

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Comm.
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
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Land Conservation Comm.
SUBMITTED BY

April 4, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

**AMENDING 2014 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 County Campus at HWY 51 and County F; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, in 2010 all woody invasive species were removed from the site and suppression of the
8 non-woody invasive species, specifically garlic mustard, is on going ; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the initial restoration project was completed in 2012; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, the next area subject to restoration activities is the abandoned agricultural field at the south
13 end of the project area; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, this site has been repeatedly been sprayed and mowed over the last three years to control
16 invasive species, specially Canadian Thistle; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, the suppression activities undertaken have positive results and now warrants the
19 implementation of the final components of the site restoration plan, planting of native grasses and forbs;
20 and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department will work with the Wisconsin DNR to seed the 4.0
23 acre portion of the project site in the Spring of 2014; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee requests a transfer from the ATC Fund account and
26 amend its budget to reflect the costs associated with the components of the site restoration project at the
27 County Campus at Hwy 51 and County F.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
30 assembled this 12 day of June, 2014, amends the Land Conservation Department's
31 budget as follows:

<u>A/C DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET AT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
<u>Source of Funds:</u>	<u>01/01/2014</u>	<u>(DECREASE)</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
62-6351-0000-46400	\$0	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Transfer In			
<u>Use of Funds:</u>			
62-6351-0000-64900			
Other Supplies and Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Land
43 Conservation Department to enter in an agreement with DNR/Pheasants Forever and authorizes all
44 payments for said seed and activities associated with planting same.

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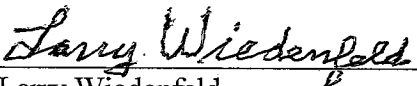
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE


Richard Bostwick, Chair



Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair


Jason Dowd

Absent
Rick Richard


Larry Wiedenfeld



Thomas Brien


Wes Davis

Absent
Dave Rebut, USDA-FSA

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of
5-0.


Mary Mawhinney, Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

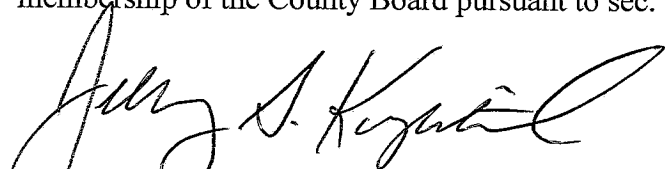
This resolution authorizes the use of \$2,000 in ATC fees for the County Campus restoration project. The Land Conservation ATC available fund balance is currently \$439,130.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.01, 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2014 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

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 the primary restoration area in 2012, with ongoing maintenance becoming the primary activity in this area.

The Land Conservation Department will continue restoration efforts in the spring of 2014 with the planting of native grasses and forbs in abandoned agricultural field, located on the south end of the property. This area is approximately 4.0 acres. The WDNR in conjunction with Pheasants Forever will plant this area 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 project.