

# ***RESOLUTION NO.: 110—2020-21***

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

***MAJORITY***

1           The Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to  
2           preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and  
3           expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Per Ch. 23.0915(2c)(d), Wis. Stats., the Knowles-  
4           Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2022. The program has supported land  
5           acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
6           (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable  
7           natural areas, wildlife habitat, water quality and outdoor recreation for public benefit around  
8           the state. Outagamie County has utilized Stewardship grant funds to develop trails and other  
9           public outdoor recreation opportunities. This resolution supports the reauthorization of the  
10          Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for ten years and consideration of the WDNR budget  
11          request of \$50 million per year.

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13          NOW THEREFORE, the following resolution is presented by the Property, Airport, Recreation  
14          and Economic Development Committee to the County Board.

15          BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors considers the Knowles-  
16          Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and  
17          water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities  
18          that promote economic development and enhance quality of life, and

19          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does support  
20          reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for ten years and consideration of the  
21          Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) budget request of \$50 million per year, and

22          BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of  
23          this resolution to the Outagamie County Executive, the Outagamie County Development and Land  
24          Services Director, the Outagamie County Parks Director, the Outagamie County Greenway  
25          Implementation Committee, all Outagamie County Municipalities, all Wisconsin Counties, the Outagamie  
26          County Lobbyist for distribution to the Legislature and the Governor, and the Wisconsin Department of  
27          Natural Resources Secretary, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53702.

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2 Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2021.

3 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: \_\_\_\_\_

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6 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

7 Board Chairperson

County Clerk

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Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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14 County Executive