Date: January 25th, 2024

To: CLFLWD Board of Managers

From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator

Subject: Joint Grant Application Letter of Support



Background/Discussion:

The purpose of this agenda item is to obtain the support of the Board of Managers for the District Administrator to provide a letter of support for a grant application by the Washington Conservation District (WCD). WCD is applying for a Soil Health Supplemental Staffing Grant through the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Grant funds would be used for hiring an additional staff position to implement soil health practices throughout Washington County, including portions of Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District.

District staff work closely with WCD on soil health and agricultural best management practices. Additional staffing resources have the potential to enhance the services offered to District residents and help us meet our water quality goals.

The deadline for grant submission is February 8thwith grants being awarded by March 21st, 2024.

| Recommended Motion: |
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| Proposed Motion: Manager moves to authorize the Administrator to submit a letter of support on behalf of the CLFLWD for the WCD's application for the Soil Health Supplemental |
| Staffing Grant. Seconded by Manager |