

JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

TIME: 9 a.m.

LOCATION: Safety Training Room 105A, Wood County Courthouse

1. Call meeting to order.
 2. Public comments. Now or at the time the item is taken up. Rules may apply.
 3. Review the following resolutions:
 - a. Support Reauthorization of Knowles-Nelson funding
 - b. Resolution supporting action to reduce contribution to climate change.
 4. Adjourn.
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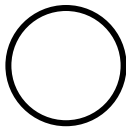
Meeting number (access code): 187 613 9193

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RESOLUTION#

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ITEM# 5-
DATE March 16, 2021
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Motion:

Adopted:

1st

Lost:

2nd

Tabled:

No:

Yes:

Absent:

Number of votes required:

☒ Majority

☐ Two-thirds

Reviewed by: , Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: , Finance Dir.

LAD

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.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Wagner, E			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Thao, L			
11	Curry, K			
12	Valenstein, L			
13	Hokamp, J			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B			

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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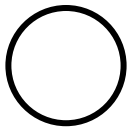
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JOSEPH ZURFLUH

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County Clerk

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To reaffirm Wood County's commitment to taking action to reduce its contribution to climate change.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business, military, and academic leaders as a worldwide threat to public safety, public health, local and global economics, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, local governments have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions through land use planning, transportation systems, buildings, energy, and water use and the many daily operations carried out to provide vital services to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one hundred ninety-five countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate change in agreements reached in December 2015; and

WHEREAS, clean energy technologies was one of the few sectors of the economy that kept growing through the global recession, and it continues to be the fastest growing sector in the nation and there were more people employed in the solar industry in the United States last year than in energy production from coal, natural gas, and oil combined; and

WHEREAS, clean energy technologies have become a key area of manufacturing industry growth and Wisconsin already has more than 500 businesses that manufacture components for clean energy technologies such as wind, solar and bio-gas systems; and

WHEREAS, some of Wisconsin's and Wood County's most iconic industries, including agriculture, forestry, and tourism, are threatened by climate change; and

WHEREAS, improving energy efficiency and resilience in the face of potential disruption in energy production can attract jobs and economic development opportunities to Wood County and increase the county’s long-term competitiveness and wealth; and

WHEREAS, actions that reduce the combustion of fossil fuels and the release of greenhouse gases, including prioritizing efficiency and transitioning to low-carbon energy sources, will improve air quality, public health, energy security, local natural environments, and quality of life for all; and

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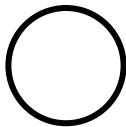
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WHEREAS, Wood County is joined in taking action on climate change by cities, counties, states, and national governments and community and private sector leaders who recognize the importance and potential of these actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to reaffirm their commitment to taking action to reduce its contribution to climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wood County Board of Supervisors also recognizes that achieving a community wide goal cannot be done by county government alone and will require leadership and commitment from businesses, community institutions, and utilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wood County urges other counties in Wisconsin and the United States to join with it in its commitment to address climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, Congressman Ron Kind, Congressman Thomas Tiffany, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all the Wisconsin Counties.

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