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Schoemann Calls on Department of Revenue to Request Miller Park Surplus Returned

Miller Park district reports an over payment of \$4.3 million

West Bend, WI – Earlier this week, it was reported by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue overpaid the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District \$4.3 million. The district executive director asked to return the money and the Department of Revenue told him not to. County Executive Josh Schoemann issued the following statement:

Last fall, the legislature finally ensured the baseball district would end this tax in 2020. Act 28 was intended to ensure the Department of Revenue could properly sunset the tax.

Washington County taxpayers have waited too long for this tax to sunset and now Madison bureaucrats cannot figure out how to end the tax. Mike Duckett and the park district board are trying to do the right thing by returning the money the taxpayers.

If the Department of Revenue cannot figure out how to properly return the money, first thing next session, legislators should introduce a bill which would require the overpayment returned to the taxpayers of the five counties in the most efficient way possible.

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