

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center**  
**1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Douglas Finn.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call taken by Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Westman. There were 17 present, 4 absent. Absent – Charles Glazman, Terry White, David Conley, Robert Mock. Youth representatives present – Kara Schmidt, Nathan Lindahl, Joseph Stensland.

Motion by Pomush, second Hendrickson, to approve January 21, 2016, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ten items of correspondence were either received and placed on file or referred to the appropriate committee.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Employee of the Quarter Award was presented to Ellen Oaks, Douglas County employee for 17 years, by County Administrator Lisak. Nominated by Veteran Services Office staff, the award recognizes Oaks' dedication and exemplary service on behalf of Douglas County veterans. Oaks thanked the county for the honor and elaborated on services and financial statistics afforded veterans over the past several years.

**ORDINANCES**

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #8.0  
ZONING ORDINANCE  
PRESENTED BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Pomush		
2. White		
3. Finn		
4. Clark		
5. Baker		
6. Paine		
7. Glazman		
8. Robinson		
9. Jaques		
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11. Finendale		
12. Lear		
13. Allen		
14. Ryan		
15. Hendrickson		
16. Johnson		
17. Liebaert		
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THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Zoning Committee held a public hearing on March 9, 2016, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

Part of SW1/4-SW1/4, Lot 1, CSM #279, Vol 2, Pgs 73-74, Section 14, T48N-R10W; (BR-006-00609-01; 13661E County Road FF), Town of Brule, from the R-1: Residential zoning district to the RR-1: Residential-Recreation zoning district, by Thomas and Kelley Stoneburner, Mendota Heights, Minnesota. Intended use: Dwelling.

WHEREAS, public hearing notice, affidavit of publication, notice given to town clerk of the hearing, and letter of Town Board approval, are as shown in Exhibit A-3-16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and approves the petition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk notify the town clerk of this action.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: None)

**ACTION:** Motion by Bergman, second Baker, to adopt. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTIONS

Roll Call		
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1. Pomush		
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**RESOLUTION #11-16**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Elected Officials Salaries Established

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 59.22(1), the Douglas County Board of Supervisors must establish the total annual compensation for services to be paid to county officials (other than supervisors and circuit judges) prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers for the county elective office, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish the total annual compensation for county elected officials, which is separate and distinct from the fringe benefits offered by the County to elected officials, and which fringe benefits are subject to increase or decrease during the officer's term at the discretion of the Board and in accordance with state and federal law, and

WHEREAS, as part of the County's fringe benefit program, county elected officials may participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with state law, and

WHEREAS, as part of the County's fringe benefit program, county elected officials may elect to receive health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wisconsin Statutes § 111.70(1)(mm)2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors that the total annual compensation for county-elected officers under Wisconsin Statutes § 59.22(1) shall be as follows, effective on the first day of a term of office that begins after the date of this resolution:

	<u>County Clerk</u>	<u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>County Treasurer</u>
2017	\$ 60,691.00 (1%)	\$ 60,691.00 (1%)	\$ 60,691.00 (1%)
2018	\$ 61,905.00 (2%)	\$ 61,905.00 (2%)	\$ 61,905.00 (2%)
2019	\$ 63,143.00 (2%)	\$ 63,143.00 (2%)	\$ 63,143.00 (2%)
2020	\$ 64,406.00 (2%)	\$ 64,406.00 (2%)	\$ 64,406.00 (2%)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned county officials are entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned county elected officials are entitled to participate in the County's health insurance program subject to terms and

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conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees described in Wisconsin Statutes § 111.70(1)(mm)2.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: \$ 2,112 in 2017; \$ 4,252 in 2018; \$ 4,357 in 2019; \$ 4,443 in 2020)

**ACTION:** Motion by Pomush, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion carried.

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1. Pomush	X	
2. White		
3. Finn	X	
4. Clark	X	
5. Baker	X	
6. Paine	X	
7. Glazman		
8. Robinson	X	
9. Jaques	X	
10. Quam	X	
11. Finendale	X	
12. Lear	X	
13. Allen	X	
14. Ryan	X	
15. Hendrickson	X	
16. Johnson	X	
17. Liebaert	X	
18. Anderson	X	
19. Mock		
20. Conley		
21. Bergman	X	

  

Roll:	
Ayes	17
Noes	0
Absent	4
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**RESOLUTION #12-16**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Budgetary Carry-overs, Restricted, Committed and Assigned Funds for 2015

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and authorizes the following 2015 budgetary carry-overs and establishments of restricted, committed, and assigned funds:

**GENERAL FUND:**

\$ 14,155	2013 Capital Projects approved not yet expended
620	2014 Capital Projects approved not yet expended
280,237	2015 Capital Projects
544,935	2016 Capital Projects
155,262	Communications upgrades
1,629	Unexpended website designation
27,000	Elections
1,000,000	Sales Tax Reserve
353,961	Land Conservation
39,586	Fairgrounds improvements
870,818	*Land & Development
54,226	Tank removal
115,108	Septic loans

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

\$ 386,705	Remaining supplemental funds designation
1,678	Designation for equipment upgrades

**HEALTH**

\$ 25,000	PNCC audit costs
71,156	Software/Equipment

**FORESTRY**

\$ 44,122	Mooney Dam repairs
21,160	Bird Sanctuary
7,305	Non-Lapsing Account for Lucius Woods sound shell (funding from concert fee revenue)
327,879	Remaining land acquisition designation, estb. 2007
34,161	Surveying
144,695	Park improvements
92,170	Disaster Recovery Fund
460,574	2015 Capital Projects – office expansion project

**HIGHWAY**

\$ 1,182,963	STP Projects Restricted
1,260,000	STP Projects Unrestricted
528,476	County Bridge Aid designated
34,677	County Bridge Aid undesignated
65,000	Underground storage tank reserve
547,545	Equipment and building improvement purchases
5,000	Centerline striping
95,610	2013 Reserve Fuel System upgrade/2014 Capital Budget

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2. White		
3. Finn	X	
4. Clark	X	
5. Baker	X	
6. Paine	X	
7. Glazman		
8. Robinson	X	
9. Jaques	X	
10. Quam	X	
11. Finendale	X	
12. Lear	X	
13. Allen	X	
14. Ryan	X	
15. Hendrickson	X	
16. Johnson	X	
17. Liebaert	X	
18. Anderson	X	
19. Mock		
20. Conley		
21. Bergman	X	
Roll: Ayes <u>  17  </u> Noes <u>  0  </u> Absent <u>  4  </u> Abstain <u>      </u>  Passed <u>  X  </u> Lost <u>      </u> Refer <u>      </u> Amend <u>      </u> Other <u>      </u>		
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INFORMATIONAL:

RESERVES APPROVED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET:

\$ 18,500	Medical Examiner van
23,966	Zoning car
38,880	Veterans van
23,682	Emergency Management vehicle
7,975	Surveyor vehicle

RESERVES REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE:

\$ 83,036	Jail Assessment
89,694	Register of Deeds computer maintenance
5,776	Veterans Soldiers & Sailors
112,961	Retained fees

RESERVES REQUIRED FOR AUDIT:

\$ 59,286	Long-Term Receivables
11,569	Prepaid
244,850	Public Safety Trust Accounts
2,142,213	Compensated Absences (All funds)
1,587,110	Tax Collections

*\*Balances are not finalized for 2015 at the time of publishing*

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Reserves created from 2015 budget surpluses, one-time revenues, or from existing reserves, restricted, committed or assigned funds)

(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

**ACTION:** Motion by Paine, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 17 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent. Absent – Glazman, Conley, White, Mock.

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1. Pomush	X	
2. White		
3. Finn	X	
4. Clark	X	
5. Baker	X	
6. Paine	X	
7. Glazman		
8. Robinson	X	
9. Jaques	X	
10. Quam	X	
11. Finendale	X	
12. Lear	X	
13. Allen	X	
14. Ryan	X	
15. Hendrickson	X	
16. Johnson	X	
17. Liebaert	X	
18. Anderson	X	
19. Mock		
20. Conley		
21. Bergman	X	

  

Roll:
Ayes <u>  17  </u>
Noes <u>  0  </u>
Absent <u>  4  </u>
Abstain <u>      </u>

  

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Other <u>      </u>

  

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**RESOLUTION #13-16**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Budgetary Transfers

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approves the following budgetary transfers:

1. Land Conservation	\$ 1,500	JE#190547 2016 National Mitigation & Ecosystem Banking Conference attendance
2. Emerg. Mgmt.	\$ 90,000	JE#190546 Reverse March 2015 Resolution - Monies not spent
3. Emerg. Mgmt	\$ 240,000	JE#190544 Reverse August 2015 Reasolution #69-15 - Total not spent
4. Emerg. Mgmt	\$ 79,000	JE#190545 Release Capital Projects funding for Udeen Tower
5. Land & Develpmt	\$ 5,285	JE#190743 Environmental site assessment and archeological survey for fairgrounds parking lot
6. Forestry	\$ 34,161	JE#191024 Release funding for surveying projects
7. Forestry	\$ 460,574	JE#191024 Release funding for office expansion project
8. Forestry	\$ 144,695	JE#191024 Release funding for Lake Minnesuing Parks & Park Creek Pond Park improvement projects
9. Forestry	\$ 44,122	JE#191024 Release funding for dam major repairs
10. Forestry	\$ 4,000	JE#191024 Release funding for land acquisition – Linstroth property (closing costs, recording fees, taxes, etc.)
11. Forestry	\$ 230,000	JE# 191024 Release funding for land acquisition – Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project – Phase I
12. Highway	\$1,260,000	JE#191025 Release funding for construction projects for the purchase of hot mix & other road materials
13. Highway	\$ 547,545	JE#191025 Release funding for equipment & building improvement purchases
14. Highway	\$ 95,610	JE#191025 Release funding for fuel system upgrade
15. Highway	\$ 5,000	JE#191025 Release funding for centerline striping

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: (1) Increase Land Conservation budgeted expenditures; decrease Land Conservation reserve; (2) & (3) Reserve balance for 2016; (4) Increase General Fund capital assets; decrease Capital Projects balance; (5) Decrease Land Improvement Reserve; increase contracted services – no effect on levy; (6) Increase Forestry Contracted Services Expense; decrease Forestry Surveying Reserve; (7) Increase Forestry fixed assets; decrease Forestry Office Expansion Project Reserve; (8) Increase Forestry fixed assets; decrease Forestry Lake Minnesuing Park and Park

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6. Paine	X	
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8. Robinson	X	
9. Jaques	X	
10. Quam	X	
11. Finendale	X	
12. Lear	X	
13. Allen	X	
14. Ryan	X	
15. Hendrickson	X	
16. Johnson	X	
17. Liebaert	X	
18. Anderson	X	
19. Mock		
20. Conley		
21. Bergman	X	
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Creek Pond Park Reserve; (9) Increase Forestry fixed assets; decrease Forestry Dam Major Repair Reserve; (10) & (11) Increase Forestry fixed assets; decrease Forestry Land Acquisition Reserve; (12) Increase Heavy Construction Contracted Services Expense; decrease Construction Funding Reserve; (13) Increase fixed assets; decrease Equipment and Building Improvement Purchases Reserve; (14) Increase Fixed Assets; decrease Fuel System Upgrade Reserve; (15) Increase County Marking and Signs Contracted Services Expense; decrease Centerline Striping Reserve)

(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

**ACTION:** Motion by Jaques, second Paine, to adopt. Roll call vote taken and passed with 17 Yes, 0 No, 4 Absent. Absent – Glazman, Conley, White, Mock.

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**RESOLUTION #14-16**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Douglas County Grievance Procedure – Impartial  
Hearing Officer Amended

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and amends Douglas County Grievance Procedure – Impartial Hearing Officer as follows:

“Selection of Impartial Hearing Officer: Following receipt of the appeal requesting a hearing before an Impartial Hearing Officer, the Corporation Counsel shall provide a list of three names of persons available to serve as an Impartial Hearing Officer. The County Administrator and Grievant shall select a name from the list. If the parties cannot mutually agree on an Impartial Hearing Officer from the list, then the parties shall strike names from the list with the parties flipping a coin as to who strikes the first name. The remaining name shall be selected and assigned as the Impartial Hearing Officer.”

Date this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Paine, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #15-16  
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Right-of-Way Easement to Dahlberg Light and Power Company Authorized

WHEREAS, Douglas County is the fee simple owner of the following parcels of land all located in the Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin more particularly described as follows:

- (1) The Northwest Quarter (NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), Section 19, Township 44 North, Range 11 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof (PIN #GO0120098800).
- (2) The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), Section 19, Township 44 North, Range 11 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof (PIN #GO0120098400).
- (3) The Southwest Quarter (SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), excluding the right-of-way of Wisconsin Central Ltd. (railroad subsidiary of the Canadian National Railway), Section 18, Township 44 North, Range 11 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof (PIN #GO0120098200).
- (4) The South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), excluding the right-of-way of Wisconsin Central Ltd. (railroad subsidiary of the Canadian National Railway), Section 18, Township 44 North, Range 11 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof (PIN #GO0120094500).

WHEREAS, said parcels are further identified in Exhibit B-3-16, and

WHEREAS, said Douglas County owned parcels are all entered as regular lands under the Wisconsin County Forest Law (§28.11 Wis. Stats.), and

WHEREAS, Dahlberg Light and Power Company, is desirous to obtain a right-of way easement on said Douglas County owned parcels for the construction, operation, maintenance, and service of a high-voltage, electric transmission utility line.

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4. Clark		
5. Baker		
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves granting a right-of-way easement on the Douglas County owned parcels herein described to Dahlberg Light and Power Company at a price to be no less than Eight-Thousand Thirty-One and 10/100 Dollars (\$8,031.10) for purposes of a high-voltage, electric transmission utility line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the easement payment herein described be designated and reserved in the Forestry Department's fund balance to be used for future County Forest land acquisition projects.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: Increase Forestry Land Acquisition Reserve)

ACTION: Motion by Robinson, second Bergman, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #16-16  
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan  
Amendments (Chapters 500 & 900)

WHEREAS, Douglas County has lands enrolled in the County Forest Law program, pursuant to §28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, commonly referred to as the Douglas County Forest, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2008, adopted resolution #18-08 approving the Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan for a period encompassing 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, changes to said Plan are prepared as needs arise and submitted as official plan amendments, and

WHEREAS, subsection (5)(a) of the above referenced Statute requires said Plan amendments be approved by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and

WHEREAS, Section 530 (Special Management Areas) and corresponding Chapter 900 (Appendixes) of said Plan specifically describe the State Natural Areas and other Exceptional Resources Areas (High Conservation Value Forests) designated on the Douglas County Forest, and

WHEREAS, amendments include withdrawing one State Natural Area (Buckley Creek Barrens), designating a new State Natural Area (Five Mile Barrens), changing the name of a State Natural Area (Pokegama Carnegie Wetlands), adding new descriptions for all 12 State Natural Areas, editing the descriptions of all 9 High Conservation Value Forests, replacing or creating all corresponding maps in the Appendixes, and adding management plans for the Five Mile Barrens State Natural Area and Five Mile Barrens Extended Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves amending Section 530.1 (Wisconsin State Natural Areas), Section 530.2 (Exceptional Resource Areas – High Conservation Value Forests), and Chapter 900 (Appendixes) as referenced herein and set forth in Exhibit C-3-16.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said amendment to the WDNR for approval.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Liebaert, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #17-16  
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Donation of Land for County Forest

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends accepting approximately 80.00 acres of land proposed for donation by Peter M. Linstroth to meet objectives of the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, the property is described as follows:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW¼ SE¼) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW¼ SE¼), Section 28, Township 44 North, Range 15 West, Town of Dairyland, Douglas County, Wisconsin (PIN #DA0100118400 and #DA0100118500).

WHEREAS, said property is further described in Exhibit D-3-16, and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide opportunities to supply the local economy with forest products and generate revenues to the county, provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, improve access opportunities to adjacent lands, protect approximately 1,900 feet of undeveloped river frontage, conserve exceptional ecological and biological attributes, and preserve blocking of public lands open to public use, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to §59.52(6) and 28.10 Wis. Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves accepting approximately 80.00 acres of land proposed for donation by Peter M. Linstroth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the donated property herein described be applied for regular lands entry under the Wisconsin County Forest Law.

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BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said application for entry to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approval.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Forestry Fixed Assets; increase Forestry Contributed Capital Revenue)

ACTION: Motion by Robinson, second Quam, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #18-16**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Subject: Uniform Regulations for Tree Stand Use on Public Lands

WHEREAS, currently there is no uniform regulations in place regarding tree stand use on County owned lands, WDNR owned or managed lands, and/or National Forest Lands in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, neighboring states of Minnesota, Michigan, and Iowa all allow for overnight placement of tree stands on public land, and

WHEREAS, seventeen (17) of the twenty-nine (29) counties with County Forest lands allow for the overnight placement of tree stands on public County Forest lands, and

WHEREAS, the overnight placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands on County Forest lands in Bayfield County and Douglas County during the time period of September 1st to January 1st or 31st has resulted in minimal to no complaints for law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, concerns from WDNR staff regarding the perceived need to invest increasing amounts of time in mediating user disputes over hunting locations and the potential for an increase in hunter conflict in the field if tree stands are allowed overnight on WDNR owned or managed lands do not appear to be justified, and

WHEREAS, daily placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands has led to a number of injuries that could be reduced by allowing longer-term, overnight placement; the average age of hunters is increasing and requiring daily placement of tree stands contributes to increased safety risks and endurance concerns, and

WHEREAS, longer-term, overnight placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands on public land is performed by the user with the understanding that use of these tree stands is not exclusively reserved to the owner or the individual placing the stand, and

WHEREAS, in the 2009 Spring Hearing Questionnaire the Wisconsin Conservation Congress asked an advisory question to allow unattended tree stands on State lands that was supported by a vote of 4,624 Ayes and 2,013 Noes; demonstrating clear support

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for changing the current tree stand use regulations on State lands, and

WHEREAS, the Fish and Game League of Douglas County supports Question #1 included in the April 2016 Department of Natural Resources Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Public Hearing. Question #1 states: “...allowing the unattended, overnight placement of portable stands and blinds on department owned and managed lands located north of State Hwy. 64 beginning on September 1 and continuing through January 31.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby supports and endorses changing the tree stand use regulations to allow for the longer-term, overnight placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands on WDNR owned or managed lands located north of State Highway 64.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby requests an endorsement from the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation during their 2016 Annual Meeting to support allowing for the longer-term, overnight placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands on WDNR owned or managed lands located north of State Highway 64.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby supports Question #1 included in the April 2016 Department of Natural Resources Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Public Hearing.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, the Douglas County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to all other Wisconsin Counties north of State Highway 64 (Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Dunn, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, and Washburn), all additional Wisconsin Counties containing County Forest lands (Clark, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, Marathon, Monroe, Vernon, and Wood), State Senator Janet Bewley, State Representatives Nick Milroy and Beth Meyers, WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, WDNR Deputy Secretary Kurt Thiede, WDNR Secretary’s Director John Gozdziwski, WDNR Legislative Liaison Tim Gary, WDNR Chief Warden Todd Schaller, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Wisconsin Conservation Congress Douglas County Delegate

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Chairman, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Fish and Game League of Douglas County, and the Wisconsin County Forest Association.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: None)

**ACTION:** Motion by Allen, second Liebaert, to adopt. Motion by Allen, second Liebaert, to amend and sponsor by County Board. Motion to adopt resolution as amended, carried.

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**RESOLUTION #19-16  
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: WDNR Grant Programs Participation Authorized  
(Snowmobile and ATV Trails)

WHEREAS, Douglas County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring, or developing lands for public outdoor motorized trail use, and

WHEREAS, said public motorized trails are eligible for funds under Section 23.09(26) (snowmobile) or Section 23.33 (all-terrain vehicle) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby authorizes Douglas County's application for funds under Section 23.09(26) or Section 23.33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for such eligible maintenance, acquisition, insurance, rehabilitation, and/or development costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Schroeder, Douglas County Forestry Department, or designee, be hereby authorized to act on behalf of Douglas County as signatory on all grant applications and related documents submitted to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available, and to take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete any approved projects.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

**ACTION:** Motion by Liebaert, second Johnson, to adopt. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #20-16**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation State Natural Areas Program for designation of Wisconsin State Natural Areas

WHEREAS, Douglas County has lands enrolled in the County Forest program, pursuant to §28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, commonly referred to as the Douglas County Forest, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2008, adopted resolution #18-08 approving the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan for a period encompassing 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest contains many special resources with rare qualities and exceptional features that are unique at the local, regional, or national scale, and

WHEREAS, the WDNR has a statutory program to establish a system of State Natural Areas (§23.27 and 23.28 Wis. Stats.) devoted to the protection of biological communities, rare species, and other significant natural features native to the state for the purpose of scientific research, environmental education and, most importantly, for the preservation of Wisconsin's biological diversity for this and future generations, and

WHEREAS, participation in said State Natural Areas Program requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WDNR Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation defining the criteria for such participation as required under §23.28(1) Wis. Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the WDNR Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation to participate in said State Natural Areas Program as referenced herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 530.1 (Wisconsin State Natural Areas) and Chapter 900 (Appendixes) of the Comprehensive Land Use-Plan 2006-2020 be amended as referenced herein and set forth in Exhibits E-3-16.

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BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said amendment to the WDNR for approval.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
(Fiscal Note: None)

**ACTION:** Motion by Liebaert, second Hendrickson, to adopt. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #21-16  
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project,  
Resolution 1 of 2

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends partnering with The Conservation Fund to acquire approximately 1,480 acres from The Lyme Timber Company LP or its affiliate to meet objectives of the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, the property is described in Exhibit F-3-16, and

WHEREAS, acquisition of said property will perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, generate revenues to the county, provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, improve access to adjacent lands, preserve blocking of lands open to public use, protect ecological and biological attributes, and improve administration of County Forest lands, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to §59.52(6) and 28.10 Wis. Stats, and

WHEREAS, the County Board is eligible to apply for grant funding through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program pursuant to §23.0953 Wis. Stats, and said funding may provide for up to 50% of the acquisition price and other eligible project costs, and

WHEREAS, the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program requires the applicant to provide a 50% match that can come from a variety of sources including landowner donation in land value, County Forest entry of other county-owned lands, other grants and funding sources, and/or cash, and

WHEREAS, the County Board is eligible to apply for grant funding through the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Community Forest and Open Space Program, said funding may provide a maximum grant award of up to Four-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00); and said funding may provide for up to 50% of the acquisition price and other eligible project costs, and

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WHEREAS, the USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program requires the applicant to provide a 50% match that can come from a variety of non-federal sources including other grants and/or cash of which the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant would qualify.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves partnering with The Conservation Fund to acquire approximately 1,480 acres from The Lyme Timber Company LP or its affiliate known as the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Forestry Department staff, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, are hereby authorized to submit an application to the USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program for up to the maximum grant award of Four-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) and meet the subsequent requirements thereafter for completion of the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project as one source of necessary match funding for the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Forestry Department staff, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, are hereby authorized to submit an application to the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and meet the subsequent requirements thereafter for completion of the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project with County provided 50% cash match funding not to exceed Two-Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00).

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Forestry Department staff, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, are hereby authorized to pursue other applicable funding programs including, County Forest entry of other County-owned lands, to secure necessary match funding for the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and/or to secure supplementary funding in the event that the County's applications to the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and/or the USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program are unsuccessful.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County will comply with State rules for the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and meet the financial obligations under the grant.

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BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County will comply with Federal rules for the USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program and meet the financial obligations under the grant.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the acquired property herein described be applied for regular lands entry under the Wisconsin County Forest Law and that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said application for entry to the WDNR for approval.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Forestry Fixed Assets; increase Forestry Contributed Capital Revenue; decrease Forestry Land Acquisition Reserve by \$230,000)

ACTION: Motion by Liebaert, second Pomush, to adopt. Liebaert provided Forestry Department statistics on timber sales and acquisition of forest lands. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #22-16**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project,  
Resolution 2 of 2

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WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends Forestry Department staff work in partnership with The Conservation Fund to undertake the necessary steps to successfully acquire said property including negotiation of purchase contract/option agreement, securing funding through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program, U.S. Forest Service’s (USFS) Community Forest and Open Space Program and/or other applicable funding programs including submitting all documents necessary to secure funding, and conducting applicable due diligence including appraisals, Phase I Environmental Assessment, and title work, and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Fund will negotiate and enter into an option agreement with the Seller not to exceed the WDNR certified land value based on two independent appraisals, and that said option agreement will be assignable to Douglas County, and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Fund and Douglas County will negotiate and enter into either an Assignment of Option Agreement or a Contract for Sale of Real Estate purchase agreement for the property, and

WHEREAS, Forestry Department staff, Corporation Counsel, and Chairman of the Douglas County Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary, including but not limited to signing a letter of intent with The Conservation Fund outlining roles and responsibilities of both parties in this conservation partnership, submittal of grant of grant applications, negotiating and signing of relevant legal documents such as WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Contract, USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program Grant Contract, Assignment and Acceptance of Option Agreement between The Conservation Fund and Lyme Timber Company LP or its affiliate, and/or Contract for Sale of Real Estate Purchase Agreement between The Conservation Fund and Douglas County, and completion of necessary due diligence to undertake and direct completion of the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves Forestry Department staff to work in partnership with The Conservation Fund to undertake the necessary steps to successfully complete the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Forestry Department staff, Corporation Counsel, and Chairman of the Douglas County Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to undertake, direct, and complete the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)  
 (Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Robinson, to adopt. Motion carried.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Written report attached/reviewed.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT:** County Board has some limited promotional dollars to grant to a municipality; contact Finn if town/village interested. Chair Finn announced he will not seek County Board Chair position next term, but will continue to serve on the County Board.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Lisak introduced Brian Erickson, Veteran Services Officer appointment recommendation. Motion by Quam, second Robinson, to confirm appointment of Brian Erickson as Douglas County Veteran Services Officer. Motion carried. Erickson thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve Douglas County and summarized his experience and education.

Motion by Hendrickson, second Johnson, to approve the following appointments as recommended by Chair Finn: **Farmland Preservation Committee** – Steve Rannenberg, Gary Kane; **Douglas County DNR recommended Emergency Fire Wardens**. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Johnson – Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; Liebaert – Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee; Pomush – Senior Connections; Quam – Health and Human Services Board (WCA sessions with Wisconsin HHS Department staff); Ryan - CCCW public input session, April 6, 6:30 pm, Government Center Room 270; Robinson – WCFA meetings; Allen – Land and Development Committee; Hendrickson – Extension Education & Recycling Committee (May meeting moved to June); Jaques – Administration Committee; Bergman – CCCW Board of Directors meeting.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Stensland – WITC activities; Schmidt – UW-Superior events; Lindahl – Northwestern High School activities schedule.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS:** Motion by Johnson, second Ryan, to approve. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Pomush, second Quam, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting – Thursday, April 14, 2016; Reorganization meeting - Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick  
Douglas County Clerk