

MINUTES: Yahara WINS Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 04/30/2024

TIME: (approx. 1:06 PM)

LOCATION: Virtual meeting

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Fries - Secretary

Executive Committee:

X Martin Griffin, President, MMSD  
X Greg Fries, Secretary, City of Madison  
X Jeff Rau, Treasurer, Village of Oregon  
X Tom Wilson, Towns and Villages Association  
X Judd Blau, Village of Deforest, Vice President  
Kyle Minks, Dane County Representative  
Laura Hicklin, Dane County Representative  
John Reimer, Dane County Representative

1. Opening
  - a. Call to Order – Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM
  - b. Welcome guests and visitors
2. New Business – Bartlett Durand and Griffin gave a presentation regarding a potential grant application that WINS can apply for that would provide for a minimum of 5 million and a maximum of 25 million in funding to create a carbon credit program.

Discussion that the cost to create the grant application is 20K and that up to 7% administration cost is allowed should we receive the grant. In discussion it appears that many of the practices that WINS and Yahara Pride use to reduce TP can also be used to sequester Carbon. Therefore a grant to reduce C can also be used to reduce TP discharges.

Durand is willing to work on this grant application and has had success in these types of programs in the past.

The funding for the 20K to create the grant application will come from savings in funds we have not been able to pay to Rock County as that agency has lost staff and has been unable to spend all the funds that were budgeted for them.

Durand will work as part of the grant to get a second major party to sign on as a major partner and play a roll in this going forward.

From WINS perspective the best case is to spend 20K to get a potential return of 5 to 20 M while the worst case is to spend 20K and cerate some valuable partnerships that can hopefully be utilized going forward.

Motion to enter into a contract to spend up to 20K to create a grant to the RCPP for Yahara Wins by Bartlett Durand for Carbon Credits

Motion – by Blau

Second – by Wilson

Voice Vote – Unanimous Approval

3. Motion to adjourn made by Wilson, Second by Rau, Unanimous Approval.