

Resolution No. 01 -14

Resolution to Authorize Acquisition and Funding for Acquisition of Certain Forestlands within  
County

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF  
POLK:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1 WHEREAS, during its meeting on April 1, 2013, the Polk County Property, Forestry and  
2 Recreation Committee has recommended that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorize,  
3 pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sections 28.10 and 59.52 (6)(a), the acquisition of 210 acres  
4 consisting of six parcels located within the County to be uses for the purposes of County Forest  
5 program; and

6 WHEREAS, the Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee has recommended  
7 that the Polk County Board of Supervisors to structure the acquisition as a cost-share acquisition  
8 with funding available through the State of Wisconsin County Forest Project Loan and the  
9 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program; and

10 WHEREAS, Polk County has since obtained appraisals on the six parcels that provide sufficient  
11 information on the financial commitment of such a cost-shared acquisition; and

12 WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide forest products to our local  
13 economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve  
14 property administration on the County Forest; and

15 WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 28.11(3)(c), the Polk County Board of  
16 Supervisors has the authority to appropriate funds for the purchase, development, protection and  
17 maintenance of such forests and to exchange other county-owned lands for the purpose of  
18 consolidating and blocking County Forest holdings; and

19 WHEREAS, through ordinance adopted in May 1936, the Polk County Board of Supervisors  
20 delegated the authority the Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee to  
21 negotiate the acquisition of lands necessary to further the objectives of the County Forest  
22 program as contained in the County Forest 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as amended;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, subject to the approval of the Polk County Board of Supervisors, the Polk County  
25 Forest Administrator may apply for a County Forest Project Loan from the Department of  
26 Natural Resources (DNR) up to \$500,000.00 each fiscal year for said acquisition; and

27 WHEREAS, a County Forest Project Loan would be an interest free loan that is paid back to the  
28 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through continual annual payments in an amount equal  
29 to 20% of the gross annual County Forest timber sale revenues until the loan is paid in full; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to the State of Wisconsin County Forest Project Loan program, Polk  
31 County is eligible to apply for grant funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant  
32 Program, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 23.0953, and Polk County has entered into an  
33 memorandum of agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the  
34 purposes of applying for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant funds; and

35 WHEREAS, Awards to Polk County in the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant program, as  
36 funds become available, which may provide funding for up to 50% of the acquisition price; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sections 28.10  
and 59.52 (6)(a), the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the acquisition for the purpose  
of adding to the Polk County Forest six parcels as identified and described on Exhibit A,  
Identification and Legal Description of Six Parcels Recommended for Acquisition into Polk County  
Forest, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County ~~Property, Forestry and Recreation~~  
38 ~~Committee~~ Forest Administrator is authorized to negotiate the acquisition of such six parcels in  
39 an amount not to exceed the appraised value of \$493,500.00.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said acquisition is conditioned upon Polk County  
41 receiving approval of applications for grant funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship  
42 Grant Program and loan funding through the Wisconsin County Forest Loan Program in an  
43 amount not to exceed the appraised value.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of Polk County, the Polk County Board of  
45 Supervisors authorizes and directs the Polk County Forester to:

- 46 1. Apply for grant within Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program, for 50% of the costs  
47 of acquisition, and utilize approved grant funding for the purpose of acquisition of  
48 properties as authorized herein and consistent with approval of the same; and
- 49 2. Conditional upon approval of said grant application, apply for a Wisconsin County Forest  
50 Project Loan, for the balance of the costs of acquisition and utilize proceeds from said  
51 loan for the purpose of acquisition of properties as authorized herein.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes and  
53 directs the Polk County Forester to sign and complete any and all loans, grants and documents to  
54 complete the six land acquisitions, to administer the grant extended through the Knowles-Nelson  
55 Stewardship Grant Program; to administer the loan extended through the Wisconsin County  
56 Forest Project Loan Program; and to enroll the lands acquired into County Forest Program  
57 pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 28.11(4).

Funding Source: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source: Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
Wisconsin County Forest Project Loan Program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Finance Committee Advised: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Committee Recommendation:  
Effective Date:  
Date Submitted to the Polk County Board:

Upon Passage  
~~April 30, 2013~~ January 21, 2014

Sponsored and submitted by the Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee:

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]

[Signature]  
[Signature]

Review By County Administrator:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- Reviewed Only

[Signature]  
Dana Frey, County Administrator

Review By Corporation Counsel:

- Approved as to Form
- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- Reviewed Only

[Signature]  
Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

*Failed by ballot vote  
4 yes / 19 no*

County Board Action:

At its regular business meeting on January 21, 2014, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted the above resolution, Resolution \_\_\_\_-14; Resolution to Authorize Resolution to Authorize Acquisition and Funding for Acquisition of Certain Forestlands within County; by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_, against.

\_\_\_\_\_  
William Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carole Wondra, Polk County Clerk

Attachment – Exhibit A, Identification and Legal Description of Six Parcels Recommended for Acquisition into Polk County Forest.

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(Exhibit A, Identification and Legal Description of Six Parcels Recommended for Acquisition into Polk  
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Parcel #1

The West 330 feet of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  , Section 23, T37N-R15W, Lorain Township  
Parcel ID#034-00459-0100

Parcel #2

NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  , Section 23, T37N-R15W Lorain Township  
Parcel ID#034004620000

Parcel #3

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  , Section 22, T37N-R15W Lorain Township  
Parcel ID#034004370000

Parcel #4

SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 15, T37N-R15W Lorain Township  
Parcel ID#034003190000

Parcel #5

SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 14, T37N-R15W Lorain Township  
Parcel ID#034002980000

Parcel #6

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 15, T37N-R15W Lorain Township  
Parcel ID#034003160000