

RESOLUTION 2021 - 27

Re: Reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship
2 Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat; protect water quality and
3 fisheries and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the conservation and recreation goals of the Stewardship Program are
5 achieved through the acquisition of land and easements, development of recreational facilities, and
6 restoration of wildlife habitat; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Stewardship Program funds have supported land acquisition and recreational
8 facilities development within Vilas County by the Department of Natural Resources, Vilas County,
9 local governments and non-profit conservation organizations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, use of program funds by these government agencies and non-profit
11 organizations promotes economic development of Vilas County's tourism-based economy by
12 increasing nature based outdoor recreational opportunities which benefit the public.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in
14 session this 23rd day of March 2021, that we support reauthorization of funding for the Knowles-
15 Nelson Stewardship Program and for a term of no less than 25 years.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution is provided to all members
17 of the Wisconsin Legislature that represent Vilas County, to the Governor and to the Wisconsin
18 Department of Natural Resources.

FISCAL COMMENT:

- Included within Resolution
- See Attached
- Not applicable

Finance Director

H. R. REVIEW

- Approved
- See attached
- Not applicable

Human Resources Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM & CONTENT

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