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REP. KRUG RESPONDS TO STATE BUDGET ACTION

Madison – Rep. Scott Krug (R-Rome) issued the following statement in regards to the State Budget passing the Joint Finance Committee.

“While the State Budget does invest heavily in the success of the students, families and businesses of the Wisconsin Rapids area we did fall short on one item, the renovation of the former Tribune building currently underway by the Incourage Community Foundation.”

“In politics timing and leverage are everything. Timing wise we did work in earnest for the last year with the leadership at Incourage and other very interested parties in crafting an approach we felt would win approval. It has been amazing to see the community support from residents, businesses, and the non-profit sector. Other communities have worked for as much as five years on projects of importance in their communities as well. My point, this isn’t the end, but just the beginning. Options do exist for funding outside of the state budget through agency funding requests, partnerships with city and county officials, and the next state budget offers another opportunity for success as well.”

“As far as leverage goes, the multiple successes of this budget to our local needs lessened our leverage for more area wins. From achieving more funding for our low spending school districts, to the inclusion of the largest hydrological analysis to deal with our high capacity well concerns, protecting the future of the paper science training program at UWSP, and a major investment in the advancement of the impact of Sand Valley resort through funding for Alexander Field improvements we couldn’t argue that Central WI needs were being ignored.”

“Moving forward, my goal for the remainder of this session is to introduce this and other ideas of importance as standalone legislation, work through existing agency budgets, and collaborate with city and county leaders to deal with funding issues or rules/regulations that hinder the advancement of the Central WI economic recovery.”

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