

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A WATER RATE STUDY FOR THE VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO

WHEREAS, the Village of Winnebago is a duly organized and existing Illinois municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Village operates a municipal water utility that provides essential water service to residents and businesses within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village last completed a water rate study in 2021 and recognizes the need to update its analysis to reflect current financial conditions, infrastructure needs, and long-term obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Village's water enterprise fund must support ongoing operations, maintenance, capital improvements, and long-term debt obligations, including those associated with the transition to the Four Rivers Sanitary Authority system; and

WHEREAS, the Village relies in part on a voter-approved sales tax to support the water enterprise fund, which is currently authorized through 2032, and future financial planning must account for scenarios involving both the continuation and expiration of this revenue source; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to ensure that its water rates are equitable, transparent, and financially sustainable, and are developed in accordance with industry best practices, including the principles and guidelines established by the American Water Works Association (AWWA); and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a draft Request for Proposals entitled “Water Rate Study Request for Proposals” dated April 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said Request for Proposals includes a detailed Scope of Services, financial and rate modeling requirements, and selection criteria necessary to procure qualified professional consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds it to be in the best interests of the Village to formally authorize the issuance of said Request for Proposals in order to obtain expert analysis and recommendations regarding the Village’s water rate structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Winnebago County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION I – AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to issue the “Water Rate Study Request for Proposals” dated April 8, 2026, in substantially the form presented to the Village Board.

SECTION II - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

The Village Administrator is further authorized to receive proposals, coordinate the review process, conduct consultant interviews as necessary, and bring a recommendation for consultant selection to the Committee of the Whole and Village Board in accordance with the tentative schedule set forth in the Request for Proposals.

SECTION III - EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall be effective immediately from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

APPROVED BY: _____

Franklin J. Eubank, Jr., President of the Board
of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

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