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2 **RESOLUTION: Approve the Land & Water Conservation Department Spirit Fund Program Policy**  
3 **Plan**

4 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

5 **WHEREAS**, the County Board has appropriated Funds in the Amount of \$3,030,300 for Land and Water  
6 Conservation Projects administered by the Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) through Resolution  
7 No. 202-032023; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Resolution Number 202-032023 required that a Spirit Fund Program (SFP) Policy Plan be  
9 established by the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) with guidance and expertise together with administrative  
10 responsibilities assigned to the LWCD; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the LCC with the guidance and expertise of the LWCD, completed the SFP Policy Plan as  
12 required under County Board Rule 24.11, Wis Stats. 92.06 and 92.07 and Resolution No. 202-032023; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the funds are to be used to support Best Management Practices (BMPs) and specific LCC  
14 approved programs that protect surface water and groundwater, reduce soil erosion, and educate or demonstrate the  
15 importance of resource protection; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the LCC may amend the SFP Policy Plan specific to conservation practices if needed; cost-  
17 share percentages may only be amended by the County Board; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the SFP Policy Plan does not replace any of the existing cost-share programs in the LWCD; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the timeline to expend the SFP Funds on conservation projects in the LWCD will be no greater  
20 than 15 years.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it approves  
22 the Land & Water Conservation Department Spirit Fund Program Policy Plan.

23 *Fiscal Note: \$3,030,300 has previously been allocated from the Spirit Fund for this purpose.*

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25 Respectfully submitted by:

26 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

27 Committee Vote: **6-0**

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29 Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Members Present

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31 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Winnebago County Executive