

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing funding to replace the water pumping system at the Fish Hatchery

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has owned the Farm and Fish Hatchery located in the City of Franklin at the Milwaukee County House of Correction since 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Hunger Task Force assumed the operational duties of the farm portion from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC) under its lease agreement terms, and additionally acquired the hatchery ("the Hatchery") operations in 2012; and

WHEREAS, a high capacity well that supplies water to the Farm and Fish Hatchery is located at the House of Correction, where it was originally constructed and operated; and

WHEREAS, in October 2013 the well was irreparably damaged, rendering it non-functional; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administrative Services-Risk Management Division filed an insurance claim in August 2014 for the damages to the well; and

WHEREAS, while it is anticipated Milwaukee County will receive insurance reimbursement for replacement of the damaged well, it is unknown as to how soon those would be made available to fund the necessary repairs to the well; and

WHEREAS, the farm portion is currently being supplied water from the City of Franklin at the expense of the Hunger Task Force through a water line paid with Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no water being pumped into the Hatchery; and

WHEREAS, all the fish that were located at the Hatchery have been placed in outdoor rearing ponds, which are at risk for overcrowding, until a new sustainable water pumping system has been identified; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for a functioning water system at the Hatchery; and

WHEREAS, based on a bid issued by the DPRC, the cost estimate for installing a new high capacity well is approximately \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study was funded by a private donor to determine the most efficient and cost effective solution for providing water to the Hatchery; and

33 WHEREAS, per adopted County Board Resolution File No. 14-127, the County has
34 previously authorized transfers of unallocated contingency funds with the anticipation of
35 incoming insurance proceeds to be returned to the Appropriation for Contingencies
36 account upon receipt; and

37 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County must take expeditious action to install a new water
38 system in order to protect and maintain the remaining fish as well as to ensure the
39 perpetuity of the Hatchery; now, therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes that
41 \$200,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies account to be used for the construction
42 and installation of a new water pumping system on the Farm and Fish Hatchery grounds;
43 and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
45 authorizes the Comptroller to process a fund transfer from Org. Unit 1945, Appropriation
46 for Contingencies to Org. Unit 9000, Parks, Recreation and Culture, or to a new capital
47 improvement project, whichever is best to account for the funds, in the amount of
48 \$200,000; and

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the Department of Administrative
50 Services-Risk Management Division receives insurance claim proceeds for the reported
51 damage to the existing well, those funds shall be directly used to offset any additional costs
52 for the new water system for the Hatchery, and any remaining funds shall be deposited in
53 the Appropriation for Contingencies account; and

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture
55 shall work collaboratively with the Department of Administrative Services-Risk
56 Management Division and appropriate qualified contractors to implement this project as
57 quickly as practicable; and

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunger Task Force shall continue to assume
59 all operational and maintenance responsibilities related to the Farm and Fish Hatchery, per
60 the terms of their lease agreement with Milwaukee County.