

RESOLUTION NO. 21-33

SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT - SURFACE WATER RESTORATION GRANT FOR RECONNECTION OF THE MILWAUKEE RIVER TO HISTORIC FLOODPLAIN, WETLANDS AND OXBOW

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County, through the Planning and Parks and Highway Department Departments, is engineering and designing a holistic, long term solution to improve County Trunk Highway W in the Village of Saukville; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the project is to alleviate flooding of the active roadway, CTH W between approximately STH 33 and Schowalter Street, and improve safety while improving floodplain connectivity for aquatic organism passage into the riparian floodplains, wetlands and a historic Milwaukee River oxbow; and

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

WHEREAS, the objectives of the project are to design and engineer a new County Trunk Highway W roadway (between approximately STH 33 and Schowalter Street) with sufficient flood conveyance and capacity through reconnection of the historic floodplain, wetlands and oxbow to maximize suitable hydroperiod using appropriately sized culverts or flood conveyance structures, incorporate habitat improvements including wetland restoration, invasive species management, planting and management of native trees and shrubs, and conducting environmental monitoring to document the long term success of the project; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the adopted *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* (pages 100, 101, 144, 271, 273, 276) related to aquatic fragmentation, habitat restoration, and protection and preservation of environmental corridors, the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* (pages 12, 15, 29, 84, 99, 106-108, 115) related to aquatic fragmentation and habitat restoration), the adopted *Ozaukee County Land and Water Resource Management Plan* (pages 4, 7, 29, 36, 56, 70, 76) relating to critical species habitats, identification and removal of fish passage impediments and use of the Fish and Wildlife and nationally awarded Ecological Prioritization GIS Tool to prioritize aquatic connectivity and habitat restoration and preservation projects; and the *Ozaukee County Strategic Plan 2020-2024* (page 13) related to the enhance quality of life assets strategic goal; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR Surface Water Management - Surface Water Restoration grant will provide up to 75% of the total project cost with a funding cap of \$50,000 and remaining matching funds will be provided by existing County funds from the Highway Department and the Planning and Parks Department (\$25,000) for a total project budget of \$75,000; and

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 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Surface Water Management - Surface Water Restoration 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; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting, and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and/or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site; 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 Management - Surface Water Restoration grant to support habitat reconnection of the Milwaukee River to historic floodplain, wetlands and oxbow as part of the County Trunk Highway W reconstruction and restoration project in the Village of Saukville.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: R. Holyoke, Supervisor District 22

SECONDER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

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	M	YES
Godden		YES
Strom		YES
Holyoke		YES
Henrichs		EXCUSED
Braverman		YES
Read	S	YES
Minkel-Dumit		YES