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3 **RESOLUTION: REQUEST AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (DATCP) PRODUCER-LED**
5 **WATERSHED PROTECTION GRANT**

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

8 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department is interested in acquiring a
9 Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant from the DATCP for the purpose of providing funding to producer-led
10 groups that focus on nonpoint source pollution abatement activities; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the project implementation, for which the grant is being applied, will provide support to groups to
12 deliver cost share programs on-farm demonstration and research projects and education and outreach efforts on
13 conservation systems; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the grant will support innovative practices that improve water quality to farmers and
15 other community members within their local watersheds; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department is identified as the collaborator and
17 the fiscal agent accepting the grant funds on behalf of the producer-led watershed group; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department shall comply with all state laws
19 and regulations pertaining to implementation of this project and fulfillment of the grant document provisions.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby gives
21 authority to the Land and Water Conservation Department to apply for and accept a Department of Agriculture, Trade
22 and Consumer Protection Producer-led (DATCP) Watershed Protection Grant.

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24 Fiscal Note: If grant funds are awarded, the revenue and expense from this grant would be included in the 2024
25 County Budget.

26 Respectfully submitted by:

27 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

28 Committee Vote: **7-0**

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30 Respectfully submitted by:

31 **PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

32 Committee Vote: **4-0**

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34 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**

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36 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.

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40 Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive