

MINUTES: Yahara WINs Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 10/15/2024

TIME: (approx. 1:55 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
- X Kyle Minks, Amy Piaget, Dane County Representative
- Laura Hicklin, John Reimer, Dane County Representative
- John Lindert, Strand
- Mark Riedel – WDNR
- Ben Schulte – City of Fitchburg
- X Mike Gilbertson, Kathy Lake – MMSD
- Phil Gaebler – City of Madison
- Lauren Striegl – Village of Oregon
- X Kim Meyer

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order – Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:55 PM
- b. Welcome guests and visitors

2. Review and acceptance of September 17, 2024, meeting minutes

Motion by Rau, Seconded by Wilson, Unanimous

3. Decision Item:

- a. Action Item: Yahara Pride Farms 2024 Additional Funding Request:

Marty noted that the 105,000 stated in the packet that Marty had provided in advance of the meeting was incorrect and the correct amount for additional funding is 113,600.

Recommendation is that we provide the money the options really come from how to pay for it:

Option 1 – we fund with unspent amounts from the Rock Co agreement and that YPF create a plan so that they will not be coming back in 2025 asking for more.

Option 2 – we fund with cash reserves

Option 3 – we fund with cash reserves but tell them they need a plan for 2025 so this does not happen again.

Discussion was had regarding who we are funding through YPF cost share, the same actors every year or are new partners getting in to the game? Marty indicated that the funding has been going to a mix of existing and new partners, and indicated one way that YPF could manage funding requests would be to preferentially pursue new partnerships.

Discussion was had that we should remove the restriction to “ask” for additional funds but still require that YPF create a plan to help minimize any future additional asks for additional funding.

Minks stated a concern that Dane CO was not aware that they had the option to request additional funding and are there different rules for reimbursement for different partners.

Revised motion for Option 1 as provided in our packet for this meeting by Wilson, Second Blau:

The executive committee will commit to funding the added \$113,600 as requested in 2024 to support the 2024 cost share agreement with Yahara Pride Farms with the added funds coming out of underspent line items in the 2024 budget (primarily the Rock Co reimbursement agreement). Receipt of additional funding in 2024 will be contingent on the WINS executive committee seeing a plan that from Yahara Pride Farms that they will implement in 2025 and beyond to manage the budgeted amount of cost share funds. Additionally, Yahara Pride Farms is asked to note that requests for supplemental funding during the budget year of 2025 and beyond should not be expected to be automatically available.

Unanimous

4. Other Business

5. Future Agenda Items

6. Adjourn Moved by Wilson