



RESOLUTION # 18-5/08

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 44/5

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: 5-15-08  
For: 22  
Against: 8  
Abs/Excd: 5  
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COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: 5-5-08  
For: 3  
Against: 2  
Abs/Excd: 1

RE: SUPPORT USE OF BIODIESEL FUEL

WHEREAS, in February 2006, the La Crosse County Board supported the use of biodiesel fuel by the La Crosse County Highway Department and encouraged other public and private entities to follow the lead of La Crosse County in the use of biodiesel fuel; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has used biodiesel fuel with positive results from the increased lubricity of the biodiesel fuel which results in less engine wear and cleaner engines and with little difference in mileage achieved by biodiesel fuel versus the use of diesel fuels; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway Department received a price quote for the various grades of biodiesel/diesel fuel on April 2, 2008 as follows: B-2 (2% biofuel – soy added to #2 diesel) \$3.59/gallon; #2 (Grade 2 diesel fuel no additive) \$3.61/gallon; B5 (5% bio-fuel – soy added to #2 diesel) \$3.66/gallon; and B10 (10% bio-fuel – soy added to #2 diesel) \$3.71; and,

WHEREAS, the price of diesel fuel on April 23, 2008 was \$4.219/gallon (less federal fuel tax of \$.243 for diesel); and,

WHEREAS, although the price of biodiesel fuel may now be more than diesel fuel, the benefits of purchasing biodiesel fuel may be worth the increased cost by using a renewable fuel that reduces emissions of diesel particulate matter and air toxics thereby promoting positive air quality and providing a stimulus for the western Wisconsin agricultural industry and economic development for our region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve the continued use of biodiesel fuel by the Highway Department provided that the cost of biodiesel fuel does not exceed the cost of grade 2 diesel fuel with no additive by an amount of 3% per gallon.

FISCAL NOTE: If biodiesel fuel exceeds the cost of diesel fuel by 3%/gallon, the increased annual cost may be \$14,400 based on the following assumptions: 120,000 gallons/year X \$.12/gallon = \$14,400 (based on \$4.00/gallon diesel X 3% = .12 cents)

Date: 05-05-08

Date: May 5, 2008

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PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CHAIR

RECORDING CLERK

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Co. Admin.	_____	_____	<u>SO</u>
Fin. Director	_____	_____	<u>BT</u>
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	<u>WAP</u>

Requested By: Leon Pfaff  
Date Requested: April 21, 2008  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board This 15 Day of May, 2008.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Marion I. Naegle, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.

[Signature]

Marion I. Naegle, La Crosse County Clerk