Yahara WINS Executive Committee  
January 26, 2017 Meeting

Agenda Item:  
WINS/CLA Memorandum of Understanding

Background:  
The Clean Lakes Alliance was a signatory to the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding that brought together a diverse set of partners who participated in the adaptive management pilot project. All MOU participants made financial contributions to support the pilot project. When the pilot project transitioned to a full scale project, municipal partners executed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA), which among other things describes the financial commitment of each signatory. Since the Clean Lakes Alliance could not be a signatory to the IGA because it is not a municipal entity. However, Clean Lakes Alliance would like to contribute funds to Yahara WINS to support and accelerate phosphorus reduction activities in the Yahara Watershed, with a specific focus in the upper part of the watershed.

WINS, as represented by the WINS Executive Committee President and WINS legal counsel, has been working with CLA staff and legal counsel on developing a Memorandum of Understanding that would lay out the details regarding how Clean Lakes Alliance could make financial contributions to WINS. The MOU covers a five year period and during which CLA would make an annual $100,000 contribution to WINS. The MOU also addresses corresponding obligations on the part of WINS. A copy of the MOU is attached.

Options:
1. Authorize execution of the MOU as written.
2. Authorize execution of the MOU subject to changes/edits identified by the Executive Committee.
3. Do not authorize execution of the MOU.

Recommendation:
Authorize execution of the MOU as written. The MOU has been reviewed by the WINS Executive Committee President and WINS legal counsel, both of whom feel comfortable with the language in the MOU. The MOU will bring additional funds into the watershed to support phosphorus reduction activities.