



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1, 2018 7:00 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 – June 28, 2018 and July 3, 2018.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
5. Review Bills Paid.
6. Resolution - Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project.
7. Yahara WINs Project:
 - A. Approve Amendment 2 of the Yahara WINs Rock County Service Agreement.
 - B. Approve Cost Share Agreement for Thomas Young.
8. Update on Resolution Proposed Changes to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program.
9. 2019 Budget Preliminary Review.
10. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program - Update.
11. Groundwater Nitrate Pilot Project – Update.
12. Adjourn.

COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6200-0000-64200	TRAINING EXP		06/28/2018	TADT JR,NORMAN	33.78
			06/28/2018	SWEENEY,THOMAS	18.96
62-6200-0000-65321	BLDG/OFC LEASE	P1800260	06/14/2018	SILHA LLC,DAN	3,000.00
				LAND CONSERVATION PROG TOTAL	3,052.74
62-6225-0000-63100	OFC SUPP & EXP	P1801765	06/14/2018	GREATER BELOIT PUBLISHING CO	47.41
62-6225-0000-63110	ADMIN.EXPENSE	P1801671	06/07/2018	BLISS COMMUNICATIONS INC	89.07
		P1801821	06/21/2018	HOMETOWN NEWS LIMITED	33.77
		P1801868	06/28/2018	EVANSVILLE REVIEW LTD	63.00
				WILDLIFE DAMAGE/ASSMTS. PROG TOTAL	233.25
62-6265-0000-67160	CA \$500-\$4,999	P1801627	06/07/2018	ENVIROSUPPLY AND SERVICE INC	1,330.00
				GROUNDWATER NITRATE PROJECT PROG TOTAL	1,330.00
62-6280-0000-64928	COST SHARING	P1801652	06/07/2018	HEFFEL,MARK AND PAULINE	7,710.00
		P1801654	06/07/2018	MCCONNELL,ROBERT AND JEAN	15,380.80
		P1801655	06/07/2018	JM IMPLEMENT REPAIR INC	7,624.00
		P1801881	06/28/2018	SAYRE FARMS LLC,TOM AND DONNA	7,000.00
		P1801882	06/28/2018	HILLTOP HEREFORDS LLC	9,408.00
		P1801883	06/28/2018	JOHNSON,JANET	19,391.60
		P1801885	06/28/2018	SAYRE,EVAN	3,300.77
		P1801886	06/28/2018	HAHN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST	9,412.20
		P1801888	06/28/2018	FENRICH,DANIEL	4,045.82
				LWC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROG TOTAL	83,273.19
62-6300-0000-64918	MARKETING	P1801766	06/14/2018	EDGERTON REPORTER CORP, THE	243.75
		P1801821	06/21/2018	HOMETOWN NEWS LIMITED	185.25
				HOUSEHOLD CLEAN SWEEP PROG TOTAL	429.00

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I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total \$88,318.18

Date: Dept _____

Committee _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee
SUBMITTED BY

July 18, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (Yahara WINS) approached the Land
2 Conservation Department (LCD) in 2016 to discuss the merits of developing a partnership for the
3 Adaptive Management Program for Rock County's portion of the Yahara River Watershed; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Adaptive Management Projects allows municipalities to implement phosphorus reducing
6 projects within the watershed in lieu of making very expensive upgrades to their wastewater treatment
7 facilities while meeting water quality goals for phosphorus. The most cost effective projects for
8 phosphorus reduction can be found in the implementation of best management practices within the
9 agricultural sector; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, through many discussions with Yahara WINS management and Land Conservation
12 Department (LCD) staff a service agreement was developed, outlining all requirements for the
13 programs goals and expectations for both parties, more specifically the agreement requires Yahara
14 WINS to reimburse Rock County for all costs associated with the implementation of phosphorus runoff
15 abatement best management practices and associated costs for staff and support for said project on a
16 dollar for dollar basis; and,
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- 18 **WHEREAS**, the Service Agreement was entered into by the Land Conservation Committee (LCC)
19 and Yahara WINS in early 2017, which allowed the LCD to commence with the implementation phase
20 of the Adaptive Management Project in Rock County's portion of the Yahara River Watershed; and,
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- 22 **WHEREAS**, since early 2017, LCD staff has engaged landowners who expressed interest in program
23 participation, which has resulted in best management practice installation agreements to be initiated by
24 the land owners and the LCC; and,
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- 26 **WHEREAS**, in some instances the BMP costs will exceed the Rock County's set financial thresholds
27 which require additional approvals by the Finance Committee and County Board of Supervisors; and,
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- 29 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Best Management Practice Installation Agreement WINS-01.18 will
30 exceed the aforesaid thresholds to provide funding for the establishment of a water quality harvestable
31 buffer system in the Yahara River Watershed. The mentioned agreement is based on an incentive
32 payment which requires the landowner to operate and maintain the BMP system for a period of fifteen
33 years.
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- 35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
36 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2018, approves the incentive payments for Rock
37 County Best Management Practice Installation Agreements WINS-01.18 in the sum of \$21,600 and
38 WINS-02.18 in the sum of \$12,150 and WINS-03.18 in the sum of \$10,125 and WINS 01.17 in the sum of
39 \$30,375.

YAHARA RIVER BASIN ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

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Respectfully submitted,

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Richard Bostwick, Chair

Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

Stephanie Aegerter

Wes Davis

Brenton Driscoll


Robert Potter

James Quade, USDA-FSA Representative

Jeremy Zajac

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended,


Josh Smith
County Administrator

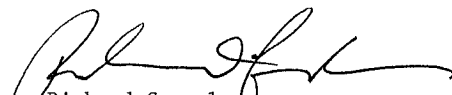
FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient appropriation authority is available in the Yahara WINs budget for the costs of these agreements.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County is authorized to take this action under Wis. Stat. § 92.07(3).


Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

Executive Summary

The Yahara River Watershed is threatened by excessive phosphorus from sources identified as agricultural runoff, urban storm water and wastewater treatment plant discharges. The elevated phosphorus levels are a threat to water quality and aquatic life throughout the Yahara Watershed. The Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (Yahara WINS), began in 2012 to reduce all phosphorus loads and meet water quality standards established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). This program employs watershed adaptive management, a strategy in which all producers of phosphorus pollution, point and non-point sources, in the Yahara watershed basin work together to meet water quality goals. This strategy is more effective and less expensive than the sources working separately on individual solutions. Partners in Yahara WINS include cities, villages, towns, wastewater treatment plants, agricultural producers, environmental groups and others.

Yahara WINS approached the Land Conservation Department in 2016 to discuss the merits of developing a partnership to apply best management practices in Rock County's portion of the Yahara River watershed. A Service Agreement was entered into by both parties and the Land Conservation Department's Budget was amended to facilitate the cost share and/or incentive agreements.

Since then, staff has been engaged with various landowners whom have expressed interest in the overall programs goals. Numerous agreements have been signed by landowners who have implemented best management practices. Knowing a few agreements would exceed 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

Agreements WINS-01.18 and WINS01.17 exceed the established threshold and requires approval from County Board. Also, if the following agreements, WINS-02.18 and WINS-03.18, are financially combined, they will exceed the aforesaid threshold.

Yahara WINS reimburses the County for costs associated with the aforementioned work, on a dollar for dollar basis.

Amendment 2 of Yahara WINS/Rock County Service Agreement

1. This amendment ("The Amendment 2") is made by Yahara WINS and Rock County, Wisconsin, parties to the service agreement dated April 21, 2017 (the "Agreement")
2. The Agreement is amended as follows:

Service Agreement, Section 4:

Compensation for Staff Support and Related Expenses. Yahara WINS shall reimburse the County for staff time and related expenses associated with this scope of work. The County will submit a quarterly invoice to Yahara WINS which identifies staff hours and costs for each person performing work consistent with this Scope of Work, along with any related expenses. Reimbursement will be made by Yahara WINS following acceptance of the quarterly invoice. Yahara WINS shall make available a maximum of \$90,000 for aforesaid costs to support these initiatives from April 1, 2017 through-December 31, 2020. Rock County will make available to Yahara WINS a projected cost estimate of what is anticipated to be requested for the following calendar year by September 15th of the year preceding the request.

Yahara WINS Cost Share Funds: Yahara WINS shall make available a maximum of \$500,000 through December 31, 2020 for the installation of phosphorus reducing practices. Cost share funds will be reimbursed on a project specific basis. To be eligible for reimbursement, the practice must be installed and the resulting phosphorus reduction must be verified using SNAP Plus or other models agreed upon by Yahara WINS and the County. Rock County will make available to Yahara WINS a projected cost estimate of what is anticipated to be requested for the following calendar year by September 15th of the year preceding the request.

3. Except as set forth in this Amendment, the Agreement is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is conflict between this amendment and the Agreement or any earlier amendment, the terms of this amendment will prevail.

By: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

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