RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE IOWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Land Conservation Department provides a number of services for the benefit of citizens of Iowa County, including but not limited to: tree planter rental, assistance in obtaining DNR-related permits, soil and siting assistance for manure storage facilities, assistance in the investigation and protective removal of endangered species, and processing of Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program ("CREP") contracts; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 92.07(13) authorizes county land conservation committees to require payment of money in exchange for the provision of such services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to periodically establish or increase user fees to recoup all or a portion of the costs of providing such services; and

WHEREAS, establishing or increasing user-specific fees allocates service costs primarily to those receiving the benefit of the services, thereby limiting the impact of the cost of providing such services on the tax levy as a whole; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that Iowa County adopts the following fees for services provided by the Iowa County Land Conservation Department:

1. The fee for rental use of Iowa County’s tree planter shall be increased from $3.00 per 1,000 trees planted to $6.00 per 1,000 trees planted.
2. There shall be a new Landowner DNR Permitting Assistance Fee of $100.00 per application.
3. There shall be a new Landowner Manure Storage Soils/Siting Assistance Fee of $200.00 for facilities housing up to 100 cows plus an additional fee of $1.00 for every cow in excess of 100.
4. There shall be a new Landowner Threatened and Endangered Species Investigation and Removal Fee of $100.00 per day plus mileage at then-current Iowa County mileage reimbursement rates for Iowa County Land and Water Resource Management ("LWRM") projects. This fee shall be $200.00 per day plus mileage at then-current Iowa County mileage reimbursement rates for United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") projects and for projects outside of Iowa County.
5. There shall be a new Landowner Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program ("CREP") Contract Processing Fee of 10% of the CREP Incentive Payment up to a maximum of $250.00 on 15-year CREP contracts and up to a maximum of $500.00 on perpetual CREP easements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above fees shall take effect on January 1, 2017, and from that date forward shall be clearly posted on the Iowa County website and at the Iowa County Land Conservation Department.
Resolution drafted by Iowa County Corporation Counsel and respectfully submitted to the Executive Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of September, 2016.