



March 9, 2021

► **REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION** ◀
Aquatic Invasive Species
Grant# ACEI26521
Grant Amount: \$86,901.00

Dave Perrin, President
Minong Flowage Association
Po Box 167
Minong, WI 54859

Dear Mr. Perrin:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Governor, we are pleased to announce the following project is approved for funding under Wisconsin's Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program: **2021-23 Minong Flowage Winter Drawdown Project**

Please review the agreement including the list of conditions and return the original signed by the authorized individual **within 30 days of this letter's date** to Jill Sunderland, your regional Environmental Grant Specialist, at 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801. Once signed please make a second copy for your file.

The scope summarized in the agreement is the project detail provided in the application and does not negate tasks/deliverables described therein. Data, records, and reports, including GIS-based maps, and digital images, must be submitted to the Department in a format specified by the regional Lake Biologist.

The period covered by the agreement is from March 15, 2021 through December 31, 2023. If you can't complete your project within this time period, please request an extension from Tyler Mesalk, your Regional AIS Coordinator at (715) 635-4227, or Jill Sunderland at (608) 358-9319. You must submit your request for your final payment within six (6) months after all work activity is complete or your grant may be terminated. Should you have any questions about the project, please contact your regional AIS Coordinator. If you have any financial questions, please contact your regional Environmental Grant Specialist above.

Under this grant program, you are entitled to a project advance payment. This advance payment is made available to you to cover costs you may incur in the initial stages of the grant process. The advance payment is equal to 25% of the State grant amount, maximum of \$25,000. **If you wish to request the advance payment, please check the blank provided before the signature block on the last page of the project agreement.**

Please note that this grant program is a reimbursement program. This means that you must pay all expenses incurred prior to requesting reimbursement for any of the remaining 75% of the grant award from the State. Reimbursement claim forms are attached. Please be aware that the deadline for submitting final reimbursement claims is six (6) months from the project end date. One partial reimbursement request per year will be accepted.

The State withholds 10% of the State Cost Share for final reimbursement following approval of the final report. Instructions and forms for the financial administration of the project are enclosed. Please submit your final report to Tyler Mesalk at 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801, and final billing to Jill Sunderland at 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801. Please write the project number (ACEI26521) on all billing material submitted.

Advance or Reimbursement Check: Your advance or reimbursement may be direct deposited to your organization's financial institution or a check mailed to Minong Flowage Association, Karen Tinquist, Po Box 167, Minong, WI 54859. This is the check recipient that appears in our records. If this is incorrect, please notify Jill Sunderland.

Your project may require one or more professional service agreements. A grantee who subcontracts or hires an agent to undertake any portion of a project requiring more than \$5,000 of grant funding awarded shall enter into a

professional service agreement with the contractor or agent prior to the commencement of any contracted work using the attached Professional Service Agreement, Form 8700-379.

- Your project may require that one or more cost containment procedures.** A grantee shall implement cost containment measures for all purchases made with grant funds that exceed \$2500. The grantee must identify the cost containment procedure used when requesting reimbursement. Refer to program guidance for acceptable cost containment procedures.
- Your project includes the analysis of water.** If the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene (WSLH) is processing your water samples: The DNR has provided the WSLH with a copy of the Surface Water Grant Lab Costs form that you submitted with your application. The form provides all the necessary information the lab will need to set up your account. If the WSLH needs any further information, they will contact you. The DNR will send you a final copy of the Surface Water Grant Lab Costs form that will identify your WSLH Client ID, Grant Project number and DNR Lake/River Coordinator information. Be sure to include this information on all materials you submit to the lab. The DNR will provide a test request form for you to use when sampling. Once your samples are processed, you will pay the lab directly and request reimbursement for lab costs through the grant program. If you were approved to use a certified lab other than the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene: Please contact your lab directly to set up an account.

If you have questions regarding this aspect of your grant, please contact your AIS Coordinator above.

- Your project includes the use of donated labor as part of your local share.** As your project progresses you must document all volunteer labor and/or professional labor by keeping a log of the person's name, the date the work is performed, a description of the work performed, the number of hours and rate of pay per hour (including benefits for professional hours). Attached are sample worksheets and summary sheets for your use. Please make, as many copies from these blank sheets as you think will need for the project. Tracking hours by computer is accepted.
- Your project includes the use of donated materials or equipment as part of your local share.** You must carefully track all donations with documentation that is equal to an invoice in their normal business dealings but clearly marked as donations. All donations shall conform to market rates. This documentation must be included with the payment request form.
- If your project includes GIS data, it should be in a format fully compatible with ARC/INFO® and ArcView®.** If you have any questions about this format or the standards, please request more information from or Jill Sunderland.

You may be contacted by the Office of the Governor or your state Legislator concerning the issuance of a press release to publicize the grant award. The Department of Natural Resources is pleased to have the opportunity to participate with you in this grant project.

Sincerely,



Jim Ritchie, Director
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

C: Tyler Mesalk – Spooner
Jill Sunderland - Spooner
Laura MacFarland – Rhineland

Notice: Personally identifiable information collected will be used for program administration and may be made available to requesters as required under Wisconsin's Open Records Law [ss.19.31 - 19.39, Wis. Stats].

Grantee Minong Flowage Association		Project Number ACEI26521	
Project Title 2021-23 Minong Flowage Winter Drawdown Project		Grantee DUNS #: N/A	CFDA # N/A
Start and End Date of Grant From March 15, 2021 Through December 31, 2023		Name of Program Surface Water Grants	
Project Scope Minong Flowage Association is partnering with Washburn County, Renewable World Energies and other partners to complete a winter drawdown of the Minong Flowage to control over 110 acres of EWM. Planning, plant survey work, and water quality testing are all part of the project. Project final deliverables include: Final reports summarizing all data collected, management plan updates, drawdown implementation plan, uploaded monitoring data, and GIS map files. Specific project activities include: 1) Drawdown implementation plan 2) Aquatic plant management plan 3) Creation of newsletters for distribution to outside entities and constituents 4) Aquatic invasive species decontamination stations and materials 5) CBCW based activities 6) PI/Aquatic plant surveys 7) CLMN monitoring 8) Protection and restoration of islands and shorelines within the Minong Flowage. Special Conditions: This scope summarizes the project detail provided in the application and does not negate tasks/deliverables described therein. Data, records, and reports, including GIS-based maps, and digital images, must be submitted to the Department in a format specified by regional staff.			
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONTACT: Jill Sunderland, Community Service Specialist, (608) 358-9319, Jill.Sunderland@wisconsin.gov Tyler Mesalk, Water Resources Mgmt Specialist, (715) 635-4227, tyler.mesalk@wisconsin.gov			
PROJECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUMMARY:		The following documents are incorporated into and made part of this agreement:	
Total Project Cost	\$115,868.00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter NR 193, Wisconsin Administrative Code Surface Water Grant Application Form #8700-284 and all attachments. 	
Cost Share Percentage	75%		
Grant Award	\$86,901.00		
Grantee Share	\$28,967.00		
Advance Payment	\$21,725.25		

A. General Conditions:

1. The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) and the Grantee mutually agree to perform this agreement in accordance with the project proposal, application, terms, promises, conditions, plans, specifications, estimates, procedures, maps and also any assurances attached and made a part of this agreement.
2. This agreement, together with any referenced parts and attachments, shall constitute the entire agreement and previous communications or agreements pertaining to the subject matter of this agreement are superseded. Any revisions to the original grant agreement, including cost adjustments, time extensions, and scope changes, must be requested by the grantee in writing. E-mail from the grantee is an acceptable format. Grantee must submit requests for amendment to this agreement prior to the end date of the original agreement. The Department may approve time extensions to the original agreement in writing without the requirement of the Grantee's signature. The Department may only approve cost and scope changes in a written grant agreement that requires signature of the grantee. The Grantee shall submit each amendment request to the Department contact listed on page 1 of this agreement.
3. Failure by the Grantee to comply with the terms of this agreement shall cause the suspension of all obligations of the State unless, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Department, such failure was due to no fault of the Grantee. In such case, any amount required to settle at minimum costs any irrevocable obligations properly incurred shall be eligible for assistance under this agreement, at the Department's discretion.
4. Grantee match is defined as that portion of eligible project costs paid for by the grantee. Eligible sources of grantee match may include cash from the grantee; funds generated by local, non-department state or federal governments; grants or contributions from foundations, businesses, private individuals or nonprofit organizations; and donated or force account labor, professional services, supplies, and equipment usage. State funds from the department may not be considered part of the grantee match. Interest earned on advance payment under this grant cannot be considered as grantee match.
5. **The Grantee:**
 - a. Agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code in fulfilling terms of this agreement. In particular, the Grantee agrees to comply with the provisions of ss. 23.22, 281.68, 281.69, 281.70, and 281.71, Wis. Stats., as appropriate, and to comply with all applicable federal, state and local contract and bidding requirements. The Grantee should consult its legal counsel with questions concerning contracts and bidding.
 - b. Agrees to obtain all regulatory permits and approvals, including water and wetland regulatory permits and approvals, required by federal, state, or local agencies prior to project implementation and complied with fully during project implementation
 - c. Promises, in consideration of the promises made by the Department, to execute the project described in accordance with this agreement.
 - d. May decline the offer of financial assistance provided through this agreement, in writing, at any time prior to the start of the project and before expending any funds. After the project has been started or funds expended, this agreement may be rescinded, modified, or amended only by mutual agreement in writing.
 - e. Agrees, to save, keep harmless, defend and indemnify the Department and all its officers, employees and agents, against any and all liability claims, costs of whatever kind and nature, for injury to or death of any person or persons, and for loss or damage to any property (state or other) occurring in connection with or in any way incident to or arising out of the occupancy, use, service, operation or performance of work in connection with this agreement or omissions of Grantee and all of its employees, agents or representatives. The Grantee is an Independent Contractor for all purposes, not an employee or agent of the Department.
 - f. Agrees to reimburse the Department for any and all funds the Department deems appropriate in the event the Grantee fails to comply with the conditions of this agreement or project proposal as approved by the Department or fails to provide public benefits as indicated in the project application, proposal description or this agreement. In addition, should the Grantee fail to comply with the conditions of this agreement, fail to progress due to non-appropriation of funds, or fail to progress with or complete the project to the satisfaction of the Department, all obligations of the Department under this agreement may be terminated, including further project cost payment.
 - g. Agrees, in connection with the performance of work under this agreement, not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, disability, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability as defined in s. 51.01(5), Wis. Stats., or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Grantee further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities, as required by law. The Grantee agrees to post in conspicuous places available, for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.

- h. Agrees that accounting for project funds shall conform to generally accepted accounting principles and practices, and shall be maintained by the Grantee in separate accounts.
- i. Agrees to submit final reimbursement claims within six (6) months from the grant end date. Reimbursement requests must be accompanied by progress reports detailing activities that have taken place during the time period for which the Grantee is seeking reimbursement and documentation for the costs being claimed.
- j. Agrees to keep all financial records, including invoices and canceled checks, that support all project costs claimed by the Grantee and make these available to the Department for inspection for six (6) years after receipt of final payment.
- k. Agrees that all water chemistry analyses that are part of the project shall be analyzed by either the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene or a Wisconsin certified laboratory approved by the Department for sample analysis. The DNR must pre-approve private laboratory eligibility. The grantee will first pay 100% of laboratory costs incurred directly to the laboratory and then request reimbursement from the DNR. This provision does not apply to planning projects conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey.
- l. Agrees to report data and information acquired as part of the project to the Department in the format specified by the Department's regional contact.
- m. Agrees to provide all information (data) gathered under this grant and final report products in electronic format and to submit these materials to the Department's regional contact as part of the final report.
- n. Will follow the conditions related to invasive species movement. The grantee agrees to the following methods required under s. NR 109.05(2), Wis. Adm. Code for controlling, transporting and disposing of aquatic plants and animals, and moving water:
 1. Aquatic plants and animals shall be removed, and water drained from all equipment as required by s. 30.07, Wis. Stats., and ss. NR 19.055 and 40.07, Wis. Adm. Code.
 2. Operator shall comply with the most recent Department-approved 'Boat, Gear, and Equipment Decontamination and Disinfection Protocol', Manual Code # 9183.1, available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/disinfection.html>.
- o. Agrees to have an annual audit performed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform -- Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, & Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (also known as "Uniform Guidance") and WI State Single Audit Guidelines found at <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Budget-and-Finance/Financial-Reporting/state-controllers-office/state-single-audit-guidelines> issued by Wisconsin Department of Administration, State Controller's Office, if Grantee expends federal grant funds totaling \$750,000 or more during the fiscal year and the those funds were received from a State or Federal agency.

6. The Department:

- a. Promises, in consideration of the covenants and agreements made by the Grantee, to obligate for the Grantee the amount of \$86,901.00, and to tender to the Grantee that portion of the obligation that is required to pay the Department's share of the costs based upon the state providing up to the maximum percent of eligible project costs and not to exceed the maximum allowable grant award.
- b. Agrees that the Grantee shall have sole control of the method, hours worked, and time and manner of any performance under this agreement other than as specifically provided in this document. The Department takes no responsibility of supervision or direction of the performance of the agreement to be performed by the Grantee or the Grantee's employees or agents. The Department further agrees that it will exercise no control over the selection and dismissal of the Grantee's employees or agents.
- c. Reserves the right only to inspect the job site or premises for the sole purpose of insuring that the performance is progressing or has been completed in compliance with this agreement.
- d. Will withhold up to 10% of the state share for final payment, subject to a determination that the projects final report, and any required audits have been completed satisfactorily.

B. Special Conditions:

The following special project terms and conditions were added to this agreement before it was signed by the parties hereto:

1. Indirect costs are not eligible for reimbursement under the Surface Water Grants program. This applies to both indirect costs that the grantee may wish to charge the Department and any indirect costs that a subcontractor may wish to charge the grantee. If indirect costs are incurred, they are wholly the responsibility of the grantee.

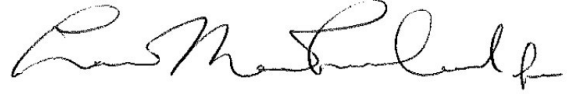
Check here if you request advance payment totaling \$21,725.25

The person(s) signing for the Grantee represents both personally and as an agent of his or her principal that he or she is authorized to execute this agreement and bind his or her principal, either by a duly adopted resolution or otherwise.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FOR THE SECRETARY**

By

By



(Signature)

**Jim Ritchie, Director
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance**

(Title)

3/9/21

(Date)

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