

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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VOTE

2009 RESOLUTION 28

Grant Application - 2009-2010 Multi-Agency Land & Water Education Grant (MALWEG) Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program

WHEREAS, Washington County Code Section 4.27 requires that all county grant programs or applications for funds receive prior approval by the County Board of Supervisors or subsequent review and ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Agency Land and Water Education Grant (MALWEG) Program was started in 1997 to encourage the integration of educational programming into locally based land and water conservation efforts in Wisconsin and is supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the USDA Cooperative Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), and the University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX); and

WHEREAS, the MALWEG funds have been awarded to Washington County Land & Water Conservation Division in previous years: 2002 in the amount of \$10,000; 2003 in the amount of \$15,000; 2005 in the amount of \$15,000 and 2008 in the amount of \$13,500; and

WHEREAS, applications are being accepted for the 2009-2010 grant period for the MALWEG program to conduct a Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program with a maximum grant award of \$12,000.

WHEREAS, the goal of the Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program is to empower farmers with knowledge needed to understand, develop and implement their own nutrient management plans; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Land & Water Conservation Division of the Planning & Parks Department has been committed to assisting agricultural landowners-producers to take an active role in nutrient management planning which addresses land and water resource management concerns by offering informational and educational opportunities, through developing NRCS 590 certified nutrient management plans, including soil testing, soil nutrients and manure management, updating/revising nutrient management plans; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the Land & Water Conservation Division has hosted an annual Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program, which has been developed by the University of Wisconsin Extension and approved by the Department of Agricultural Trade & Consumer Protection – ATCP 50.48(2)(a)4 which meet compliance requirements for Wisconsin's Agricultural Performance Standards under Department of Natural Resources NR 151.07 & NR 243.14; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Washington County Land and Water Conservation Division seeks au-
2 thorization to apply for and accept grant funding not to exceed \$12,000 for the purposes stated
3 herein and with the recommended one-to-one County in-kind services match of approximately
4 \$12,000;

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6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Su-
7 pervisors that the Land and Water Conservation Division of the Planning & Parks Department's
8 application for the grant funding described herein is ratified.

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10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Land and Water Conservation Division of the
11 Planning and Parks Department is authorized to accept the above noted grant funding, if
12 awarded, with the understanding that there be no additional direct costs incurred other than the
13 recommended one-to-one County match and that there be no additional County positions re-
14 quired to be created as a result of accepting the grant funding.

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16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon receipt of grant funds, the Washington Coun-
17 ty Land and Water Conservation Division of the Planning and Parks Department shall comply
18 with all grant requirements necessary to maximize the grant funding available.

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20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administrator of the Planning and Parks De-
21 partment is authorized to execute the necessary grant agreements or other documents, subject to
22 review and approval of the County Attorney's Office.

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26 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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28 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Continuation of the Multi-Agency Land and Water Education
29 Grant (MALWEG) Program by authorizing application for and acceptance of grant funding for
30 the program.

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32 APPROVED: Introduced by members of the LAND
33 **(signed by Kimberly A. Nass)** CONSERVATION and FINANCE
34 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney COMMITTEES as filed with the County Clerk.
35 Dated **9/8/09** **(signed by John W. Stern)**
36 John W. Stern, Chairperson
37 Considered **9/8/09** Land Conservation Committee
38 Adopted **9/8/09** **(signed by Ralph R. Hensel)**
39 Ayes **29** Noes **0** Absent **1** Ralph R. Hensel, Chairperson
40 Voice Vote _____ Finance Committee

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42 (The grant provides \$12,000 to conduct a nutrient management farmer education program. The
43 County is required to provide an in-kind match of approximately \$12,000. The matching funds
44 are included in the budget.)