

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee
SUBMITTED BY

November 13, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

**Approval of Incentive Payment from the
Land and Water Resource Management Program**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, since 2000, the Land Conservation Department has received an annual grant from the
- 2 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to cost share Best Management
- 3 Practices (BMP) which have been identified as priorities in the Rock County Land and Water Resource
- 4 Management Plan; and,
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- 6 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department enters into cost share agreements with landowners
- 7 and/or producers to implement aforesaid BMPs for phosphorus runoff and/or nitrate infiltration
- 8 abatement; and,
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, after said BMP's have been certified as completed and meeting the applicable standards,
- 11 Rock County distributes the applicable cost share amount as predetermined and identified in the cost
- 12 share agreement; and,
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- 14 **WHEREAS**, for all costs associated with the implementation of best management practices the DATCP
- 15 reimburses the County on a dollar for dollar basis; and,
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, in some instances the best management practices costs will exceed the Rock County's set
- 18 financial thresholds which require additional approval by the Finance Committee and County Board of
- 19 Supervisors; and,
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- 21 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Best Management Practice Installation Agreement LR-005.18 will exceed
- 22 the aforesaid thresholds to provide funding for the establishment of a Nutrient Management Plan for
- 23 652.2 acres. The mentioned agreement is based on an incentive payment which requires the landowner to
- 24 operate and maintain the best management system for a minimum period of four years.
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- 26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 27 this 13th day of December, 2018, approves the incentive payment for Rock County Best
- 28 Management Practice Installation Agreement LR-005.18 in the sum of \$26,088.

Respectfully submitted,

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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Richard Bostwick, Chair

Alan Sweeney
Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

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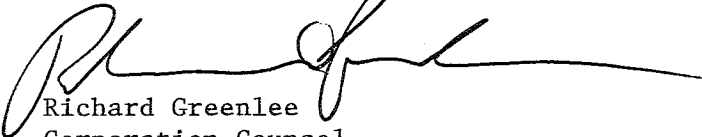
This payment will be reimbursed dollar for dollar by DATCP.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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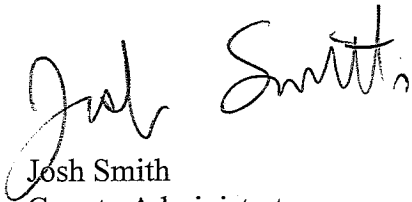
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§59.01, 59.51 and 92.07(3), Wis. Stats.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

Rock County Land Conservation receives an annual allocation from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for the implementation of Best Management Practices as identified in the Rock County Land and Water Resource Management Plan. The Nutrient Management practice is identified as a very high priority in Rock County in the aforesaid plan.

The operator of said farmland and landowner for the agreement LR-005.18 agreed to implement the nutrient management plan on approximately 652.2 acres of farmland for a minimum of four years. The cost share level for nutrient management is based on an incentive payment, as established by DATCP.

Numerous agreements have been signed by landowners on an annual basis, who have implemented best management practices. Of these agreements very few will or have exceeded the financial thresholds established by County Board rules, requiring actions by both the Finance Committee and County Board of Supervisors. Rock County Best Management Practice Installation Agreement LR-005.18 exceeds the established thresholds and requires approval from the County Board.

Rock County will be reimbursed by the DATCP for costs associated with the aforementioned work, on a dollar for dollar basis.