



RUSK COUNTY FOREST LAND ACQUISITION TOWN OF BIG BEND

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE RUSK COUNTY FORESTRY COMMITTEE

RUSK COUNTY

ROLL CALL Board Members table with columns: AYE (Yes), NAY (No), Abstain / Excused. Rows include Terry Dusell, Jerry Biller, Alan Rathsack, Tony Hauser, Timothy Miller, Robert Stout, Randy Tatur, Lyle Lieffring, Bill McBain, Ken Pedersen, Phil Schneider, Jim Meyer, Mark Schmitt, Lisa Dobrowolski, Tom Hanson, Dave Willingham, Michael Hraban, Ken Brown. Total: 18 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain/Excused.

BOARD ACTION section. Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum. Motion to Approve Adopted [X]. 1st DuSell, 2nd Tatur. No: 0, Yes: 18, Exc: 1.

Reviewed by: section for Corp. Counsel and Finance Director. FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

Certification: I, Loren Beebe, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 22nd day of December 2020 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors. Loren Beebe, County Clerk, Rusk County.

1 RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Rusk County, Wisconsin, That
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3 WHEREAS, the Forestry Committee would like to purchase the below described lands
4 consisting of 600 +/- acres within Rusk County, parts of Sections 13, 14 and 24, Town of
5 Big Bend, Rusk County Wisconsin; and
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7 WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose
8 of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to ss. 28.10 Wis. Stats; and
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10 WHEREAS, the acquisition policy and boundaries are outlined and defined in Chapter
11 400 of the Rusk County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as approved for years
12 2021-2035 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors on November 10, 2020; and
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14 WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide forest products to our
15 local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public,
16 and improve property administration on the County Forest; and
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18 WHEREAS, the County is eligible to apply for grant funding through the Knowles-
19 Nelson Stewardship grant program pursuant to ss. 23.0953 Wis. Stats; and
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21 WHEREAS, said funding may provide funding for up to 50% of the acquisition price;
22 and
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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS that the County requests the grant funding available from the
26 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Knowles - Nelson Stewardship
27 Land Acquisition grant program; and
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29 HEREBY AUTHORIZES Jeremy Koslowski to act on behalf of Rusk County to:
30 submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for land acquisition grant funding; sign
31 documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved
32 land acquisition project.
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County will comply with State rules for
35 the program and meet the financial obligations under the grant.
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SUBMITTED BY:

Rusk County Forestry Committee

Phil Schneider, Chairman
Lyle Lieffring, Vice Chairman
Terry DuSell

Alan Rathsack
Jerry Biller