

August 24, 2020

RE: League of Women Voters of Dane County supports land purchase in the Town of Verona,
2020 RES-170

Dear Dane County Supervisors,

The League of Women Voters of Dane County supports efforts to maintain the environmental quality of both urban and rural parts of the county through actions such as acquiring and preserving wetlands and adjacent uplands. Proper management of water involves not only management of the water itself but also management of the land and watersheds which drain into water bodies such as streams or lakes.

The League of Women Voters of Dane County therefore supports the purchase of the approximately 160 acres from the Rhiner family. This property is located within two Natural Resource Area boundaries. It contains almost 4,000 feet of bank frontage as well as some designated wetland. Restoration of this property to natural prairie will reduce runoff, improve water quality, and increase floodwater storage. It will also enhance wetland function.

The League of Women Voters of Dane County strongly supports a positive vote on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Christine Clements

LWVDC President