

AGENDA
(THURSDAY) FEBRUARY 20, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #3041 – COURTHOUSE 3RD FLOOR – BLDG. A
301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153

This is an open meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the Office of the County Clerk and from the County's website calendar: www.co.oconto.wi.us

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation – Supervisor Meier
4. Statement of County Mission and Vision
5. Presentation of Awards and Recognition
6. Presentation of Communications and Petitions
7. Consent Agenda
 - 7.1. Removal of Items from Consent Agenda
 - 7.2. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 7.2.1. **A2025-02-01** Zoning Change – Town of Brazeau (Meyer) – L&W Resources Com. (3)
 - 7.2.2. **A2025-02-02** Zoning Change - Town of Brazeau (Roovers Lakeside Properties LLC) – L&WR Com. (5)
 - 7.2.3. **A2025-02-03** Zoning Change – Town of Brazeau (Rysewyk) – L&W Resources Com. (7)
 - 7.2.4. **A2025-02-04** Zoning Change – Town of Pensaukee (Christoff) – L&W Resources Com. (9)
 - 7.2.5. **A2025-02-05** Zoning Change – Town of Stiles (Henne) – L&W Resources Com. (11)
 - 7.2.6. **A2025-02-06** Zoning Change – Town of Underhill (Wilke) – L&W Resources Com. (13)
 - 7.2.7. **R2025-02-01** Amending the Oconto County Comprehensive Recreation Plan – L&W Resources Com. (15)
 - 7.2.8. **R2025-02-02** Approve Emergency Fire Wardens – L&W Resources Com. (16)
 - 7.2.9. **R2025-02-03** Authorizing Resolution for Shooting Range Grant Application – L&W Resources Com. (19)
 - 7.2.10. **R2025-02-04** Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant Program – Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks – Armstrong Trailhead – L&W Resources Com. (20)
 - 7.2.11. **R2025-02-05** Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant Program – Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks – Pioneer Park – L&W Resources Com. (21)
 - 7.2.12. **R2025-02-06** Outdoor Recreation Aids – ATV Trail Aids – Armstrong Trailhead - L&W Resources Com. (22)
 - 7.2.13. **R2025-02-07** Outdoor Recreation Aids – ATV, UTV, Snowmobile Maintenance and Rehabilitation - L&W Resources Com. (23)
 - 7.2.14. **R2025-02-08** Recreational Trails Program – Armstrong Trailhead - L&W Resources Com. (24)
 - 7.2.15. **R2025-02-09** Recreational Trails Program – ATV, UTV and Snowmobile Rehabilitation Projects - L&W Resources Com. (25)
 - 7.2.16. **R2025-02-10** Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration for Oconto County – L&W Resources Com. (26)
 - 7.2.17. **R2025-02-11** Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts – Public Safety Com. (35)
 - 7.2.18. **Appointment** – BayLake Regional Planning Commission Joint Governor/County Board Appointee (36)
 - 7.2.19. **Re-Appointment** – Wisconsin Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Commission Board (38)
8. Regular Agenda
 - 8.1. Change in Sequence
 - 8.2. Removal of Items
 - 8.3. Approval of Regular Agenda
9. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings (39)
10. Committee and Departmental Reports (No Action to be taken)
 - 10.1. Report – County Board and Other Elected Officials Roles and Responsibilities - Andy Phillips, WCA
 - 10.2. Report – Health & Human Services
 - 10.3. Report – Human Resources (41)
 - 10.4. Report – TEDCOR (Tourism & Economic Development Corporation of the Oconto Region)
11. **R2025-02-12** Purchase of One (1) Grader for the Forestry Department – L&W Resources Com. (42)
12. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be taken)
13. Adjournment

Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the Oconto County Clerk's office at 920-834-6800 at least 24 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body. Courthouse Bldg. "A" is located at the corner of Washington Street & Arbutus Avenue Ramp Access from Washington Street Parking Lot Entrance

c. Committee (FTP); County Administrator, Finance Director, Corporation Counsel, Department Heads, external requests), Media (via email); County Website; Central File, Official Posting Location (Physical Copy)

kp/Date Posted: 02/14/2025

March Invocation by Parmentier

To responsibly serve, support, and protect the people and places throughout our community.

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3 **AMENDATORY ORDINANCE – A2025-02-01**

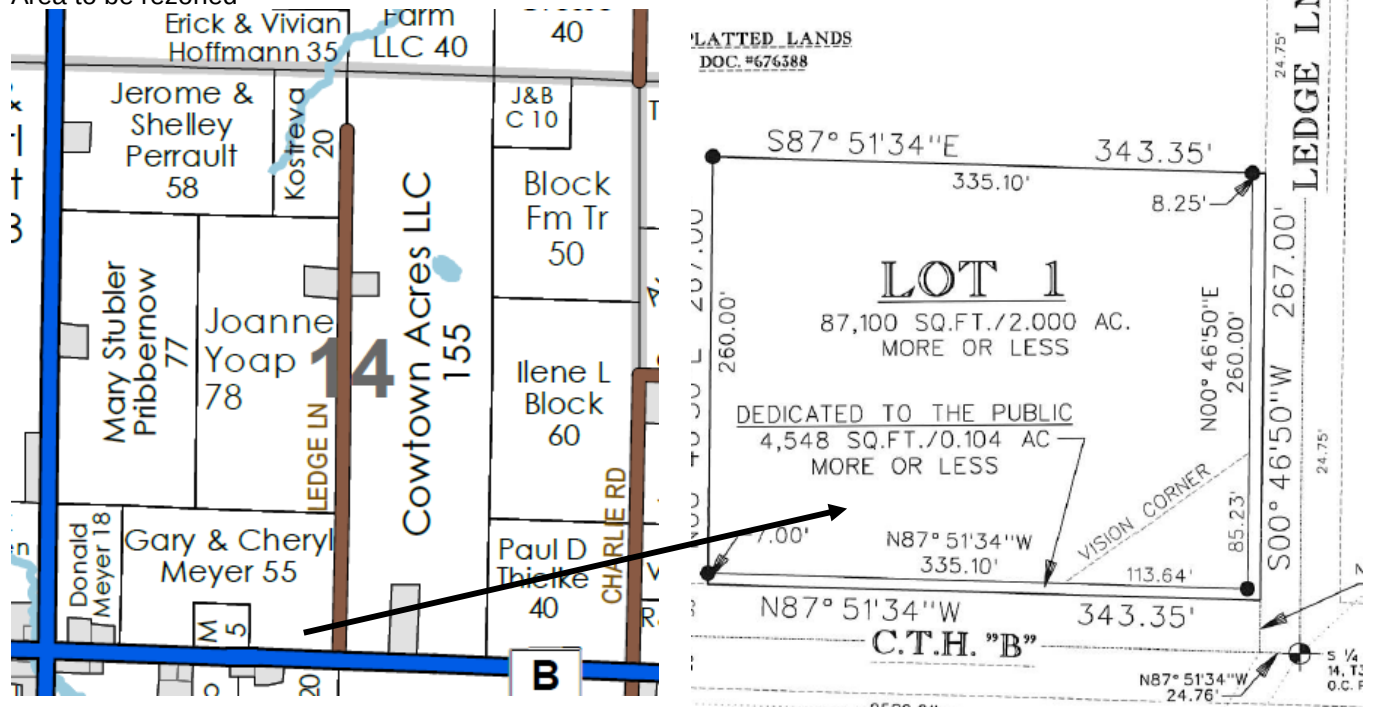
4 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

5 WHEREAS: The Land & Water Resources Committee, having considered Rezone Petition RZ-
6 20240062, filed Brazeau, to amend the Oconto County Zoning District Map, and having given notice thereof
7 as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon pursuant to S. 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes,
8 and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes as follows:
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10 To rezone land from Agricultural District to Light Industrial District on property described as:

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12 PROPERTY INFORMATION: Tax Parcel # 008-141401734
13 Part of Section 14, T30N, R19E, Town of Brazeau
14 Existing Zoning: Agricultural District
15 Proposed Zoning: Light Industrial District
16 PROPERTY OWNER: Gary & Cheryl Meyer
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18 Area to be rezoned



42 And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

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44 WHEREAS: the applicant desires to rezone 2.10 acres to Light Industrial District in order to bring
45 the parcel into compliance for a future propane distribution business; and

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47 WHEREAS: the acreage is currently being utilized as vacant farmlands; and

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49 WHEREAS: the parcel is located along Cty Hwy B and is in an area planned for low impact business
50 use in a rural area; and

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52 WHEREAS: the Town of Brazeau held a board meeting to consider the change in zoning for
53 consistency with their Town Comprehensive Plan and voted to recommend approval; and

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55 WHEREAS: the Land & Water Resources Committee held a public hearing on 2/10/2025 and after
56 listening to testimony for and against, and after reviewing the application staff report, the standards for

rezoning lands under 14.3315 and consistency with the Oconto County Comprehensive Plan has recommended approval.

NOW THEREFORE, THE OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition: RZ-20240062

Section 1: Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portion thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2: If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3: Rezone petition RZ-20240062 is hereby adopted amending the Oconto County Zoning District Map, by changing the zoning classification from Agricultural District to Light Industrial District for the above noted description.

Section 4: The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
Keith Schneider
Wayne Kaczrowski
Mike Beyer
Dennis Kroll, Alternate
David Parmentier, Alternate

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 02.12.2025 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant

AMENDATORY ORDINANCE – A2025-02-02

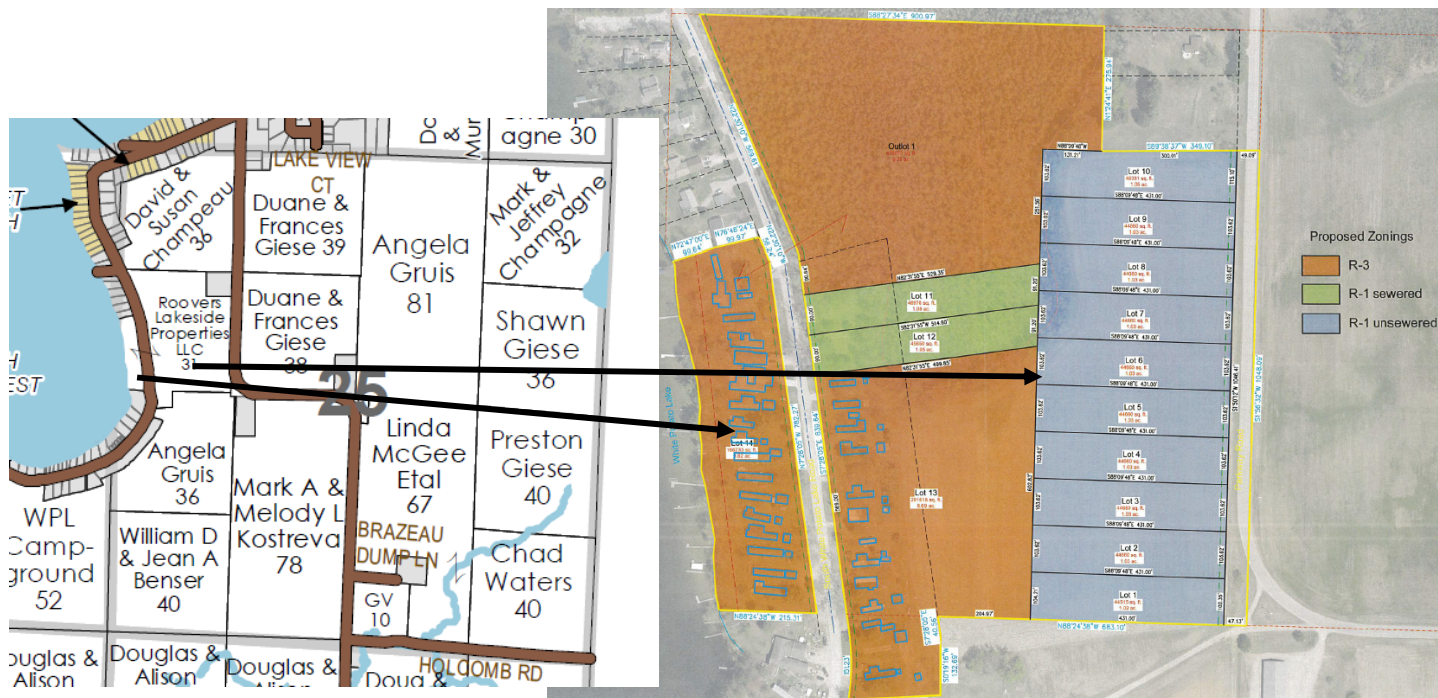
To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS: The Land & Water Resources Committee, having considered Rezone Petition RZ-20250002, filed January 13, 2025, to amend the Oconto County Zoning District Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon pursuant to S. 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes as follows:

To rezone land from Mobile Home Park District & Agricultural District to (R-1) Residential Single Family District & (R-3) Mobile Home Park District on property described as:

PROPERTY INFORMATION: Tax Parcel # 008-58250113E & 008-58250113D
Part of Section 25, T31N, R18E, Town of Brazeau
Existing Zoning: (R-3) Mobile Home Park District & Agricultural District
Proposed Zoning: (R-1) Residential Single Family District & (R-3) Mobile Home Park District
PROPERTY OWNER: Roovers Lakeside Properties LLC

Area to be rezoned



And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

WHEREAS: the applicant desires to rezone 12.29 acres to (R-3) Mobile Home Park District and 12.45 acres to (R-1) Residential Single Family in order to bring the parcel into compliance for the existing mobile home park and to create 2 sewered residential lots and 10 unsewered residential lots; and

WHEREAS: the acreage is currently being utilized as an existing mobile home park and vacant lands; and

WHEREAS: the parcel is located along S. White Potato Lake Rd and Parkway Rd and is in an area planned for future residential development; and

56 WHEREAS: the Town of Brazeau held a board meeting to consider the change in zoning for
57 consistency with their Town Comprehensive Plan and voted to recommend approval; and
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59 WHEREAS: the Land & Water Resources Committee held a public hearing on 2/10/2025 and after
60 listening to testimony for and against, and after reviewing the application staff report, the standards for
61 rezoning lands under 14.3315 and consistency with the Oconto County Comprehensive Plan has
62 recommended approval.
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64 NOW THEREFORE, THE OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS
65 FOLLOWS: Petition: RZ-20250002
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67 Section 1: Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portion thereof in conflict with this ordinance
68 shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.
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70 Section 2: If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid
71 by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
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73 Section 3: Rezone petition RZ-20250002 is hereby adopted amending the Oconto County Zoning District
74 Map, by changing the zoning classification from Mobile Home Park District & Agricultural District to
75 Residential Single Family District & Mobile Home Park District for the above noted description.
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77 Section 4: The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.
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80 Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.
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83 By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
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85 Tim Cole, Chair
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91 David Parmentier, Alternate
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94 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 02.12.2025 - BLE*
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AMENDATORY ORDINANCE – A2025-02-03

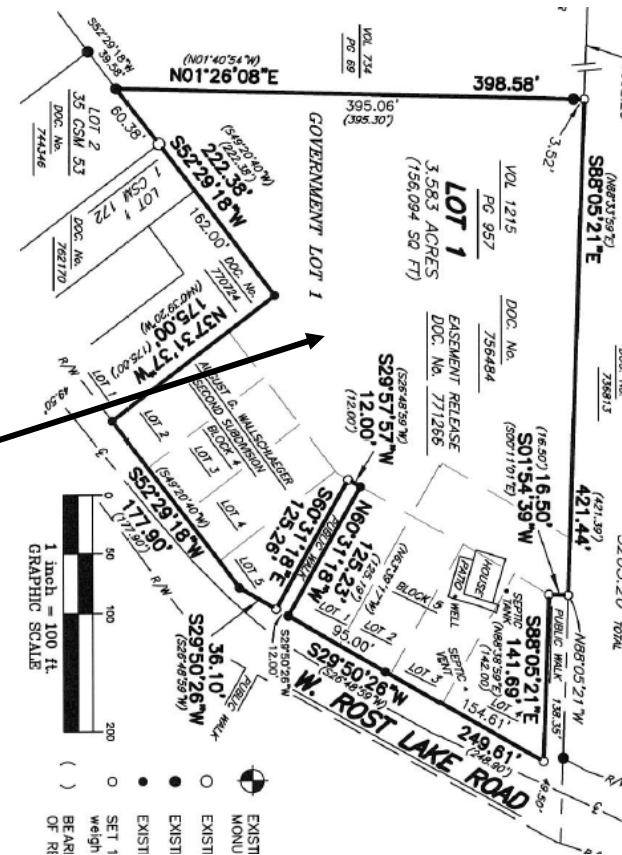
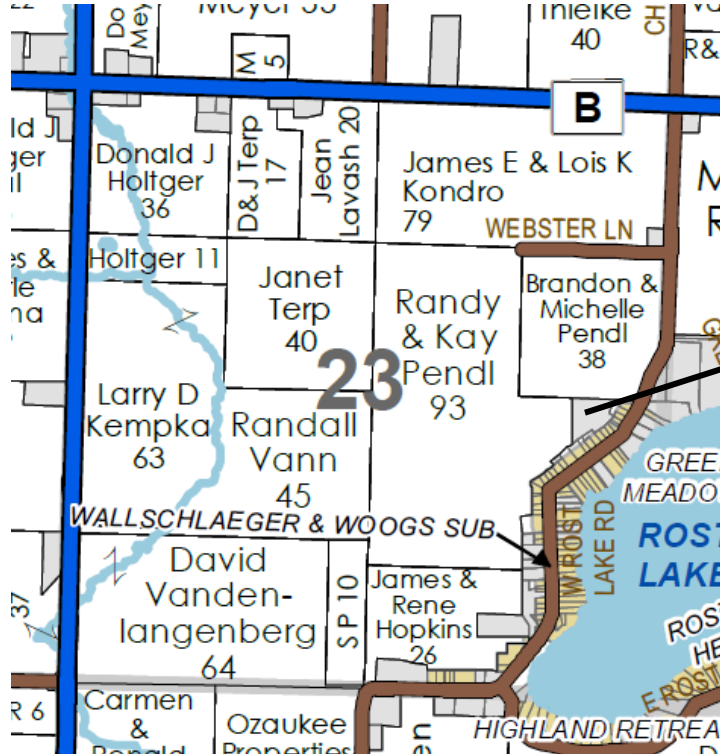
To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS: The Land & Water Resources Committee, having considered Rezone Petition RZ-20240063, filed December 26, 2024, to amend the Oconto County Zoning District Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon pursuant to S. 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes as follows:

To rezone land from Forest District to Residential Single Family District on property described as:

PROPERTY INFORMATION: Tax Parcel # 008-232302715 & 008-2323140
Part of Section 23, T30N, R19E, Town of Brazeau
Existing Zoning: Forest District
Proposed Zoning: Residential Single Family District
PROPERTY OWNER: Daniel & Julia Rysewyk

Area to be rezoned



And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

WHEREAS: the applicant desires to rezone 2.55 acres to Residential Single Family District to bring the parcels into compliance to combine lots to one parcel; and

WHEREAS: the acreage is currently being utilized as a residence with wooded acreage; and

WHEREAS: the parcel is located along W. Rost Lake Rd and is in an area planned for residential development ; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Brazeau held a board meeting to consider the change in zoning for consistency with their Town Comprehensive Plan and voted to recommend approval; and

57 WHEREAS: the Land & Water Resources Committee held a public hearing on 2/10/2025 and after
58 listening to testimony for and against, and after reviewing the application staff report, the standards for
59 rezoning lands under 14.3315 and consistency with the Oconto County Comprehensive Plan has
60 recommended approval.

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62 NOW THEREFORE, THE OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS
63 FOLLOWS: Petition: RZ-20240063

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66 shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.

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68 Section 2: If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid
69 by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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71 Section 3: Rezone petition RZ-20240063 is hereby adopted amending the Oconto County Zoning District
72 Map, by changing the zoning classification from Forest District to Residential Single Family District for the
73 above noted description.

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75 Section 4: The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.
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79 Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

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AMENDATORY ORDINANCE – A2025-02-04

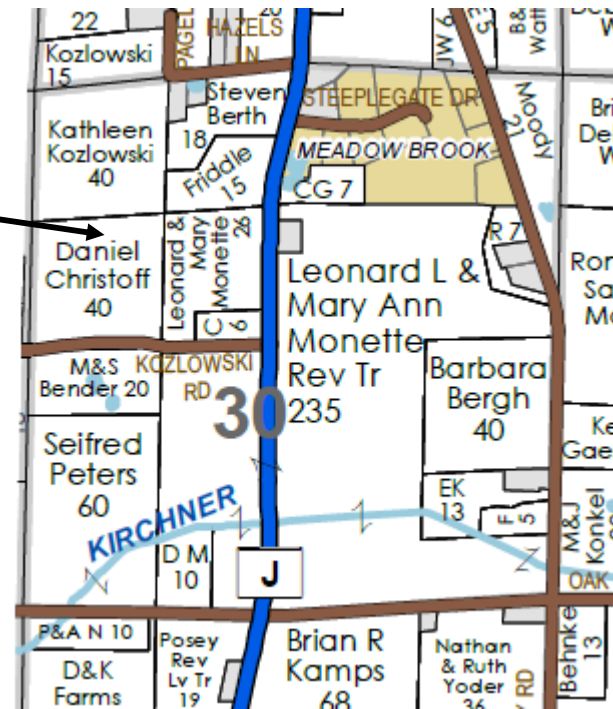
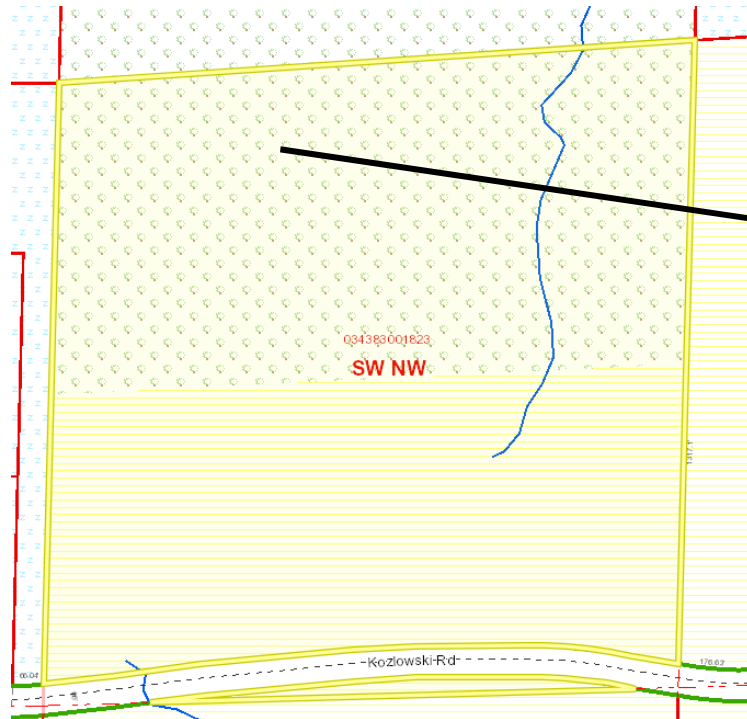
To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS: The Land & Water Resources Committee, having considered Rezone Petition RZ-20250001, filed January 8, 2025, to amend the Oconto County Zoning District Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon pursuant to S. 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes as follows:

To rezone land from Agricultural District & Forest District to Agricultural District on property described as:

PROPERTY INFORMATION: Tax Parcel # 034-383001823
Part of Section 30, T27N, R21E, Town of Pensaukee
Existing Zoning: Agricultural District & Forest District
Proposed Zoning: Agricultural District
PROPERTY OWNER: Daniel Christoff

Area to be rezoned



And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

WHEREAS: the applicant desires to rezone 10.0 acres to Agricultural District in order to bring the parcel into compliance in order to split the lot; and

WHEREAS: the acreage is currently being utilized for wooded and agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS: the parcel is located along Kozlowski Rd and is in an area planned for residential use; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Pensaukee held a board meeting to consider the change in zoning for consistency with their Town Comprehensive Plan and voted to recommend approval; and

56 WHEREAS: the Land & Water Resources Committee held a public hearing on 2/10/2025 and after
57 listening to testimony for and against, and after reviewing the application staff report, the standards for
58 rezoning lands under 14.3315 and consistency with the Oconto County Comprehensive Plan has
59 recommended approval.

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61 NOW THEREFORE, THE OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS
62 FOLLOWS: Petition: RZ-20250001

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65 shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.

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67 Section 2: If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid
68 by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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70 Section 3: Rezone petition RZ-20250001 is hereby adopted amending the Oconto County Zoning District
71 Map, by changing the zoning classification from Agricultural District & Forest District to Agricultural District
72 for the above noted description.

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74 Section 4: The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.
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AMENDATORY ORDINANCE – A2025-02-05

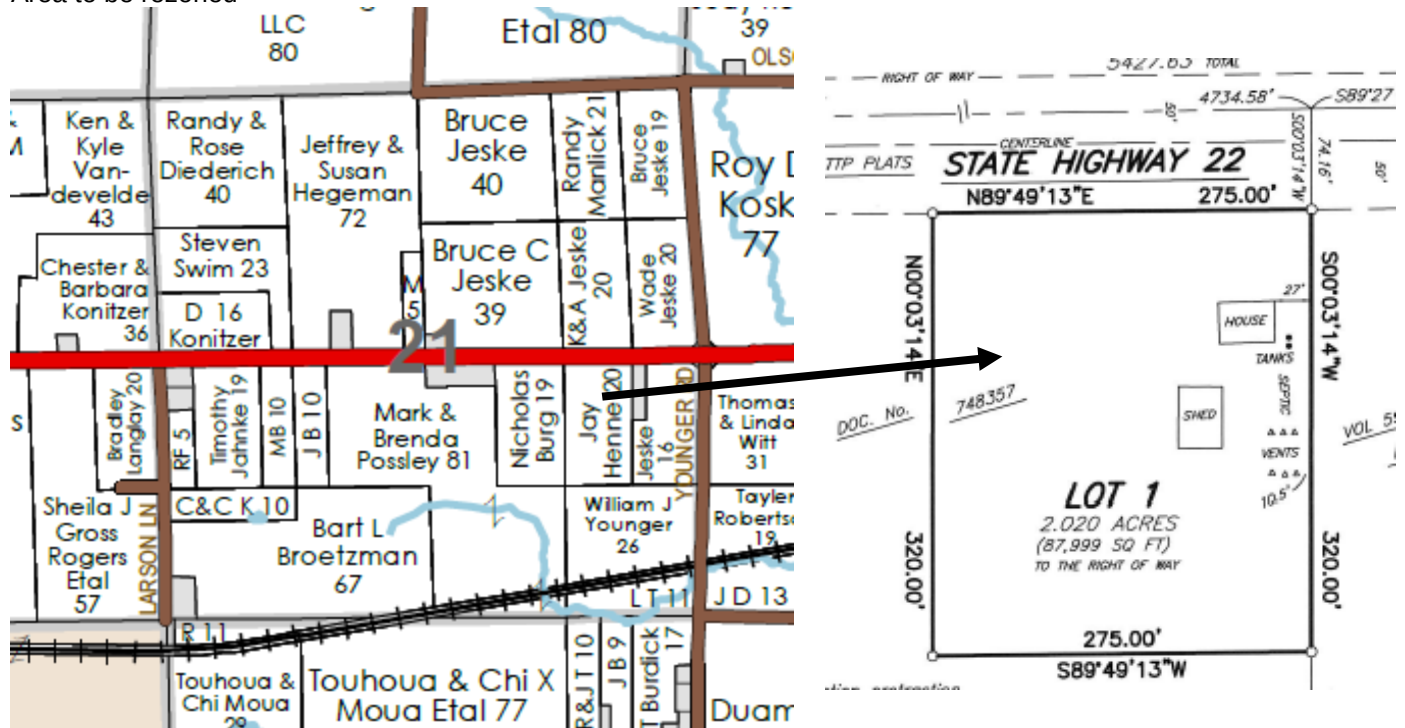
To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS: The Land & Water Resources Committee, having considered Rezone Petition RZ-20240060, filed December 19, 2024, to amend the Oconto County Zoning District Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon pursuant to S. 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes as follows:

To rezone land from Forest District to Rural Residential District on property described as:

PROPERTY INFORMATION: Tax Parcel # 040-212125413
Part of Section 21, T28N, R20E, Town of Stiles
Existing Zoning: Forest District
Proposed Zoning: Rural Residential District
PROPERTY OWNER: Jay Henne

Area to be rezoned



And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

WHEREAS: the applicant desires to rezone 2.0 acres to Rural Residential District in order to bring the parcel into compliance to split improvements from wooded acreage; and

WHEREAS: the acreage is currently being utilized for a residence; and

WHEREAS: the parcel is located along Hwy 22 and is in an area planned for residential development; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Stiles held a board meeting to consider the change in zoning for consistency with their Town Comprehensive Plan and voted to recommend approval; and

56 WHEREAS: the Land & Water Resources Committee held a public hearing on 2/10/2025 and after
57 listening to testimony for and against, and after reviewing the application staff report, the standards for
58 rezoning lands under 14.3315 and consistency with the Oconto County Comprehensive Plan has
59 recommended approval.

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61 NOW THEREFORE, THE OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS
62 FOLLOWS: Petition: RZ-20240060

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64 Section 1: Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portion thereof in conflict with this ordinance
65 shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.

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67 Section 2: If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid
68 by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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70 Section 3: Rezone petition RZ-20240060 is hereby adopted amending the Oconto County Zoning District
71 Map, by changing the zoning classification from Forest District to Rural Residential District for the above
72 noted description.

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74 Section 4: The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.
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AMENDATORY ORDINANCE – A2025-02-06

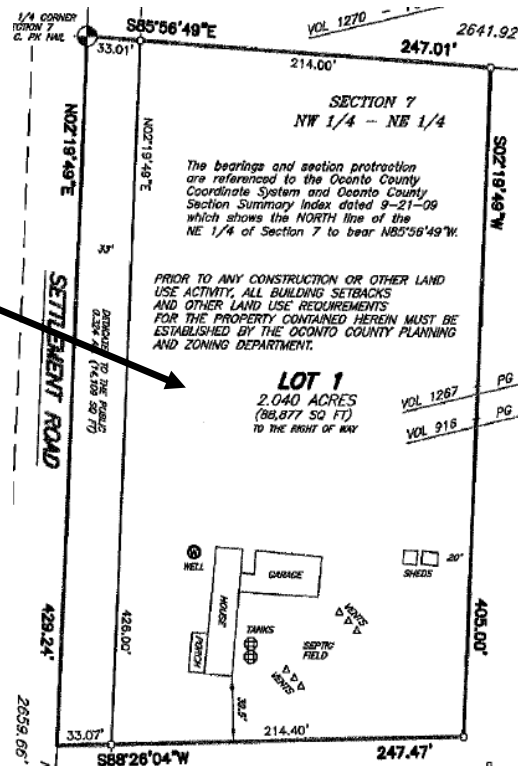
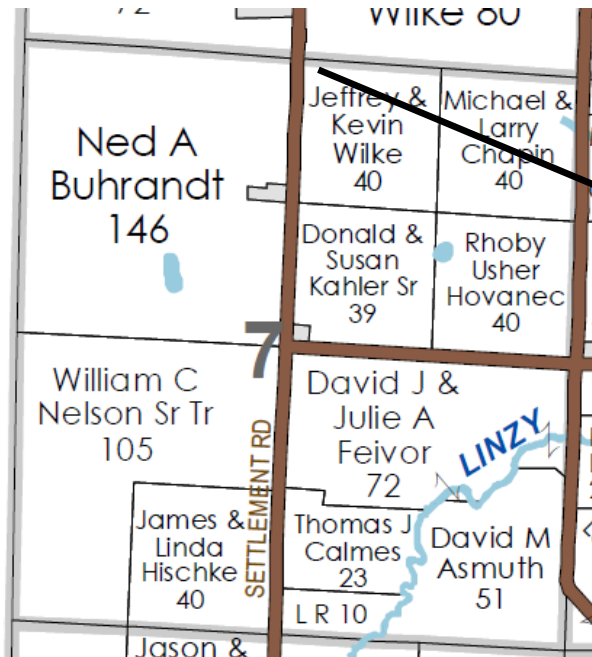
To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS: The Land & Water Resources Committee, having considered Rezone Petition RZ-20240060, filed December 16, 2024, to amend the Oconto County Zoning District Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon pursuant to S. 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes as follows:

To rezone land from Agricultural District to Rural Residential District on property described as:

PROPERTY INFORMATION: Tax Parcel # 044-070700212
Part of Section 7, T28N, R17E, Town of Underhill
Existing Zoning: Agricultural District
Proposed Zoning: Rural Residential District
PROPERTY OWNER: Jeffrey & Kevin Wilke

Area to be rezoned



And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

WHEREAS: the applicant desires to rezone 2.0 acres to Rural Residential District in order to bring the parcel into compliance to separate the existing residence from the farmlands; and

WHEREAS: the acreage is currently being utilized for a residence and agricultural use; and

WHEREAS: the parcel is located along Settlement Rd and is in an area planned for low impact, low density residential development; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Underhill held a board meeting to consider the change in zoning for consistency with their Town Comprehensive Plan and voted to recommend approval; and

WHEREAS: the Land & Water Resources Committee held a public hearing on 2/10/2025 and after listening to testimony for and against, and after reviewing the application staff report, the standards for

rezoning lands under 14.3315 and consistency with the Oconto County Comprehensive Plan has recommended approval.

NOW THEREFORE, THE OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition: RZ-20240060

Section 1: Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portion thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2: If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3: Rezone petition RZ-20240060 is hereby adopted amending the Oconto County Zoning District Map, by changing the zoning classification from Agricultural District to Rural Residential District for the above noted description.

Section 4: The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
Keith Schneider
Wayne Kaczrowski
Mike Beyer
Dennis Kroll, Alternate
David Parmentier, Alternate

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 02.12.2025 - BLE

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Re: **Amending the Oconto County Comprehensive Recreation Plan**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said plan to include the Town of Mountain Historic Green Lake Park and Picnic Shelter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

Mountains Historical Society entered into an Historic Agreement with the US Forest Services in 2023, after the Oconto County comprehensive park plan was adopted. We are respectfully requesting the Parks and Recreation Committee add this to the Town of Mountains Plan.

The Park will require ongoing maintenance and restoration efforts to provide a safe site for recreation at the park, boat landing, beach and picnic shelter.

The Park continues to need the following:

- Restoration of the Historic Picnic Shelter that is on the National Registry of Historic Places.
- Installation of a split Cedar fence at the entrance of the park on the south end of the park.
- Installation of electricity for the park at the north end of the park by the picnic shelter.
- Restoration of the parking lot at the north entrance of the park.
- Annual maintenance of the park.

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
Keith Schneider
Wayne Kaczrowski
Mike Beyer

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 02.12.2025 - BLE

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Re: **Approve Emergency Fire Wardens**

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS

Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant

State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Peshtigo Service Center
101 N Ogden Rd, Suite A
Peshtigo WI 54157

Tony Evers, Governor

Telephone 608-266-2621
Toll Free 1-888-936-7463
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January 16, 2025

MS KIM PYTLESKI
OCONTO COUNTY CLERK
301 WASHINGTON ST
OCONTO WI 54153-1620

Dear Ms. Pytleski:

I have enclosed a list of persons we recommend to act as Emergency Fire Wardens in Oconto County for 2025. In accordance with State Statute 26.12(3), I ask that you review and approve this list at the next county board meeting. Please return an approved copy to John Goldschmidt by email or at the above address by February 28, 2025, or at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, feel free to give John a call at (715) 582-5040.

Sincerely,

Richard Lietz
Area Forestry Leader

Enclosure: As described

To the Honorable:

The County Board of **Oconto** County, Wisconsin.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accord with section 26.12(3) and section 26.14(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes we recommend the following persons to act as authorized emergency fire wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in this county for the year 2025 and ask your approval of this organization list.

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS

Alex Rhode	10779 HWY 32, Suring, WI 54174 (Rhode's Oasis)	for Town of Breed
Dale Mohr	5964 County S, Sobieski, WI 54171 (Little Suamico Town Hall)	for Town of Little Suamico
Lori Witthuhn	3276 CTY C Oconto Falls, WI 54154 (Morgan Town Hall)	for Town of Morgan
Chris Roberts	919 Main St., Oconto, WI 54153 (Roberts Hometown Hardware)	for Town of Oconto

Department of Natural Resources

Peshtigo, Wisconsin

January 16, 2025

By *Richard Lietz*
Area Forestry Leader

By
County Board Chairperson

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Re: **Authorizing Resolution for Shooting Range Grant Application**

WHEREAS, the respondent attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the application; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact will be 50% of total project cost to be covered by the user fee revenue account; and

Sign and submit application

Submit required reports to DNR to satisfy the agreement/contract

Sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete the project

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
Keith Schneider
Wayne Kaczowski
Mike Beyer

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Re: Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant Program – Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks – Armstrong Trailhead

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out these projects; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact of passage of this resolution; and

Submit signed documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Oconto County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
Keith Schneider
Wayne Kaczowski
Mike Beyer

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RESOLUTION – R2025-02-05

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant Program – Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks – Pioneer Park

WHEREAS, Oconto County is interested in acquiring or developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out these projects; and

WHEREAS, Oconto County has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the projects or acquisitions;
and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact of passage of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oconto County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes its Forest, Parks, and Recreation Administrator to act on behalf of Oconto County to:

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;

Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project completion date;

Submit signed documents; and

Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Oconto County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
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Mike Beyer

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 02.12.2025 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: *Ayes,* *Nays,* *Absent,* *Abstain,* *Vacant*

RESOLUTION – R2025-02-06

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: **Outdoor Recreation Aids – ATV Trail Aids – Armstrong Trailhead**

WHEREAS, Oconto 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 snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle and/or motorized stewardship grant funds; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact of passage of this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oconto County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes its Forest, Parks, and Recreation Administrator to act on behalf of Oconto County to:

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;

Submit signed documents; and

Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Oconto County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Re: **Outdoor Recreation Aids – ATV, UTV, Snowmobile Maintenance and Rehabilitation**

WHEREAS, said public motorized trails are eligible for snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle and/or motorized stewardship grant funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oconto County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes its Forest, Parks, and Recreation Administrator to act on behalf of Oconto County to:

Submit signed documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Oconto County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Re: **Recreational Trails Program – Armstrong Trailhead**

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out these projects; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact of passage of this resolution; and

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;

Submit signed documents; and

Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

Tim Cole, Chair
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Re: **Recreational Trails Program – ATV, UTV and Snowmobile Rehabilitation Projects**

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out these projects; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact of passage of this resolution; and

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;

Submit signed documents; and

Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

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Re: **Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration for Oconto County**

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact related to passage of this resolution.

Submitted this 20th of February, 2025.

Tim Cole, Chair
Patrick J. Scanlan
Keith Schneider
Wayne Kaczrowski
Mike Beyer

Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM PLAN OF ADMINISTRATION

_____ Oconto _____ COUNTY

As confirmed in the County Board of Supervisor's Resolution No. _____, the County requests to participate in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP), established under s. 29.889, Stats., and s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code. This Plan of Administration (Plan) outlines the relationships and duties of the County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), herein called the Parties. By submission of this Plan the County agrees to fully comply with s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code and the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual, which are made part of this Plan by reference.

- A. Definitions: For the purposes of this Plan, the Parties, the County and WDNR, accept the definitions found in s. 29.889(1), Stats., and s. NR 12.31, Wis. Adm. Code. In addition, the Parties agree that:
 - 1. "Improperly filed claims" means any wildlife damage claim received by WDNR which does not comply fully with all eligibility requirements of s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code or this Plan or procedures described in the WDACP Technical Manual.
 - 2. "Permanent fence contract" means any fence contract written in accordance with the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual and designed to remain effective for a minimum of 15 years.
- B. Level of Participation:
The County agrees to administer the full Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program.
- C. Eligible Species:
The County agrees to administer the WDACP with respect to the following wild animals: bear, cougar, deer, elk, goose, turkey, and sandhill crane*.
**become eligible for program services when a hunting season is established.*
- D. Eligible Crops:
The County agrees to provide the WDACP with respect to the following: Damage to commercial seedings or crops on agricultural lands, damage to crops that have been harvested for sale or further use but have not been removed from the agricultural land, damage to orchard trees, Christmas trees, nursery stock or damage to livestock or apiaries.
- E. Administration Responsibility:
 - 1. The County, through designation of an established oversight committee shall provide overall supervision of the WDACP including approval of: annual budget requests, permanent fence contracts, properly filed wildlife damage claims and enrollee appeal (if any).
 - 2. The County shall provide day-to-day administration, recordkeeping, purchasing, field investigations, recommendation/delivery of abatement paperwork or equipment, field operations, crop appraisals, and budget preparations.
- F. Budgeting:
 - 1. The County agrees to:
 - a. Prepare a draft WDACP budget request for the following calendar year for County review at the designated oversight committee's October meeting.
 - b. Keep administrative costs to a minimum.

- c. Provide an annual budget request (Section IV.) to WDNR by **November 1st** immediately preceding the calendar year it pertains to. All budget requests will include cost estimates for administration, abatement, wildlife damage claims and an estimated number of claimants.
 - d. Prepare quarterly reimbursement requests to WDNR for eligible WDACP expenditures by the following deadlines: 1st quarter - May 31; 2nd quarter - August 31; 3rd quarter - November 31; 4th quarter - March 1.
 - e. Not bind WDNR for expenditures beyond the approved County Plan of Administration. The County may, by written amendment, request additional funding. It is understood that additional funding is not guaranteed and is subject to fund availability.
 - f. Submit all wildlife damage claim requests which are in compliance with s. 28.889, Stats, and s. NR 12.34, NR 12.35, NR 12.36, NR 12.15 and NR 12.16 for the previous calendar year to WDNR by the next succeeding March 1st.
2. WDNR agrees to:
- a. Review and approve, amend or deny the annual budget request in accordance with s. 29.889, Stats., and s. NR 12.32, Wis. Adm. Code, and advance funds under s. NR 12.34, Wis. Adm. Code within 30 days of budget approval.
 - b. Review and approve, amend or deny reimbursement requests in accordance with s. NR 12.34 and 12.35, Wis. Adm. Codes.
 - c. Review and act on properly filed wildlife damage claims requests no later than June 1 following the calendar year in which damage occurred.
 - d. If eligible wildlife damage claims are submitted late by the County, WDNR may accept and process the claims if funds are available, and if the payment will not adversely affect claimants for preceding calendar year claim payments.
 - e. If statewide approved wildlife damage claims exceed available funds, claims shall be paid on a prorated basis as established in s. NR 12.37(3) Wis. Adm. Code.
3. The Parties mutually recognize and agree:
- a. WDNR shall not bind the State of Wisconsin to pay costs beyond the amount appropriated for the WDACP. WDNR may defer until after July 1st, the payment of County reimbursement requests beyond the initial 25% funds advancement.
 - b. The County may distribute permanent fence materials to the landowner immediately upon the LCC's approval of a signed permanent fence contract, after written project approval by WDNR, completion of the bidding process and subject to the limits imposed by the WDNR approved WDACP budget for that year.
 - c. Supplies, materials, and equipment purchased for WDACP operations shall be turned over to the WDNR or its agents if this Plan is terminated by any of the Parties.
 - d. WDNR shall not reimburse the cost of abatement measures unless those measures were prescribed and implemented according to county direction and the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual, or unless written approval is given by WDNR.
 - e. WDNR shall not make payment for any wildlife damage claim which does not comply with all eligibility requirements of s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code or this Plan of Administration.

G. Recordkeeping:

1. The County agrees to:

- a. Maintain recordkeeping practices and procedures that conform to accounting practices directed by the Department of Natural Resources and in compliance with s. NR 12.39, Wis. Adm. Code.
- b. Make all records and files relating to the WDACP available to the WDNR, upon request.
- c. Send copies of any WDACP documentation to the WDNR upon request.
- d. Use WDNR authorized databases and forms for billing and reporting.
- e. Maintain separate enrollee files and keep records of all abatement recommendations, appraisals and all WDACP related interactions with each enrollee.
- f. Direct all billings to WDNR Wildlife Damage Specialist (see Contact Person List).

2. WDNR may:

Conduct periodic audits of County recordkeeping procedures and prepare a written report to the County.

3. The Parties recognize and agree:

All WDACP records are subject to the Wisconsin Open Records Law, s. 16.61, Stats.

H. Abatement Measures:

1. The Parties mutually recognize and agree that:

- a. The County shall prepare an annual informational news release for County residents on the WDACP describing how services may be requested.
- b. All enrollees shall be required to have a signed enrollment form on file to meet the hunting requirements in s. 29.889 (7m), Stats. and s. NR 12.36 Wis. Adm. Code prior to providing WDACP assistance.
- c. All abatement measures prescribed to alleviate wildlife damage shall conform to the procedures and priorities found in the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual and will be accepted by the County as complete and appropriate "prescribed abatement". Other abatement measures may be used if approved in advance in writing by WDNR.
- d. In the event equipment loaned by the County to a particular crop owner is damaged beyond normal wear and tear, the crop owner shall be responsible for parts and labor to repair and the County agrees to seek such costs in all reasonable manners, including legal action. If the repair cost exceeds the value of the equipment, the crop owner will be billed for the equipment. If the enrollee fails to pay:
 - 1) The County shall refuse to provide subsequent materials or equipment until payment is made, (consequently the crop owner would be ineligible for a wildlife damage claim) to the County, or
 - 2) The County will take reasonable legal action to recover the loss, and deposit the proceeds in the County's WDACP account.
- e. Permanent fences for deer damage abatement shall only be recommended subject to the priorities and conditions set forth in the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual.
- f. A WDACP enrollee for which a permanent fence has been recommended and approved will be required to agree to the design of the fence in advance of letting the project for bid. The enrollee

will be responsible for all materials or installation costs in excess of the low bid amount if the enrollee requests changes in fence design subsequent to letting bids for said fence.

- g. A permanent fence contract shall be signed by the applicant/ landowner, the County, and WDNR prior to bidding for materials and installation costs. The Contract used shall have all the provisions in the "model" contract in the current WDACP "Technical Manual". This contract shall be registered with the appropriate County Register of Deeds.
 - h. All permanent fences shall be built according to the specifications found in the current WDACP Technical Manual or have written approval from WDNR.
 - i. The County will pay the WDACP's 75% obligation for permanent high tensile woven wire fence projects approved by the WDNR, when the County has determined that WDACP requirements for fence materials and construction have been met.
 - j. The County shall conduct inspections a minimum of one each year of all permanent fences cost-shared through the WDACP to insure Fence Contract Compliance.
 - k. The County shall seek competitive bids for all WDACP expenditures likely to exceed \$1,000 in cost.
 - l. Enrollees shall be encouraged to integrate sound conservation practices with their normal agricultural practices. Counties may place as a condition for abatement and claims assistance that enrollees comply with County farm conservation plans.
 - m. The County, in accordance with s. NR 12.35(4) will not administer abatement measures to persons not cooperating with County personnel or the County's agents responsible for administering the County's Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. Abusive language, behavior or threats of violence or otherwise will be considered a failure on the part of an applicant to cooperate. This condition of administration will be provided by the County or its agent, in writing to program participants.
 - n. If the County elects to participate in the WDACP Venison Donation Program that is authorized by the WDNR in accordance with s. 29.89, Stats in a given year, the County will establish and coordinate development of the program.
 - o. The County will reimburse venison processing facilities for processing deer donated under a WDACP Venison Donation Program approved by the WDNR in accordance with s. 29.89, Stats. The County is obliged to reimburse participating venison processing facilities once it is determined that all WDACP Venison Donation Program requirements have been met by the facility.
2. WDNR agrees to:
Provide current information on abatement effectiveness through the WDACP newsletter and/or changes to the WDACP Technical Manual.
- I. Wildlife Damage Claims.
- 1. The County agrees to:
 - a. Advise County WDACP enrollees in writing regarding procedures and requirements for submitting a wildlife damage claim, and all other WDACP eligibility requirements.
 - b. Require that potential claimants specify in writing or by telephone: the location of damage, crop(s) being damaged, species of wildlife causing damage and the date damage first occurred.
 - c. Require that potential enrollees have a signed enrollment form (WDNR form) on file to meet the hunting requirements in s. 29.889 (7m), Stats. and s. NR 12.36(2) Wis. Adm. Code. The County may

require the enrollee to keep a hunting access log, using the approved form. This log shall be kept complete and the enrollee shall make this log accessible to the County, counties agent or WDNR for their enforcement of the hunting access requirement and to investigate any complaints regarding compliance to the hunting access requirement in s. 29.889 (7m), Stats.

- d. Date the damage notice, inspect the alleged damage to verify the enrollee's statements and recommend abatement measures.
- e. Determine the amount of huntable land and the applicable number of hunters for each enrollee in accordance with ss. NR 12.31 (4), Wis. Adm. Code, notify each enrollee of the requirement to allow open public hunting or managed hunting access (at least 2 hunters per 40 acres of land suitable for hunting), and provide "Hunting by Permission Only" signs if requested by the enrollee. Land suitable for hunting all eligible species other than deer and elk shall be determined in a manner consistent with NR 12.31(4). Land suitable for hunting deer and elk shall be determined in a manner consistent with NR 12.31(4e). Participants who only receive a deer shooting permit and waive any eligibility to receive a wildlife damage claim payment are exempt from the public hunting requirement (s. NR 12.36 (1m)).
- f. Provide the WDNR, and the public, upon request, a list of enrollees (and their contact information) who have signed enrollment forms under the terms of the WDACP.
- g. Notify WDACP enrollees that ineligibility on any site will result if they fail to:
 - 1) Control hunting access on all contiguous land under the same ownership and control, except in situations involving apiaries on land not controlled by the enrollee as defined in s. 29.889 (7m)(am), Stats.
 - 2) Allow public hunting for the species causing damage (two options available).
 - a) Open public hunting, or
 - b) Managed hunting access – the presence of 2 hunters/40 acres of land suitable for hunting
 - 3) Sign enrollment form(s)
 - 4) File a wildlife damage complaint with the County within 14 days of first damage each year.
 - 5) Follow the County's abatement prescriptions.
 - 6) Notify the County, orally or in writing, 10 days prior to harvest of crops subject to a statement of claim so that the County can conduct a damage appraisal.
 - 7) Comply with the requirement that they not charge any hunting, hunting access fee or any fee associated with the hunting the species causing damage.
 - 8) Meet their shooting permit harvest objective if a shooting permit has been issued.
- h. Inspect the crop prior to harvest, conduct an appraisal upon the crops using appraisal methods detailed in the WDACP Technical Manual, and prepare a wildlife damage claim form.
- i. Retain the claim until the end of the calendar year to determine the claimant's compliance with the WDACP requirements.
- j. Establish, as described below, uniform unit prices for eligible crops and calculate the value of the eligible wildlife damage claim.
- k. Deduct from the total wildlife damage claim amount any charge for damage to equipment or

materials supplied through the WDACP.

- l. Summarize and prepare the necessary WDNR forms for all eligible wildlife damage claims for review by the designated County oversight committee at the January meeting. Notify in writing any claimant whose wildlife damage claim has been rejected and state the reasons for the rejection, as well as, the appropriate appeal procedures in time for the February committee meeting. Review and approve all properly filed wildlife damage claims and forward all approved claims for a calendar year to WDNR by the succeeding March 1st.
 - m. Deny all wildlife damage claims for crops that were harvested without notification of harvest or before an appraisal was completed (within a 10 day period from notification of harvest).
 - n. Deny all wildlife damage claims for a crop site for which a WDACP enrollment form was not signed by the claimant and filed with the County.
 - o. Deny all wildlife damage claims where the County did not receive a complaint within 14 days of first damage.
 - p. Deny all wildlife damage claims concerning crop sites where the County's abatement recommendations were not followed.
 - q. Ensure that crop damage resulting from improper crop management is not included in official crop damage appraisals conducted County staff prior to preparation of the enrollee's official wildlife damage claim.
 - r. Deny all wildlife damage claims where the enrollee with a deer damage shooting permit had not complied with the WDNR prescribed harvest objective. However, if there is compelling evidence which shows deer were unavailable to being shot, then the County shall review such evidence following procedures described in s. NR 12.37(4)(a)4.b., Wis. Adm. Code.
 - s. Deny all wildlife damage claims on row crops for damage occurring to these crops during a particular growing season after 90 percent of the county harvest for this crop has been completed. The County oversight committee shall consult the local FSA and UW Extension offices for assistance in making the 90 percent determination.
2. WDNR agrees to:

Accept the amount of wildlife damage for all properly filed wildlife damage claims approved by the County as final for purposes of review.
 3. It is mutually agreed by the County and WDNR that:
 - a. Damage assessment for compensation will be performed by County staff in accordance with the WDACP Technical Manual, and will be accepted by the County as complete and accurate "assessed damage".
 - b. Compensation prices will be established by the oversight committee, in cooperation with UW Extension, each year. Such prices will be established according to procedures set forth in the WDACP Technical Manual. Such prices will be applied to all individuals with eligible wildlife damage to that crop that year throughout the county.
 - c. Public complaints (abatement compliance, fraud, etc.) must be written and received by the County by December 31 to be given consideration in the wildlife damage claims determination process. Hunting access denial complaints shall be written and received by the County within 10 days of hunting access denial to be given consideration in the wildlife damage claims determination process, as described in the WDACP Technical Manual, Reference Manual).

d. The County will not administer a damage appraisal and/or claims to persons not cooperating with County personnel or its agents responsible for administering the County's WDACP. Abusive language, behavior or threats of violence or otherwise will be considered a failure on the part of an applicant to cooperate. This condition of administration will be provided by the County or its agent, in writing to program enrollees

e. As required by s. NR 12.37(4)(a)4.b., Wis. Adm. Code as part of the claims approval process, if a enrollee who has been issued a shooting permit is found not to be compliant with the harvest objective prescribed under his or her permit under s. NR 12.16(2)(a), Wis. Adm. Code, then the County, its agent, and the department shall consult before making a collective recommendation to grant an exemption to the harvest objective requirement. This group shall review the evidence and if there is consensus that an exemption is warranted, shall recommend that the County designated committee charged with approval of such damage claims, grant approval of the damage claim for the year in which the permit was issued. Compelling evidence that shall be used is detailed in s. NR 12.16(2)(b)2., Wis. Adm. Code.

J. Changes:

The terms of this Plan may be changed by written amendment approved by all Parties.

K. Termination:

1. The County may terminate participation in the WDACP upon notifying WDNR in writing thirty (30) days prior to termination.
2. WDNR shall terminate a County Plan of Administration if the County does not comply with all conditions of s.29.889, Stats., s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code, this Plan, the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual or fails to properly report costs of the program or claims. WDNR shall give 30 days written notice of termination.
3. WDNR agrees to reimburse the County for reasonable WDACP costs incurred and determined proper by WDNR under this Plan prior to the effective date of termination.

L. Length of Effect:

This Plan shall remain in effect until December 31, 2030 (5 years from WDNR approval).

M. Approvals:

Oconto COUNTY

Date 2-4-2025

By Tim Cole

Title Tim Cole, LWRC Chair

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Date _____

By _____
Section Chief,
Bureau of Wildlife Management

CONTACT LIST:

1. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Bureau of Wildlife Management - Administration
Brad Koele, Wildlife Damage Specialist
GEF 2, WM/6
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921 phone: 715 356-5211 ext. 234

2. Oconto County
Ken Dolata, County representative
Land & Water Conservation Department
Lena, WI Zip: 54139 Phone: 920-834-7152
Email: ken.dolata@ocontocountywi.gov

3. If the County hires a contractor to conduct field work, that person's name, address and contact information should appear here.

RESOLUTION – R2025-02-11

To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Re: **Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts**

WHEREAS, in 2023, the total cost to Wisconsin Counties for running all Circuit Courts was \$237 million. At the same time, the Court Support funding from the state to counties was \$28 million, 12 percent of the actual cost to run the local courts; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court system is intended to be a state-county partnership; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal responsibilities include Judges, Court reporters, CCAP equipment, and the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Counties are fiscally responsible for the majority of other functions of the court, including, but not limited to the following: bailiffs and court security officers, courthouse building maintenance, phones and utilities, Clerk of Court and Register in Probate, staff salaries and benefits, jury costs, psychological exams, guardians ad litem and court-appointed attorneys, expert witnesses, interpreters and translation fees, court commissioners, law libraries, corporation counsel, courtroom technology and audio visuals, copying machines and other non-CCAP office technology, office supplies, furniture, recruitment and training, financial collection efforts, mail fees, printing costs, exhibit and file storage, access to state data, insurance, service of court documents, judicial staff attorneys, and equipment repair; and

WHEREAS, over the last 10 years, the increase in the county portion of cost to run the courts is nearly six times higher than the increase in Circuit Court Cost Appropriations provided to cover these costs, and counties now pay almost \$150,000,000 more than the state in unbalanced Circuit Court costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors that Oconto County joins the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association (WCCCA) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) in their efforts to increase the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation by \$70 million payable to Wisconsin Counties in the 2025/27 Wisconsin State Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and publication and a copy be sent to Governor Evers and all Wisconsin State Legislators representing Oconto County.

Submitted this 20th day of February, 2025.

By: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dennis Kroll, Chair
David Parmentier
Don Bartels, Jr.
Tracy S. Ondik
Al Schreiber

Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 02.03.2025 - BLE

Adopted by an electronic vote: *Ayes,* *Nays,* *Absent,* *Abstain,* *Vacant*



RICHARD HEATH, ADMINISTRATOR
OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN
301 WASHINGTON STREET
OCONTO WI 54153-1699
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February 21, 2025

Evan Steck, Senior Appointments Coordinator
Office of Governor Tony Evers
evan.steck@wisconsin.gov

Dear Mr. Steck:

This letter is to inform you that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors met February 20, 2025 and approved the submission of the three individuals listed below for the Governor to select from for a six-year Commissioner appointment to the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission as prescribed in Wisconsin Statute 66.0309. Please advise me as soon as possible on the Governor's selection regarding this appointment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Heath
County Administrator

Nominee 1

Name: David Behrend
Address: 3214 County Road C, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin 54154
Telephone: (920) 848-2028 *Email:* cbdistrict8@ocontocountywi.gov

Nominee 2

Name: Al Stranz
Address: 7011 Burdosh Road, Abrams, Wisconsin 54101
Telephone: (920) 826-5360 (Home) and (920) 373-6146 (Cell) *Email:* mikemeg@bayland.net

Nominee 3

Name: Michael Beyer
Address: 8087 Ondik Lane, Gillett, WI 54124
Telephone: (920) 590-3229 *Email:* cbdistrict26@ocontocountywi.gov

Copy to: Brandon Robinson, Executive Director, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission via email.
File

Alan Sleeter
County Board Chairman
301 Washington Street
Bldg A 2nd Floor
Oconto, WI 54153

January 10, 2025

Mr. Chairman,

I have been a member of the Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission Board for several years. I have enjoyed being a member of that board but after much consideration I would like to resign my position as soon as possible. I have found it psychically challenging to continue my position as a member of this board.

I would be very pleased if you would replace me with another representative of Oconto County. I know you will consider someone that is knowledgeable in the area of conservation. May I suggest you consider Al Stranz. I have spoken with Mr. Stranz and he said he would be interested in the position.

I am thankful that I was selected to be a member of the Bay Lake Board. It was a pleasure to be on that board but it is time for me to retire.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Ballestad". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Karl Ballestad

1 **APPOINTMENT**

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3 To: The Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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5 **Re: Re-Appointment Wisconsin Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Commission Board**

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7 I have formally re-appointed Stephanie Holman, to the Wisconsin Property Assessed Clean Energy

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9 (PACE) Commission Board for a three-year term beginning April 2025, and hereby ask for confirmation of

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11 this re-appointment.

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15 Submitted this 20th day of February 2025

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17 **By: Richard Heath, County Administrator**

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20 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

County Board Chair, Al Sleeter, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. the County Board Room #3041, located at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto, WI by stating "This is an open meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same, as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the office of the County Clerk." County Clerk, Kim Pytleski, recorded the attendance, with 27 members present: Supervisors Barkhaus, Bartels, Behrend, Beyer, Bitters, Christianson, Cole, Dhuey, Gooding, Heise, Kaczrowski, Kobylarczyk, Kroll, Lavarda, Matravers, Meier, Parmentier, Pillsbury, Ragen, Schindel, Schneider, Schreiber, Sleeter, Winkler, Wittkopf, Wolf, VanZeeland; 4 absent: Holman, Ondik, Scanlan, Willems.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation was given by Supervisor Wolf.

4. Statement of Oconto County Mission and Vision

Richard Heath, County Administrator, recited the Oconto County Mission and Vision statement.

5. Presentation of Awards and Recognition

The board presented a certificate of appreciation to Carla Reuchel on 18 years of outstanding service to Oconto County! A round of applause followed statements by Scott Shackelford, Health & Human Services Director; Alan Sleeter, County Board Chair, Tom Bitter, HHS Board Chair, and Reuchel.

6. Presentation of Communications and Petition

There were communications:

- Thank you note from Toys for Tots Oconto County to the county thanking them for their dedication to Toys for Tots; treated as information.
- A note from State Senator Eric Wimberger to the Oconto County Veterans with an extra newspaper clipping of the Veterans picture taken at the November board meeting; referred to County Veteran Service Office.
- A message from the Finance Department that electronic paycheck stubs sent to users personal emails did not go through. Technology Services is resolving the issue. If you need a copy of your pay stub, please contact the Finance Department.
- Memo announcing County Board pictures scheduled for February 23, 2025.
- The board viewed sections of a Winnebago County Board meeting recorded using Civic Plus.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1. Removal of Items from Consent Agenda

Request by Clerk Pytleski to remove Item #7.2.13 from the consent agenda.

7.2. Approval of Consent Agenda

- 7.2.1.A2025-01-01 – Zoning Change - Town of Maple Valley (Tank) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.2.A2025-01-02 – Zoning Change – Town of Underhill (Winkler) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.3.R2025-01-02 Oconto County Endorsement of BrightSpeed's Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, & Development (BEAD) Program Application – Admin. Com.
- 7.2.4.R2025-01-03 Oconto County Endorsement of Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC's Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, & Development (BEAD) Program Application – Admin Com.
- 7.2.5.R2025-01-04 Oconto County Endorsement of Charter Communications' Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, & Development (BEAD) Program Application – Admin. Com.
- 7.2.6.R2025-01-05 Oconto County Endorsement of Nsight Teleservices' Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, & Development (BEAD) Program Application – Admin. Com.
- 7.2.7.R2025-01-06 Oconto County Endorsement of Wisconsin Bell, LLC, dba AT&T's Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, & Development (BEAD) Program Application – Admin. Com.
- 7.2.8.R2025-01-07 Approval of PRT Seedling Management Contract – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.9.R2025-01-08 Recreational Boating Facilities Grant Application for North Bay Shore – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.10. R2025-01-09 Sport Fish Restoration Grant Application for North Bay Shore – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.11. Appointment – Anderson Inland Lake District Board of Commissioners – County Administrator
- 7.2.12. Appointment Correction – Airport Commission (Ebeling) – County Administrator
- ~~7.2.13. Re-Appointment – Lena Public Library Board County Representative (Verduzco) – County Administrator~~

Motion by VanZeeland/Dhuey to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion to approve carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

8. Regular Agenda

8.1. Change in Sequence – None.

8.2. Removal of Items

Motion by Winkler/Behrend to remove Item #7.2.13 Re-Appointment – Lena Public Library Board County Representative from the agenda. The motion was voted on and carried.

8.3. Approval of Regular Agenda

Motion by Winkler/Matravers to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was voted on and carried.

9. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings

Motion by Heise/Meier to approve the proceedings from the 12/19/2024 meeting. The motion was voted on and carried.

10. Committee and Departmental Reports

10.1. Report – BugTussel Project Status Update

Mitch Olson, BugTussel, presented the BugTussel Project Status update. Discussion followed.

10.2. Report – Health & Human Services

Scott Shackelford, Health & Human Services Director, presented the Health & Human Services update. Discussion followed.

10.3. Report – Human Resources Update

Shelly Schultz, Human Resource Director, presented the Human Resources update.

10.4. Report – TEDCOR Update

Jayne Sellen, TEDCOR Director, presented the Tourism & Economic Development Corporation of the Oconto Region update.

11. R2025-01-01 Approval of Financial Management Policy Revisions – Administration Com.

Motion by Matravers/Kroll to adopt R2025-01-01 Approval of Financial Management Policy Revisions. Following an explanation by Lisa Sherman, Finance Director, and discussion, motion by Barkhaus/Beyer to send R2025-01-01 back to committee. The motion failed by an electronic vote 8 ayes (Barkhaus, Behrend, Beyer, Parmentier, Schneider, Schreiber, Winkler, Wolf), 19 nays. Following further explanation and discussion, motion by Beyer/Parmentier to amend Sec. 5 to strike the words *over \$25,000* from the paragraph. The motion failed by an electronic vote 9 ayes (Barkhaus, Behrend, Beyer, Heise, Parmentier, Schindel, Schneider, Schreiber, VanZeeland), 18 nays. The motion to adopt R2025-01-01 carried by an electronic vote 23 ayes, 4 nays (Barkhaus, Beyer, Parmentier, Schneider).

12. R2025-01-10 Approve Funding for 2024 Oconto County Commission on Aging, Inc. Audit – Administration Com

Motion by Matravers/Heise to adopt R2025-01-10 Approve Funding for 2024 Oconto County Commission on Aging, Inc. Audit. Following an explanation by Lisa Sherman, Finance Director, and discussion, the motion to adopt carried by an electronic vote 25 ayes, 2 nays (Behrend, Dhuey).

13. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be taken)

- Chair Sleeter announced a Primary Election to be held February 18, 2025. For more information for what's on your ballot and polling place location, please visit <https://myvote.wi.gov>
- Supervisor Parmentier announced that on Friday, February 7th Big Mouth will once again be playing at Romy's Holiday Inn Kelly Lake. Event benefits the Kingdom Come Food Pantry.
- Administrator Heath announced there are openings on the Recreation Committee and BayLake Regional Planning Commission. The BayLake Regional Planning Commission is a joint appointment with the Governor's Office and requires two recommendations. Interested parties should contact Heath.
- Heath also thanked outgoing Finance Director Lisa Sherman on her service to Oconto County. Sherman will retire from Oconto County on February 3, 2025. Betty Bickel, HHS Deputy Director, has been hired to replace Sherman.
- Supervisor Ragen announced the Little Suamico Fishing Tournament will be held at Geano Beach on Saturday, February 1st.

14. Adjournment

Chair Sleeter declared the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

The next meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors will be on 02/20/2025.

Proceedings of County Board meeting may be viewed in its entirety at www.co.oconto.wi.us.

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk

kp/Date Posted: 01/24/2025

Employee Update

January 2025

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Comment/Yrs.</u>
Bruce Bushmaker	HWY	Operator II	01/06	\$27.42	25 Years Retired
Amy Loehlien	DA	Legal Asst III	01/06	\$26.62	11 Years Retired
Carla Ruechel	HHS	Child Care Spec	01/06	\$24.10	18 Years Retired
Kristin Orlando	Sheriff	Dispatch	01/06	\$24.11	7 Years
Katie Sell	HHS	Case Manager	01/06	\$29.15	6 Years
A'mya Dotson	Sheriff	Dispatch	01/06	\$22.72	1 Month
Andy Dryja	Sheriff	Deputy	01/11	\$33.48	6 Years

Promotions/Transfers/Re-Hired

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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New Hires

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Cortni Gorges	HHS	Case Manager	01/06	\$28.01	
Lexi Nelson	Sheriff	LTE C.O.	01/06	\$23.17	
Amber Silkworth	HHS	Economic Supp	01/06	\$25.58	
Emily Denham	Sheriff	Dispatch	01/11	\$22.72	
Taylor Yonker	Sheriff	Deputy	01/27	\$29.23	
Lindsey Henry	HHS	Child Care Spec	01/27	\$23.17	

Current External Recruitments

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Apps Due</u>	<u>Advertised Wage</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Sheriff Office	Dispatch	Ongoing	\$22.72	Ongoing
Sheriff Office	Deputy	02/17	\$29.23	
Clerk of Courts	Admin I	02/14	\$20.77	
Circuit Court	Legal Asst II	02/14	\$23.17	
DA's Office	Legal Asst III	02/14	\$25.58	

