**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2020**

**APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH JUNEAU COUNTY LAND AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE LAND RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

**Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [X] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted**

***Background: Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department has collaborated with Juneau County Land and Water Resources Department, Lake Redstone Protection District, and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) since 2019 to implement water quality monitoring activities within the Lake Redstone watershed in Sauk and Juneau Counties. Water quality monitoring is utilized to develop watershed plans that identify sources and quantities of water pollution and contamination and propose best management practices to address these resource concerns. Streamgaging infrastructure will be installed at three locations in the Lake Redstone watershed for water quality monitoring in 2021. Juneau County has entered a Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS and Sauk County has committed funding towards this project. A Memorandum of Understanding is attached (Exhibit A), which outlines the responsibilities of Sauk County and Juneau County.***

**WHEREAS,** theMemorandum of Understandingmust be approved and executed in order for the streamgaging project to be initiated in the Lake Redstone watershed in Sauk and Juneau Counties; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, approves the Memorandum of Understanding (Exhibit A) and authorizes the Land Resources and Environment Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Juneau County Land and Water Resources Department; and,

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on December 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

SAUK COUNTY LAND RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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**Fiscal Note:** The 2020 budget includes $29,000 in Lake Management Grant funding that was awarded by the LRE Committee to the Lake Redstone Protection District that will be carried over into 2021. The Lake Redstone Protection District has requested that the funding be directed to Juneau County for this particular project. The 2021 budget includes a $6,000 for water quality monitoring in the Lake Redstone watershed.

**MIS Note:** No new MIS impact.

**Exhibit A**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is voluntarily entered into, with an effective date of October 1, 2020, by and between Juneau County Land and Water Resources Department, by Juneau County Conservationist Dustin Ladd (hereafter “Juneau County”) and Sauk County Land Resources & Environment Department, by Director Lisa Wilson (hereafter “Sauk County”), as follows:

WHEREAS, Juneau County has entered into a Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resource Investigations with the U. S. Geological Survey of the United States Department of the Interior (hereafter referred to as “USGS”)to cooperatively participate in a program for streamgaging at three locations in the Lake Redstone Watershed (a true copy of which is attached), which is in the best interests of the parties and the Lake Redstone Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement have come to an understanding that Sauk County will reimburse Juneau County $35,000.00 under the Joint Funding Agreement for the period from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021;

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises, obligations and benefits provided hereunder, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, Sauk County and Juneau County agree as follows:

1. Juneau County shall pay USGS $41,000.00, as called for in the Joint Funding Agreement, during the period between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021.
2. Sauk County shall pay Juneau County $35,000.00 on or before September 30, 2021.
3. Juneau County shall perform all services and comply with all requirements in the Joint Funding Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF and intending to be legally bound, the Parties have caused this MOU to be executed by signature of their duly authorized respective representatives as of the above-written effective date.

JUNEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN

By:

Dustin Ladd,

Juneau County Conservationist

SAUK COUNTY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lisa Wilson,

Director of Land Resources & Environment Department