RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Health INITIATED BY



Tim Banwell, EH Director DRAFTED BY

Board of Health SUBMITTED BY

November 13, 2012 DATE DRAFTED

Accepting Prevention Grant and Amending the 2013 Rock County Health Department Budget

WHEREAS, the Rock County Health Department monitors the quality of ground water used for drinking water in our community; and,

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WHEREAS, the Health Department's role is to identify public health risks and educate citizens on how to protect their health from these risks; and,

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WHEREAS, the Health Department applied for and was awarded a grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services in the amount of \$9,445 to identify environmental health concerns impacting ground water in one town and make recommendations to prevent or ameliorate environmental health hazards.

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13 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled on this 13 day of December, 2012 does hereby authorize the Rock County Health Department to accept this grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services in the amount of \$9,445, and amend the 2013 Rock County Health Department Budget as follows:

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17		Budget	Increase	Amended
18	Account Description	<u>1/1/13</u>	(Decrease)	Budget
19	Source of Funds			_
20	31-3001-0000-42100			
21	Federal Aid	\$211,775	\$9,445	\$221,220
22	31-3001-0000-63110			·
23	Administrative Expense	\$211,775	\$9,445	\$221,220

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

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FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 5-0

Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$9,445 in Federal Aid for the Health Department's water quality program. No County matching funds are required.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2013 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson

County Adminsitrator

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rock County Health Department applied for and was awarded a \$9,445 Prevention Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services to identify and make recommendations to ameliorate environmental health risks to the ground water in one town in Rock County.

Of the approximately 13,000 private wells in Rock County, estimates indicate only 1 to 2% are tested for bacteria and nitrates each year. Of these wells, 15% test unsafe for bacteria and 25% test unsafe for nitrates. Cost-effective solutions exist to remedy each concern. Educating the public of these risks and providing them with practical options to reduce these risks is an important role of the Rock County Health Department.

While the main effort is to help provide a safe drinking water supply, identification of the environmental issues of concern to the citizens and policymakers in the community is the first step to their awareness of these concerns. Rock County Health Department provides local services (radon test kits, water analysis, lead testing) that can help citizens characterize the risk in their built environment. To increase interest and motivate citizens to take advantage of these opportunities, the results of previous tests through the health department will be entered into the GIS program to provide a visual representation of the risks in the community.