Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Title of Item: LLCC Loan Application for LED Lighting Retrofit

☑ REGULAR AGENDA	**Action Requested:**	☐ Direction Requested
☐ CONSENT AGENDA	☑ Approve/Deny Motion	☐ Discussion Item
	☐ Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	☐ Information Only
	☐ Hold Public Hearing **provide copy of hearing notice that was published*	

Submitted by: Dennis (DJ) Thompson	**Department:** Land
Presenter (Name and Title): Dave McMillan, LLCC Manager	**Estimated Time Needed:** 5 Minutes

Summary of Issue:

Long Lake Conservation Center is seeking County Board approval to apply for a low-interest loan through Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative's (MLEC) Revolving Loan Fund. The application would be considered by the MLEC board during their monthly meeting on March 27, 2025. By applying for the grant, we are not committing to accepting the loan. Through the application process, we will officially learn the terms of the loan (typically between 2% and 5%, based on qualifications), its costs, official rebates and potential impact. Assuming that LLCC is approved to receive the loan, we would return with a finalized request for the Board's consideration.

The loan would allow Long Lake to retrofit the entire campus with energy efficient LED lighting, saving LLCC an estimated $1,000 per month. The LED lighting retrofit is part of an overall "Energy Efficiency Role Model Initiative". The RLF would provide the funds for the LED lighting retrofit with no impact on taxpayers.

Long Lake solicited bids for the LED retrofit projects with the lowest bid of $36,963.13 coming from Antoine Electric.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Pass motion for LLCC to apply for a low-interest loan through Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative's Revolving Loan Fund for retrofitting that campus with LED lighting.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? ☐ *Yes* ☑ *No*

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? $

Is this budgeted? ☐ *Yes* ☐ *No* *Please Explain:*

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.