

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Health  
INITIATED BY



Tim Banwell, Env. Health Director  
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health  
SUBMITTED BY

April 23, 2010  
DATE DRAFTED

### TITLE

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF STATE FLOOD GRANT TO ASSIST WELL OWNERS IMPACTED BY THE 2008 FLOOD AND AMENDING THE 2010 ROCK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

1 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin is awarding grants to local units of government, including Rock  
2 County, for assisting well owners impacted by the 2008 flood by sampling and testing drinking water  
3 wells impacted by the 2008 flood; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the initial 2008 flood testing of drinking water wells impacted by the flood identified 29%  
6 unsafe for coliform bacteria compared to the normal county average of 15% unsafe; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Health Department applied for and was awarded a grant from the State  
9 of Wisconsin in the amount of \$40,800; and,  
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Health Department will sample and test drinking water wells to determine  
12 the continued safe drinking water quality of wells impacted by the 2008 flood; and,  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Health Department will assist unsafe well owners with obtaining a safe  
15 drinking water supply through education and, if needed, a stipend for chlorination and minor repairs.  
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
18 on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 does hereby authorize the Rock County Health Department  
19 to accept the Flood Grant from the State of Wisconsin in the amount of \$40,800 to sample and test wells  
20 impacted by the 2008 flood, and amend the 2010 Rock County Health Department Budget as follows:  
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<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>4/23/10</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
31-3160-0000-42200/ State Flood Grant	-0-	\$40,800	\$40,800
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3160-0000-63110/ State Flood Grant Admin. Expense	-0-	\$40,800	\$40,800

10-5A-027

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Respectfully submitted,


BOARD OF HEALTH

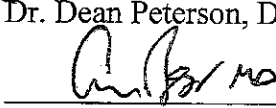
  
Henry Brill, Chair

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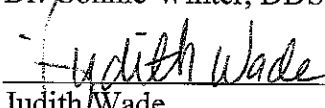
  
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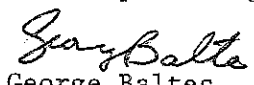
FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT:

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 5 - 0

/s/ Mary Mawhinney 5/6/10  
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

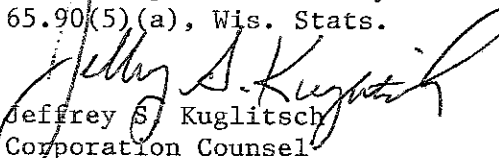
FISCAL NOTE:

This Resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$40,800 in state aid for well testing. No County matching funds are required to accept this grant.

  
George Baltus  
Internal Auditor

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2010 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.

  
Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2008, a major flood occurred in Rock County. Gauging stations at Lake Koshkonong, Indianford, and Afton measured the highest flood waters ever recorded for the Rock River at those locations. Approximately 700 private wells were sampled and tested for coliform bacteria, of which 29% were unsafe. At that time, the Rock County Health Department assisted unsafe well owners with obtaining a safe water supply. One concern is that wells impacted by floodwaters have remained safe.

The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services is offering grants to county health departments impacted by the 2008 flood for private well sampling and testing. The Rock County Health Department applied for and was awarded one of these grants in the amount of \$40,800. The grant will allow the Rock County Health Department to:

- Provide well water test kits to owners of wells impacted by the 2008 flood
- Test water samples in the Rock County Health Department laboratory (400 wells)
- Provide follow-up for unsafe wells (75 wells)
- Provide onsite consultation for owners of unsafe wells (50 consultations)
- Provide a stipend to owners for chlorination and minor repairs for resolving problems of unsafe wells (50 wells)
- Submit report of completed project to the State of Wisconsin