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Budget Victory: Rep. Moses Secures Key Funding for Western Wisconsin

Madison...Representative Clint Moses (R-Menomonie) successfully advocated for the Chippewa Valley in the 2025-2027 state budget. Budget motions authored by Representative Moses include approval for The University of Wisconsin-Stout to renovate the Johnson Fieldhouse, \$1 million for the purchase and renovation of the former Libertas Treatment Center, \$10 million for Rogers Behavioral Health to establish an inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment facility in Western Wisconsin, a continuation of the producer-led watershed grant program, and \$150 million for the Agriculture Road Improvement Program (ARIP).

"Each of these items is a vital contribution to the communities in and around my district." said Representative Moses. "I have advocated for months to the members of the Joint Finance Committee to include these items in the budget, and I am happy that they understand the importance, not only for Western Wisconsin, but for Wisconsinites all across the state."

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan recently acquired the former Libertas Treatment Center. Through the purchase and renovation of this facility, LSS plans to operate a 50-bed treatment center to men in need of recovery services. Rogers Behavioral Health, a non-profit, plans to create a mental health facility that services both children and adults. The increased need for mental health services was further exacerbated over a year ago when multiple hospitals in the area closed abruptly, leaving many Wisconsinites without access for mental healthcare.

"Aside from healthcare, I am thrilled to have championed these important pieces included in the budget," said Representative Moses. "UW-Stout, my alma mater, will finally be able to renovate the Johnson Fieldhouse, creating a facility UW-Stout will be proud of and attract prospective students."

The budget was passed both by the Assembly and Senate, then signed by Governor Evers early this morning.

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The 92nd Assembly District includes the cities of Chippewa Falls and Menomonie; villages of Elk Mound and Lake Hallie; townships of Hallie, Lafayette, Wheaton, Elk Mound, Menomonie, and Red Cedar, and the parts of the city of Eau Claire that reside in Chippewa County.