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RESOLUTION 55-19

PROTOCOL PROCEDURE FOR SOUTHWEST, WISCONSIN WATER STUDY RESULTS

WHEREAS, because of concerns surrounding the premature release of partial information that fails to adequately and accurately portray the results of phases of the water study, the Board believes it to be in the County's best interests to adhere to the following protocols in relation to the release of information surrounding the current and future results of water testing:

1. The dissemination of future test results will be limited to the Lafayette County Conservationist, the Lafayette County Land Conservation Committee Chair, and the Lafayette County Health Department. Known hereafter as the "Review Board of the Water Quality Study." They will review the tentative results, discuss issues surrounding interpretation of the tentative results, and issue press releases when appropriate.
2. Lafayette County Land Conservation Committee members, as well as other members of the Lafayette County Board, will be informed of the study results when the public is informed.
3. When information is made public, all Board members, committee members, county officials and county employees shall encourage members of the public including, without limitation, members of the press, to review and disseminate complete and accurate information concerning the information and the water study.
4. In the event that a conference is held to distribute results, invitations will be extended to local TV stations, radio and news outlets. The conference will do a complete review of the whole test process and the expectations for the release before any further information is given. The press will be given an official press release provided by the Review Board following any conferences that are held, which will include information from the study in its entirety.
5. No board member, committee member, county official or county employee is authorized to make any public statement regarding the water study without the authorization of the Review Board. Any board member, committee member, county official or county employee violating this process may be subject to discipline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, at the request of the Land Conservation Committee, recommend that the above protocol be established for the accurate distribution of information in regards to the Water Quality Study.

Respectfully Submitted,
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FISCAL NOTE: No direct fiscal impact from the passage of this resolution. LEGAL

NOTE: Within County Board authority.

I, Carla M. Jacobson, Clerk of the County of Lafayette, State of Wisconsin, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on _____, 2019.

Carla M. Jacobson
Lafayette County Clerk