSA

Larry Wiedenfeld

  
Jeremy Zajac


FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 5-0

  
Mary Mawhinney, Chair Date

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Josh Smith  
County Administrator

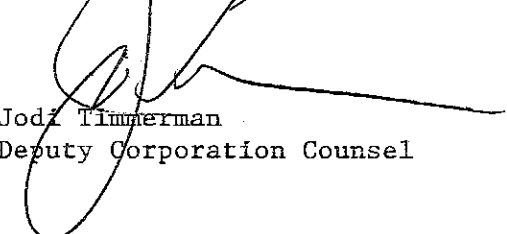
FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient funds are available in the ATC fund balance for the prairie burn.

  
Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2016 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.

  
Jodi Timmerman  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2010 the Land Conservation Department commenced with the County Campus site restoration project at Hwy 51 and County Road F, which included the removal of woody invasive species during the summer months of 2010. Restoration activities concluded in this area in 2012 with the establishment of an oak savanna community by establishing grasses and forbs. Ongoing maintenance has become the primary activity in this area.

The second phase of the project was the establishment a prairie community on the 5 acre abandoned agriculture field which was completed in 2014. Ongoing maintenance has become the primary activity in this area.

The Land Conservation Department will continue with ongoing maintenance efforts in the spring of 2016 in both areas with the completion of controlled prairie burns. The local Pheasants Forever burn crew, led by Brian Buenzow will conduct the burns in late spring.

This resolution requests a fund transfer from the ATC Fund account to the LCD budget to facilitate costs associated with completing the tasks associated with the aforementioned restoration projects.