

RESOLUTION 30 - 2018

**RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE LA CROSSE AREA
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the City of Onalaska is currently in negotiations for a renewal of the Agreement for Sewer Conveyance and Treatment with the City of La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse currently contracts with local regional municipalities for the treatment and disposal of sewerage; and

WHEREAS, the growth patterns and sewerage needs in the La Crosse area have shifted since the inception and development of the Isla La Plume wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the State of Wisconsin including the La Crosse area are experiencing budgeting restraints and regionalizing services such as wastewater treatment allows for better fiscal management and cost effectiveness, better planning and the provision of efficient and environmentally-sound sewerage collection and treatment systems across a greater area;

WHEREAS, for these reasons the City of Onalaska propose the creation of a metropolitan sewerage district known as the La Crosse Area Metropolitan Sewerage District (LAMSD), which shall encompass the territories of the City of La Crosse, City of Onalaska, Town of Shelby and Town of Campbell and by interstate compact include the City of La Crescent, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of LAMSD shall be to approach wastewater collection and treatment from a regional perspective, allowing the district to pool resources that will enhance the quality of life of area residents by identifying and meeting the wastewater and collection needs for its local communities, planning for long-term growth of the area, providing innovative engineering and environmental initiatives, conservation leadership and allowing the district to be cost-conscious for all ratepayers across the board.

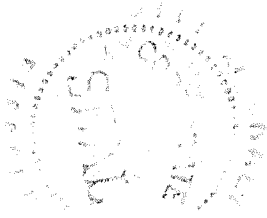
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Onalaska that the La Crosse Area Metropolitan Sewerage District be created with the territories of the City of La Crosse, City of Onalaska, Town of Shelby and Town of Campbell and with the boundaries as set forth on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LAMSD shall be the single-purpose government utility that reclaims water and promotes pollution prevention and water conservation for the district's municipalities; and

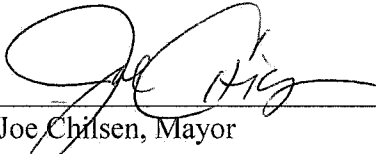
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LAMSD shall manage the existing facilities within those territories listed above including the Isla La Plume wastewater treatment facility which currently serves as the regional facility and the existing regional lift stations as set forth on Exhibit B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the creation of the LAMSD furthers the provisions of 200.05(4)(a-c) by uniting the La Crosse area municipalities which are currently being treated by the Isla La Plume wastewater treatment facility and providing a regional approach to identifying and meeting the wastewater collection and treatment needs of the area as well as sharing fiscal management among the area users.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2018.



CITY OF ONALASKA

By: 
Joe Chilsen, Mayor

By: 
Caroline Burmaster, Clerk

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