



# RAIN & RUNOFF SIMULATION

June 22, Korth Park



**Rain and Runoff Presentation - 4:00 pm**

**Brew with a View (live music, food, beverages) - 5:00pm**

What happens when heavy rains fall on native plantings, lawns, tilled soil, crops or pasture land? How much runoff is created? Watch this surprising and effective demonstration! Healthy lakes & rivers depend on water staying where it lands - held in healthy soils. All are welcome!

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Korth Park

W8390 Korth Lane, Lake Mills, WI



Questions? Contact:

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_

### **Authorizing the purchase of a perpetual agricultural conservation easement and amending the 2023 budget for the Land and Water Conservation Department**

#### Executive Summary

The Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan seeks to preserve and enhance the county's rural character including farmland. One way to accomplish this goal is to purchase conservation easements that protect agricultural land from development using grant funds from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Jefferson County funds restricted for this use. The Natural Resources Conservation Service has approved grant funding for the purchase of an easement described below consisting of 92.3 acres, with the remaining amount contributed by the landowner and Jefferson County.

This resolution authorizes the Land and Water Conservation Department to enter into a contract to purchase a perpetual agricultural conservation easement from the Daniel O. Cummings Trust in the amount of \$228,750 consisting of 92.3 acres and payment of title insurance and closing costs in the amount of \$2,113.

The Land and Water Conservation Committee and the Finance Committee considered this resolution at their meetings on June 21, 2023 and July 5, 2023 respectively, and recommended forwarding to the County Board for approval.

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WHEREAS, the Executive Summary is incorporated into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has a goal to preserve and enhance the county's rural character by purchasing conservation easements that will protect agricultural land from development, and

WHEREAS, Daniel O. Cummings Trust has applied for a conservation easement on land in the Town of Waterloo, Jefferson County consisting of 92.3 acres, and

WHEREAS, the total appraisal for the land is \$305,000 and the Natural Resources Conservation Service has approved grant funding in the amount of \$152,500, and

WHEREAS, the landowner has agreed to accept \$76,250 less than the appraised value of the conservation easement resulting in a twenty-five percent reduction in total cost, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County's contribution toward the conservation easement will be \$76,250 plus title insurance and closing costs in the amount of \$2,113, for a total cost of \$78,363.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Land and Water Conservation Department to enter into a contract to purchase an agricultural conservation easement from Daniel O. Cummings Trust in the amount of \$228,750 consisting of 92.3 acres and payment of title insurance and closing costs in the amount of \$2,113.

*Fiscal Note: The total cost of the proposed conservation easement is \$230,863 of which \$120,000 is already contained in the Land and Water Conservation Department 2023 budget. The remainder of this cost will be covered by an amendment to the Land and Water Conservation Department's 2023 budget that increases federal revenue by \$72,500, increases the use of Capitol Reserve funds by \$38,363, and increases expenditures by \$110,863. Jefferson County's share of the purchase price is \$76,250 in addition to title insurance and closing costs in the amount of \$2,113 for a total cost of \$78,363, all of which is proposed to be paid for with funds reserved for the farmland preservation program. Total capital reserve funds remaining for the farmland preservation program after this resolution would be \$52,990.19. County Board approval requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the County Board (20 members of the 30 member County Board must vote in favor of the budget amendment).*

Ayes:\_\_\_\_\_ Noes:\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_\_\_ Absent:\_\_\_\_\_ Vacant:\_\_\_\_\_

Referred By  
Land and Water Conservation Committee  
Finance Committee

07-05-2023

Corporation Counsel:\_\_\_\_\_; Finance Director:\_\_\_\_\_