2017 Yahara WINS Grant Agreement With The Yahara Pride Farms

This Grant Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this 8th day of June 2017, by and between the Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (the “Yahara WINS”) and Yahara Pride Farms (the “Yahara Pride”).

1. Recitals

   a. Yahara WINS is pursuing an approach to address reductions of phosphorus in the Yahara Watershed through an Adaptive Management project.

   b. Yahara Pride is a farmer-led, not-for-profit organization working to improve soil and water quality.

   c. Yahara Pride is working with farmers in the Yahara Watershed to put phosphorus lowering practices on farms, is engaged in associated outreach/education efforts, is implementing a farmer certification program, and is advancing pilot projects aimed at practices that reduce nutrient losses from spreading of solid manure.

   d. Yahara WINS desires to support these efforts with the ultimate goal of reducing phosphorus losses in the Yahara Watershed.

2. Scope of Work

   a. Yahara Pride Farms shall perform the following services:

      • Administer a Yahara Pride sponsored cost share assistance program to improve the adoption of cost effective conservation practices such as cover crops, low disturbance manure injection, and reduced tillage that have the potential for reducing phosphorus losses, with the goal of helping farmers adopt these practices into their farming system.

      • Expand a windrow composting pilot project to showcase the economic opportunities of composting, selling and/or buying composted manure, to reduce nutrient losses from winter spreading of solid manure.

      • Provide outreach to farm producers on the latest technologies and practices in conservation that could be used to reduce phosphorus loads. Outreach activities include field days, watershed conferences and newsletters.

3. Use of Funds

   a. A minimum of $85,000 of the funds provided under this agreement will be used for implementing conservation practices such as cover crops, low disturbance manure
injection, and reduced tillage that have the potential for reducing phosphorus losses, with the goal of helping farmers adopt these practices into their farming system. A minimum of 2,250 acres of farmland using these conservation practices will be funded by Yahara Pride. Yahara Pride agrees that payments to producers using funds from this grant will not be made until after Yahara Pride confirms that SNAP-Plus information used to calculate phosphorus reductions has been received from the producer. Yahara Pride also agrees that producers receiving funds under this agreement will not receive additional funds provided by Yahara WINS through any other agreement for the same practices on the same acres in 2017.

b. A maximum of $25,000 of the funds provided under this agreement will be used for supporting activities, including field data collection and analysis, SNAP-Plus modeling to determine phosphorus loss, report development, farm evaluations conducted by Yahara Pride Resource Managers as part of the Farm Certification Program, producer outreach, and related activities.

c. Yahara Pride agrees to return any unused funds to Yahara WINS at the end of the agreement period or in the event that the Yahara Pride Farms is dissolved or no longer has legal standing.

4. Deliverables
a. Yahara Pride will provide Yahara WINS with a preliminary report on or before January 31, 2018 on summarizing practices and activities undertaken and funded under this agreement.

b. Yahara Pride will provide Yahara WINS with a final report by June 1, 2018 that includes:
   • Acres covered.
   • The estimated change in the phosphorus index (PI) and changes in soil loss on a field by field basis using SNAP-Plus, organized by TMDL stream reach. Both annual and rotational changes in PI shall be reported.
   • Unit cost information for phosphorus reduction, expressed as $/pound of P reduction.
   • Information on the number of farms worked with under the certification program and other relevant summary information.
   • A detailed accounting of disbursements made under this agreement, including hours associated with supporting activities.

5. Payment
a. Yahara WINS agrees to provide a total of $110,000 to the Yahara Pride Farm Conservation Board in consideration of and subject to the above. Payments will be made as follows:
   • $20,000 by July 31, 2017.
• $80,000 upon receipt of the preliminary report with confirmation that minimum acreage requirement has been met.
• $10,000 upon receipt of the final report

6. Modification of the Agreement
   a. The terms of this Agreement may be agreed to in writing by Yahara WINS and Yahara Pride.

7. Complete Agreement
   a. This agreement constitutes the complete and entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any previous communications, representations, or agreement, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

8. Miscellaneous:
   a. The terms of this Agreement may be modified if agreed to in writing by Yahara WINS and Yahara Pride.

For the Yahara Pride Farms:

\[Signature\]
Jeffrey Endres
Chair-Yahara Pride Farms
September 11, 2017

For Yahara WINS:

\[Signature\]
Kathleen Lake
Yahara WINS Executive Committee President
June 28, 2017

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Jeffrey S. Rau
Yahara WINS Executive Committee Treasurer
8/3/17