



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2, 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 – July 5, 2017.
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
5. Review Bills Paid.
6. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - Approve 15-Year Agreement(s).
7. Resolution: Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project
8. Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Program:
  - A. Approve the Yahara WINS Conventional Grant Award and Agreement.
  - B. Approve Cost Share Agreements.
9. Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program - Program Update.
10. Adjourn.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW REPORT**  
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017

Account Number	Account Name	PO#	Check Date	Vendor Name	Inv/Enc Amt
62-6200-0000-63100	OFC SUPP & EXP	P1700300	07/13/2017	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	22.91
		P1702064	07/20/2017	BELOIT DAILY NEWS	29.88
62-6200-0000-63101	POSTAGE	P1702030	07/13/2017	UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	105.90
			07/20/2017	TADT JR,NORMAN	9.57
62-6200-0000-64200	TRAINING EXP		07/20/2017	SWEENEY,THOMAS	163.67
		P1702023	07/13/2017	WISCONSIN LAND AND WATER	90.00
		<b>LAND CONSERVATION PROG TOTAL</b>			
62-6300-0000-64918	ADVERTISING	P1702024	07/13/2017	CSI MEDIA LLC	360.00
		P1702025	07/13/2017	EVANSVILLE REVIEW LTD	84.00
		P1702063	07/20/2017	HOMETOWN NEWS LIMITED	180.00
		<b>HOUSEHOLD CLEAN SWEEP PROG TOTAL</b>			

I have reviewed the preceding payments in the total **\$1,045.93**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Land Conservation Committee  
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney  
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

July 7, 2017  
DATE DRAFTED

**Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget**  
**Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project**

1 **WHEREAS**, in early 2017, the Land Conservation Committee entered into a Service Agreement with  
2 Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (WINs) to participate with the implementation phase of the  
3 Adaptive Management Project in Rock County's portion of the Yahara River Watershed; and  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the aforesaid service agreement's financial commitment from the Yahara WINs was solely  
6 based on the best available financial estimates; and  
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8 **WHEREAS**, since this time staff has engaged landowners whom expressed interest in program  
9 participation and developed new estimates for the 2017 program costs; and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, a budget amendment to the Land Conservation Department's 2017 budget to accommodate  
12 newly developed costs is required; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Yahara WINs will provide funding, through reimbursement, to offset costs associated  
15 with the implementation of phosphorus runoff abatement best management practices and associated costs  
16 for staff and support for said project on a dollar for dollar basis.  
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
19 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, amends the Land Conservation Departments budget as  
20 follows:

<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>5/20/2017</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Budget</u>
62-6311-0000-46002	\$40,000	\$69,125	\$109,125
Other Grants and Contracts			
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
62-6311-0000-63110	\$22,000	(\$4,000)	\$18,000
Administrative Expenses			
62-6311-0000-64928	\$18,000	\$73,125	\$91,125
Cost Sharing			

Respectfully submitted,

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Bostwick, Chair

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Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

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Stephanie Aegerter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wes Davis

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Brenton Driscoll

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Kara Hawes

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Quade, USDA-FSA Representative

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Jeremy Zajac

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date


ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Josh Smith  
County Administrator

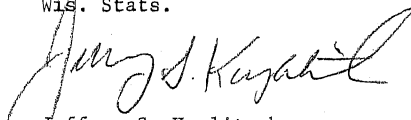
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of an additional \$69,125 from Yahara WINs for the Yahara River Basin Adaptive Management Project. No County funding will be used for this project.

  
Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2017 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

The Yahara River Watershed is threatened by excessive phosphorus from sources identified as agricultural runoff, urban stormwater 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 sources of phosphorus pollution in an area 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. The information used to amend the LCD budget was based on the best available information.

Since then, staff has been engaged with interested landowners. The requested amendments to the LCD budget are based on estimates generated from these contacts and spatial information gathered from the field.

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

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

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July 21, 2017

Rock County Land Conservation Department  
c/o Richard Bostwick  
440 N. US Hwy. 14  
Janesville, WI 53546

Dear Rock County Land Conservation Department,

After reviewing your applications for the 2017 Yahara WINS Conventional Grant, Yahara WINS will award the County the following:

- \$12,000 for a streambank protection project on 3 areas of Badfish Creek

As noted in the application, awarded will be made in two portions. 50% of project costs can be invoiced to WINS in advance of the project completion, as costs are incurred. Receipts or invoices for project expenses to verify project costs are required to make payment on the first 50% of the award.

After completion of the grant project, the remaining reimbursement will be provided after the following have been submitted to Yahara WINS c/o Kathy Lake by email ([KathyL@madsewer.org](mailto:KathyL@madsewer.org)):

- A description of challenges experienced with project planning, implementation and/or verification;
- Verification/documentation of practice
- Revised calculation of phosphorus loss reduced and project cost; and
- Photos of the project

All projects need to be completed and final billed by December 31, 2018. Please indicate Rock County's intention to accept this grant with your signature below.

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Richard Bostwick, Chair

Thank you for your continued dedication to water quality.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lake, P.E., Yahara WINS Executive Committee President

**August 2, 2017 Land Conservation Committee Meeting**

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program 15 Year Agreements (Buffer Strips) for Consideration:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Admin. Fee</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>State Incentive \$</b>	<b>Township/Sec</b>
Darles Hoffman	\$500.00	27.6	\$7,830.66	Center/5
Rich and Allen McCoy	\$306.34	7.36	\$2,042.29	Magnolia/15
Mark Melin Rev. Trust	\$252.58	4.9	\$1,690.57	Bradford/31
Steven Earleywine	\$91.50	2.1	\$610.03	Magnolia/32
Dan Ballmer	\$61.86	1.2	\$412.38	Center/22
Kaaren Torkelson	\$36.80	0.70	\$245.31	Rock/22
Cash Farms	\$500.00	19.60	\$5,643.04	Newark/3
O'Leary Gunn Farms	\$82.44	1.6	\$549.60	Center/31
John Weis	\$198.69	3.8	\$1,324.57	Rock/12
James Wilke	\$141.04	3.3	\$940.25	Plymouth/16
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,171.25</b>	<b>72.16</b>	<b>\$21,288.70</b>	