

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE WELL-WATER TESTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, ground water is recognized as a health, safety, and welfare concern for the citizens of Trempealeau County, and

WHEREAS, the Trempealeau County Strategic plan has identified the following goals under strategic issue number one:

- Goal 2:** Increase the resilience of local communities and organizations so they can effectively address natural resource and social issues.
- Goal 3:** Allocate resources for conservation programs and practices that preserve and enhance our natural environment, and

WHEREAS, continuing the county's cost-sharing program for well-water testing meets both of the these goals, and

WHEREAS, water quality can be tested and is tracked as a public service through the well-water testing program by the County UW-Extension department, and

WHEREAS, depth to groundwater can be an issue of concern to well owners in areas where there is high demand for groundwater, and

WHEREAS, Trempealeau County has the opportunity to partner with other counties and research partners to track depth to groundwater, and

WHEREAS, the County would like to assist homeowners payment of the water testing through 70/30 cost sharing where the County would pay for 70% of the water testing fee and the homeowner paying the remaining 30% of the fee, and

WHEREAS, the County would like to obtain additional data on groundwater levels in order to make more informed decisions through its natural resource policies, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to set aside \$30,000 to be used for cost-sharing and administrative costs for the well-water testing program for wells in the County and for the costs of monitoring depth to groundwater,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors amends the 2016 budget by transferring funds from the unassigned General Fund (101.32100) in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the well-water testing account (101.55620.399) for the purposes of groundwater research including cost-sharing and administrative costs in the County.

Dated at Whitehall, WI, this 16th day of May, 2016.

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