



RESOLUTION# 21-3-6

Introduced by Judicial and Legislative Committee
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Motion: Adopted: X
1st Feirer Lost:
2nd Leichtnam Tabled:
No: 2 Yes: 17 Absent: 0
Number of votes required:
[X] Majority [] Two-thirds
Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To request the legislature to support the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program at \$70 million per year.

FISCAL NOTE: Reauthorization of the Stewardship Program will result in continued funding assistance for Wood County projects.

Table with 5 columns: NO, YES, A and 19 rows of names and their corresponding votes.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Per Ch. 23.0915(2c)(d), Wis. Stats., the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2022. The program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural areas, wildlife habitat, water quality, and outdoor recreation for public benefit around the state. Wood County has utilized Stewardship grant funds to develop trails and other public outdoor recreation opportunities. This resolution supports the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for ten years and consideration of the WDNR budget request of \$70 million per year.

WHEREAS, the Wood County Board of Supervisors considers the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities that

promote economic development and enhance quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Board of Supervisors does support reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for ten years and consideration of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) budget request of \$70 million per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES that it supports reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program at \$70 million per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Wood County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Wood County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association and all state legislators representing Wood County citizens.

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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 16th day of March 2021.
[Signature]

County Clerk

BILL CLENDENNING (Chair) [Signature]
BILL LEICHTNAM [Signature]
KENNETH CURRY [Signature]
ED WAGNER [Signature]
JOSEPH ZURFLUH [Signature]

County Board Chairman