

ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS AND GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO YAHARA PRIDE FARMS

Yahara Pride Farms Inc. (YPF) has been working with farmers in the Yahara Watershed on the adoption of Low Disturbance Manure Injection (LDMI) since 2013. Yahara Pride Farms was the first to bring this technology in to Wisconsin to help farmers to incorporate manure with minimal soil disturbance. Initially, YPF partnered with a local equipment dealer to provide a tanker and LDMI tool bar for use by individual farmers to gain experience with the technology. To date, YPF has provided this equipment to be used on over 3,600 acres for 5,500 lbs. of phosphorus reduction. Dane County has developed a cost share program for individual farmers and commercial applicators to purchase the LDMI toolbar. To date, 2 cost share agreements for a total of \$46,495.50, have been approved for landowners to purchase LDMI toolbars to be utilized on approximately 1,200 acres annually with an estimated annual 1,600 pounds of phosphorus reduction in the Yahara Watershed.

Yahara Pride Farms has developed a program to continue to make this technology available to farmers in the watershed and have requested funding from Dane County and Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (Yahara WINS) to purchase a tanker and LDMI toolbar. This equipment would be made available in the Yahara Watershed for individual farmers to gain experience using the equipment. YPF would rent the tractor from a local equipment dealer to pull the equipment. A fee would be charged by YPF to each participant to cover the tractor rental, operator, repair and maintenance, scheduling and insurance costs.

Yahara WINS Executive Committee approved on June 13<sup>th</sup>, the grant request to fund 50% of the cost of the tanker and LDMI toolbar not to exceed \$60,000, contingent on Dane County providing an equal match. Yahara WINS will provide the funds to Dane County. The debt issued to support the County expenditure will have a term of 10 years.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that Dane County authorize a grant to Yahara Pride Farms for 50% of the cost of the tanker, LDMI, and monitoring equipment not to exceed \$60,000, on the condition that by April of each following year, YPF provide an annual report to Dane County Land Conservation Division and Yahara WINS which includes the following information: fields, acres, and pounds of phosphorus reduced reported by TMDL reach where LDMI was used the previous year.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Dane County accepts \$60,000 from Yahara WINS and a new revenue account CPLWRESC LDMI Grant Revenue shall be established for \$60,000 and account CPLWRESC 59025 Yahara CLEAN Implementation shall be increased by \$60,000. These funds shall be carried forward until realized and expended.