

RESOLUTION NO. 21-24

APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS GRANT FOR PRAIRIE RESTORATION ACTIVITIES IN VIRMOND COUNTY PARK

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department was invited to apply for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids grant funding under a competitive request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has grant funding available through the County Conservation Aids program specifically for the installation of fish and game projects under s. 23.09(12), Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County desires to participate in county fish and game projects pursuant to provisions of s. 23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the primary project goal is to restore 10.5 acres of old-field into a native warm-season prairie in Virmond County Park, an Ozaukee County Park, in the City of Mequon; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the adopted *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035*, the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035*, and the *Ozaukee County Land and Water Resource Management Plan*; and

WHEREAS, this project will assist with invasive species management and improve habitat for native and imperiled species of insects (pollinators), birds and other wildlife in the park, by restoring a 10.5-acre native warm-season prairie (e.g. mesic warm-season prairie, wet/sedge meadow and savannah); and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation to the respective counties in that state on an acreage basis for county fish and game projects on the condition that the counties match the state allocation; and

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County has budgeted an amount equal to the local share of project costs and the required match funds would be provided by in-kind staff time, travel/mileage, and equipment and contractual and supplies items as funded under other grants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the Director of the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department is authorized on behalf of Ozaukee County to sign and submit a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids grant application, accept the grant funding award, take necessary actions to initiate, direct, and complete the approved project within the provided funding timeline, submit to WDNR reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within one (1) year of project end date, and will obtain approval in writing from the WDNR before any change is made in the use of the project site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ozaukee County will comply with all the federal and state laws related to the County Conservation Aids program, may perform force account work, and will maintain complete and accurate project accounting according to the WDNR project agreement for these funds.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 1st day of September, 2021.

SUMMARY: Acceptance by the Planning and Parks Department of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aids grant for prairie restoration activities at Virmond County Park.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22

SECONDER: N. Minkel-Dumit, Supervisor District 26

AYES: Korinek, Jobs, Holyoke, Minkel-Dumit, Ross

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 **Passed By Majority Vote**

Winker		YES
Haas		YES
Jobs		EXCUSED
Schlenvogt		YES
Clark		YES
Nelson	S	YES
Becker		YES
Larson		YES
Grabow		YES
Melotik		YES
Wolf		YES
Richart		YES
Korinek		YES

Rishel		EXCUSED
Geracie		YES
Duecker		YES
Irish		YES
Wirth		YES
Ross	M	YES
Godden		ABSTAIN
Strom		YES
Holyoke		YES
Henrichs		YES
Braverman		YES
Read		YES
Minkel-Dumit		EXCUSED