

RESOLUTION NO. 21-31

SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SURFACE WATER PLANNING GRANT TO SUPPORT WATER QUALITY MONITORING ACTIVITIES ON THE LITTLE MENOMONEE RIVER AND CREEK AND MOLE CREEK IN OZAUKEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department is applying for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) cost share Surface Water Planning Grant funding under a competitive request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the project is to fund County activities to monitor water quality in conjunction with large-scale habitat restoration projects on the Little Menomonee River and Creek in the City of Mequon and Mole Creek in the Town of Saukville, and to determine the effectiveness of stream re-meandering and floodplain/wetland restoration as a best management practice to reduce pollutant loads (e.g., Total Maximum Daily Load - TMDL's) as well as provide baseline data for TMDL implementation; and

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, the project is an integral part of the adopted *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* and is complimentary and consistent with other grant funded projects being implemented within the Fish Passage Program and the overall Ecological Division; and

WHEREAS, this project is also consistent with the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*, the *Farmland Preservation Plan for Ozaukee County*, the County Board endorsed *Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin 2000* prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and partners, the 9 Key Element plan developed for the Cedar, Pigeon, Ulao and Mole Creek Watersheds, as well as several other State and Federal plans; and

WHEREAS, the project will support continuous water quality monitoring activities (conductivity, water temperature, water depth, dissolved oxygen and pH), and grab sample water quality monitoring (E. coli, total phosphorus, orthophosphate, chloride and total suspended solids) according to approved USEPA Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) procedures and methodologies and consistent with the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) procedures; and

WHEREAS, this project will continue the Planning and Parks Department Ecological Division's mission to reestablish ecological and biological connections in conjunction with protecting and restoring habitat throughout the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Surface Water Planning grants will provide for up to 67% of the total project cost up to \$10,000 and the remaining matching funds would be provided by a secured National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Sustain Our Great Lakes grant (\$14,427) and in-kind staff time, travel and supplies (\$1,544) for a total project cost of \$25,971.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application, requests a grant agreement to carry out the project, has budgeted a sum sufficient to fully and satisfactorily complete the project, and authorizes the Director of the Planning and Parks Department to act on behalf of Ozaukee County to sign and submit a WDNR Surface Water Planning Grant application, accept and sign a grant agreement between Ozaukee County the WDNR, act as the primary contact on the project, submit interim and/or final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the grant agreement, submit grant reimbursement requests to the WDNR along with necessary supporting documentation, and sign and submit other required documentation and take necessary actions to initiate, direct, and complete the approved project within the provided funding timeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ozaukee County will comply with all local, state and/or federal rules, regulations and ordinances for the program/project and the cost share agreement; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting, and safe manner; and will maintain complete and accurate project accounting and records according to the WDNR project agreement for these funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 6th day of October, 2021.

SUMMARY: Submittal and acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Planning Grant to fund County activities to support water quality monitoring activities within Ozaukee County, specifically County activities to monitor water quality in conjunction with large scale habitat restoration projects on the Little Menomonee River and Creek in the City of Mequon and Mole Creek in the Town of Saukville.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

SECONDER: R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22

AYES: D. Korinek, R. Holyoke, B. Ross

EXCUSED: B. Jobs, N. Minkel-Dumit

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 **Passed By Majority Vote**

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

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