



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4, 2017 7:15 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes – September 6, 2017.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
5. Review Bills Paid.
6. Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program
 - A. Set Commodity Prices for 2017 Claims.
 - B. Program Overview/Update.
7. Erosion Control Ordinance - Request for a 6 Month Extension to Permit EC-2017-18 Deadline by Rock Energy Cooperative.
8. Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Workgroup – Update.
9. Resolution – Determining Allocation of American Transmission Company Environmental Impact Fees To Be Received In 2018.
10. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program - Program Update.
11. Adjourn.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee
Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney/Lori Williams
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee
Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY

September 22, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

DETERMINING ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN TRANSMISSION COMPANY
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FEES TO BE RECEIVED IN 2018

- 1 **WHEREAS**, In 2018, the County will receive American Transmission Company (ATC) environmental
2 impact fees for the construction of a new high voltage transmission line originating at the newly
3 constructed Alliant Energy Power Plant, located on B-R Townline Road, and terminating at the Paddock-
4 Rockdale high voltage transmission line in western Rock County; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, the estimated environmental impact fees for this new high voltage transmission line is
7 estimated to be between \$796,960 and \$830,560, with the actual fees to be determined by the
8 transmission line route chosen; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, environmental impact fees collected under § 196.491(3)(gm), Wis. Stats. requires the
11 receivers of aforesaid funds to utilize them for park, conservancy, wetlands, or other similar
12 environmental programs, or seek a waiver from the Public Service Commission for other purposes in the
13 public interest, per Administrative Code 16.969; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, the County Board voted and approved the 2008 environmental impact fees from
16 the construction of the ATC Paddock-Rockdale high voltage transmission line, in the sum of \$1,811,976,
17 be placed in a segregated account and reserved for use as a Parks and Land Conservation Fund; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee and the Public Works Committee recommends that the
20 proceeds for the 2018 environmental impact fees be split equally between the Land Conservation
21 Department and the Public Works Department-Parks Division as in accordance with the action taken by
22 County Board in 2009.
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this
25 ____ day of _____, 2017, approves the environmental impact fees received from ATC in
26 2018 be deposited in the existing Special Revenue Account on the County's Balance Sheet and further
27 segregates the funds as follows:
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29 50% be allocated for Land Conservation projects.
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31 50% be allocated for Parks projects.
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the allocation for Land Conservation projects be further segregated in
34 the balance sheet account to assure that the Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Project has funding available to
35 commence activities, in the sum of \$120,000, with the remainder of the funding earmarked for the PACE
36 and Clean Sweep programs.
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the allocation for Parks Division projects be earmarked to fund
39 various capital improvement projects and land acquisition.

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IMPACT FEES TO BE RECEIVED IN 2018

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Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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FISCAL NOTE:

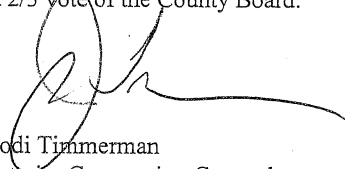
This resolution sets the general use of the 2018 ATC Fees, 50% to be used for Land Conservation projects and 50% to be used for Parks projects.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.51, Wis. Stats. Action to apportion funds requires only a majority vote. When funds are needed for specific projects, a separate resolution and budget amendment will be necessary requiring a 2/3 vote of the County Board.



Jodi Timmerman
Interim Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

These funds would not be available until the PSC selects a route and ATC breaks ground, which is expected to be in Spring 2018.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County will receive environmental impact fees for the construction of a high voltage transmission line to be constructed by the American Transmission Company (ATC). This transmission line will commence at the newly constructed Alliant Energy power plant and terminate in western Rock County at the existing high voltage transmission line. Per State Statute, the fees collected as environmental impact fees must be used to support environmental and/or park projects, any deviation from these activates must be approved via a waiver by the Public Service Commission. Two line routes have been submitted to the Public Service Commission for consideration. The anticipated impact fees are estimated to be between \$796,960 and \$830,560, with ATC's preferred route impact fees estimated at \$796,960.

In 2008, ATC began construction of a high voltage transmission line project in the western part of the County. As a result the County received \$1,811,976 in environmental fees. After much debate, the County Board elected to split the fees collected equally between the Land Conservation Department and the Public Works Department - Parks Division and deposit aforesaid fees into an interest bearing Special Revenue Account on the County's Balance Sheet. Any project(s) funded with these funds required County Board Approval.

With the precedent from the County Board's 2008 decision, the Land Conservation Committee and the Public Works Committee respectfully request that the 2018 ATC Environmental Impact Fees be divided equally between the Land Conservation Department and the Public Works Department - Parks Division and deposited into the existing Special Revenue Account on the County's Balance Sheet.

The Land Conservation Committee requests the Land Conservation Department allocation be further segregated to assure that funding is available for the Groundwater Nitrate Initiative. The Land Conservation Committee recommends that \$120,000 be segregated to fund the Groundwater Nitrate Initiative. The remainder of the funds segregated to the Land Conservation Department will be used to fund ongoing projects; Clean Sweep and PACE.

The Public Works Committee requests the Parks Division allocation be used for various capital improvement projects and land acquisitions.