RESOLUTION 2025 - 24

Re: Reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

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; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 15th day of April 2025, that we support for the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and that sufficient funding be allocated to support projects over the next ten years.

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

SUBMITTED BY: **Forestry, Recreation & Land Committee**
s/Holly Tomlanovich, Chair
s/Michael MacKenzie, Vice-Chair
s/Daniel Swiecichowski
s/Joseph Muehlbach
s/Arthur Kunde

Motion by H. Tomlanovich, seconded by R. Hanson to adopt. Forestry Administrator, Chad Keranen presented the resolution. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

I, Kimberly A. Olkowski, Clerk of Vilas County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution which was adopted by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors on the 15th day of April, 2025.

Kimberly A. Olkowski
Vilas County Clerk