SUB ___ TO 2022 RES-173 (PROPOSED- CHAWLA)

ACCEPTANCE OF A NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

The Land & Water Resources Department has secured a ~~$500,000~~ $1,000,000 cooperative conservation agreement through the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The purpose of the cooperative conservation agreement is to establish a demonstration farm network in Dane County. The agreement covers ~~three~~ five years of funding. Funding includes a project position to help establish the demonstration farm network, ~~a~~ two graduate research students to assist with soil health research, incentive payments for up to five participating farms, ~~and~~ outreach activities such as tours and field days, and research sampling costs.

The revenue and expenditure obligations outlined in the agreement will be included in the 2023 County Budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby accept the ~~$500,000~~ $1,000,000 cooperative conservation agreement from NRCS.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Land & Water Resources Department Director and County Conservationist are authorized to execute documents necessary to accept the funds and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation.