

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Board of Health
INITIATED BY

Marie-Noel Sandoval
DRAFTED BY

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

February 26, 2019
DATE DRAFTED

Accepting Nitrate Mapping Grant Funds and Amending the 2019 Rock County Public Health Department Budget

1 **WHEREAS**, Nitrates in Wisconsin groundwater is a significant environmental health concern; and,
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 3 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has one of the highest rates of private wells with high nitrate levels; and,
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 5 **WHEREAS**, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) awarded the Rock County Public
 6 Health Department a Tracking Mentoring Fellowship; and,
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 8 **WHEREAS**, these funds will allow us to gain skills in data analysis and communication as well as create
 9 engaging webpages within our website that will provide easy access to environmental tracking data to our
 10 stakeholders; and,
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 12 **WHEREAS**, this is a twelve month grant beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019.
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 14 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
 15 on this 14th day of March, 2019 does hereby authorize the Rock County Public
 16 Health Department to accept this grant in the amount of \$2,500, and amend the 2019 Rock County
 17 Public Health Department Budget as follows:

19-3A-204

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>1/1/19</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
31-3039-2019 -42100			
Federal Aid	-0-	\$2,500	\$2,500
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
31-3039-2019 -63110			
Administrative Expense	-0-	\$2,500	\$2,500

Respectfully submitted,

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FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of
4-0.


Mary Mawhinney, Chair


FISCAL NOTE:

The resolution accepts and authorizes the expenditure of \$2,500 in Federal Aid for nitrate mapping of wells. No County funds are required.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

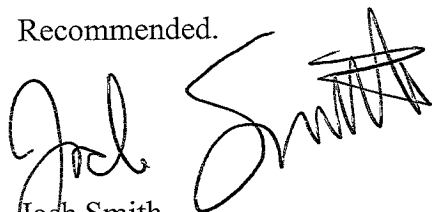
LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant pursuant to §59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2019 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

Administrative Note:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

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Executive Summary

Nitrates in Wisconsin groundwater is a significant environmental health concern. Current EPA estimates show that Wisconsin has the 5th highest percent of population whose groundwater is potentially contaminated by nitrate.

For the past several years, nitrates levels in Rock County's groundwater have become increasingly concerning. The Wisconsin Groundwater Coordinating Council has estimated that among Wisconsin counties, Rock County has one of the highest rates of private wells with high nitrate levels. Nitrate levels have been monitored by the county through voluntary testing program, and levels have steadily increased over the past 20 years. Approximately 30% of private wells in the county now test higher than the EPA's maximum contaminant level (10 ppm). The environmental conditions in Rock County are rife for nitrates leaching into the groundwater due to agricultural practices, septic systems, and the soil types in the county.

In response to the high number of private wells testing positive for nitrates, the Rock County Public Health Department (RCPHD) is creating a system for providing nitrate tracking data to our residents. A Tracking Mentoring Fellowship and award of \$2500 for Rock County Health Department was awarded by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA).

These funds will allow us to gain skills in data analysis and communication as well as create engaging webpages within our website that will provide easy access to environmental tracking data to our stakeholders.