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RESOLUTION: Request authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance to enroll 100 acres of cropland into soil health conservation systems with farmers and approve attached budget transfer.

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance applied for "The Fund for Lake Michigan and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant" (here in referred to as "the Grant") and was awarded \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Grant provides funds to enroll 100 acres of cropland into soil health conservation systems with farmers by implementing cover crops and no-till. This system would result in a reduction of phosphorus and sediment runoff entering the Winnebago system; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance and the Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department is attached outlining the technical assistance program for regenerative agriculture practices in the Fox-Wolf Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Land Conservation Department will pay farmers to implement this system and will be reimbursed by the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance for all costs associated with the farmers installing these systems. Additionally, the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department will be paid \$10 per acre for 2 years for every acre enrolled in the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it authorizes the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department to accept \$10,000.00 in grant funds from the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance to enroll 100 acres of cropland into soil health conservation systems with farmers, and approves the budget transfer attached.

Fiscal Impact: *The attached budget transfer will increase budgeted revenue by \$10,000 and budgeted expense by \$9,000 in the Land and Water Conservation Department.*

Respectfully submitted by:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **6-0**

Respectfully submitted by:

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **5-0**

Vote Required for Passage: **two-thirds of those members present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive