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AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

County Board Room

Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

A quorum of the County Board may be present

Webex Virtual Meeting Info:

Meeting Number (access code): **146 771 8541**

Password: **ESMeeting**

Join Online: <https://polkwi.webex.com>

Join by Phone: 1-408-418-9388

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Kim O’Connell
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes for Sept 23, 2020
4. Public Comments – 3 minutes per person – not to exceed 30 minutes total
5. Disclosure of Committee Member Conflicts of Interest regarding matters noticed on this agenda
6. Receipt of Information on Matters Noticed from Supervisors not seated as Committee Members, on only items noted on agenda (5 minutes maximum)
7. Tax Delinquent Properties (Emil Norby)
 - a. Update Regarding Tax Delinquent Properties
8. Parks, Recreation and Trails, and Dams (Ben Elfelt)
 - a. Update on Stower Trail Master Plan
9. Forestry (Mark Gossman)
 - a. Discussion/ Consideration of Land purchase (Town of McKinley)
 - b. Resolution for Variable Acreage Share loan
10. Zoning (Jason Kjeseth)
 - a. Continuation of Public Hearing and Action on rezone request from 5 Flags Golf, LLC.
Residential/Residential Agricultural 5 (RA-5) to Recreational Business commercial (B-2). Property affected is: 1855 145th St, Part of the SW ¼ of Sec 34/T35N/R17W, Town of Milltown, approx. 33.82 acres -- Parcel 040-01133-0000 and West 300’ of Parcels 040-01131-0000, 040-01132-0000 and 040-01146-0000
11. Environmental Services Division update (Bob Kazmierski)
 - a. Environmental Service Division Budget amendments and updates
 - b. Presentation by Geronimo Energy via WebEx
12. Committee Calendar and Identification of Subject Matters for Upcoming Meetings
13. Adjourn

Items on the agenda not necessarily presented in the order listed. This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk’s office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.



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MINUTES

Environmental Services Committee

Government Center County Board Room
100 Polk County Plaza Balsam Lake, WI 54810
9:00 A.M. Wednesday, Sept 23rd, 2020

Member Attendance

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kim O'Connell	Chair	Absent
Tracy LaBlanc	Supervisor	Present
Doug Route	Supervisor	Present
Brad Olson	Vice Chair	Absent
Sharon Kelly	Supervisor	Present
Lyle Doolittle	FSA Representative	Present

Also present were: Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel, via Webex;; Vince Netherland, County Administrator; Jason Kjeseth, Zoning Administrator; Tim Anderson, County Planner; Mark Gossman, Forester; Chad Roberts, Finance Director; Bob Kazmierski, Environmental Services Division Director; members of the public; and member of the press via Webex.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 am. Motion: (LaBlanc/Kelly) to appoint and approve Supervisor Route as Acting Chair, carried by unanimous voice vote

Approval of Agenda- Motion: Acting Chair Route called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion** (LaBlanc/Kelly)) to approve the agenda, carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes – Acting Chair Route called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 9th, 2020 meeting. **Motion** (Kelly/LaBlanc) to approve the minutes of the Sept 9th, 2020 meeting as published, carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – No Public Comments

Disclosure of Committee Member Conflicts of Interest regarding matters noticed on this agenda – None

Receipt of Information from Supervisors not seated as Committee Members –None
Tax Delinquent Properties (Emil Norby) –None

Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Dams (Ben Elfelt) –County Planner Tim Anderson reported no response from WDNR on the status of the Stower Master Plan.

Forestry (Mark Gossman)

- a. Discussion of 2021 Forestry Work Plan. Gossman highlighted goals for 2021. SFI auditors will be coming to assure that Polk County is in line with the State Standards. **Motion** (Kelly/LaBlanc) to approve the 2021 Forestry Work Plan, carried by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Discussion for applying for a Variable Acreage Share loan. This is an interest free loan used for reforestation and bud capping. Gossman will prepare a Resolution to be brought forward at the next meeting and will be part of the November County Board of Supervisors Regular meeting.
- c. Discussion of Bud cap bids. Contract given to Northwood Forestry Inc. for \$124.75 per acre. Work will be done this fall.
- d. Discussion of Land purchase (80 acres in McKinley Township) the acreage sale was approved by McKinley Township, it meets criteria for the Forestry 15 year Plan, a grant could be applied for. Committee will revisit the purchase at the next ESC meeting (Oct. 14) when all members are present.
- e. Discussion of Impacts of Verso Mills Shutdown. With the sale of Pine being reduced Gossman is allowing 1 year extensions for current logging contracts.

Break: Acting Chair Route called for break at 9:50-10:05 am.

Zoning and Land Information (Jason Kjeseth) PUBLIC HEARING 10:05 am

- a. FIVE FLAGS GOLF LLC: Residential/Residential Agricultural 5 (RA-5) to Recreational Business commercial (B-2). Property affected is: 1855 145th St, Part of the SW ¼ of Sec 34/T35N/R17W, Town of Milltown, approx. 33.82 acres -- Parcel 040-01133-0000 and West 300' of Parcels 040-01131-0000, 040-01132-0000 and 040-01146-0000. WI DOT has approved of a driveway entering from Hwy 46, No flood plains or navigable waters, Town of Milltown has approved of the rezone. Adjacent land owners voiced some concerns regarding access, potential trespassing, erosion control and campfire. Owners responded to some of the concerns, also reading a letter of support from the Economic Development Corp. Public Hearing closed at 10:38 am. Committee requests more information to be obtained by staff including site visit and pictures of property. **Motion:** (Kelly/LaBlanc) to postpone decision until Oct 14th meeting, carried by unanimous voice vote.

Environmental Services Division (Bob Kazmierski)

- a. Director Kazmierski went through the proposed budgets for the five departments in the Environmental Division, noting some staffing changes in the Land Information and Land & Water Depts. and equip needs in other Depts. The 5-year CIP for Parks improvements and maintenance was also presented.
- b. Discussion on upcoming meetings in Nov and Dec. Requested that they be held the first and third Wednesdays due to the Holidays. Committee agrees by unanimous consent.

Committee Calendar & Identification of Subject Matters for Upcoming Meetings

AGENDA ITEMS: OCT 14TH, 2020 9:00 A.M.

ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON AGENDA:

Tax delinquent properties: Updates on other tax delinquent properties/sales

Parks, Recreation, Trails and Dams: Stower Master Plan Trail update

Forestry: Land purchase (McKinley Township)

Zoning & Land Information: Rezone for 5 Flags Golf LLC.

Divisional Form of Government: budget updates, in any; Presentation by Geronimo Energy

Acting Chair Route called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion (Kelly/LaBlanc)** to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote. Acting Chair Route declared meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Zygowicz
LWRD Admin Asst.



McKinley Sec 18 Potential Property Purchase

General Information

- 78.54 Acres Total
- 39 Acres of Upland Forest 40 acres wetland
- Clam River Frontage which is a trout stream
- 2019 Taxes \$832.04
- 2020 Assessed value \$101,200

Polk County 15 year plan acquiring land priorities

-Property fulfills 4/7 criteria associated with acquiring land outlined within the County Forest 15 year plan.

- Improves management efficiencies
- Increases counties productive timberland
- Conserves surface and groundwater, increase public access to water features.
- Lands threatened by private development
- Provides priority trail connection
- Lands are considered high conservation value
- Purchase does not result in unreasonable negative impact to local tax collections as determined by ESC.

Process to begin purchase

-A value of the purchase has to be determined.

-Appraisal cost \$1200

Financing

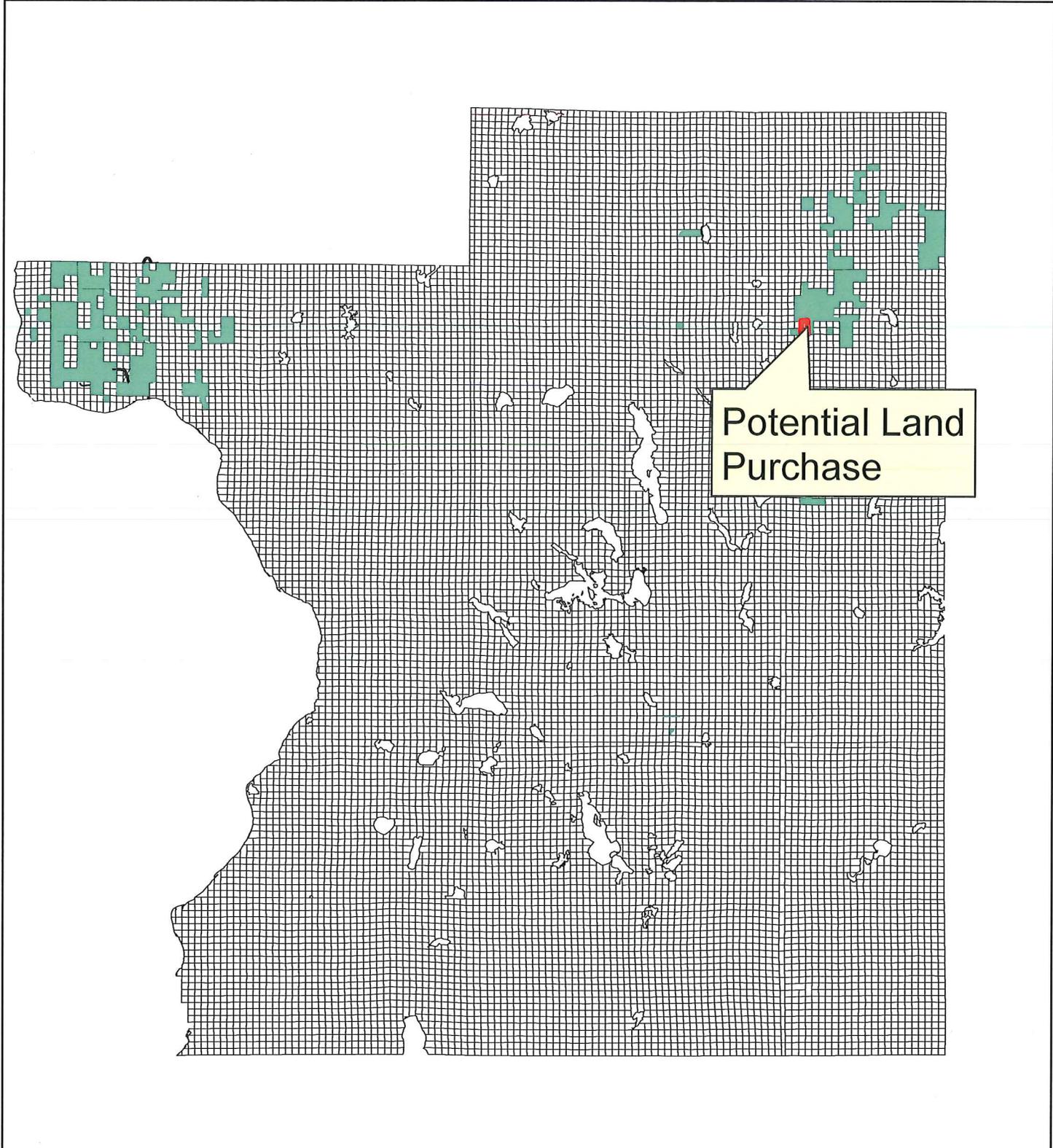
-Trust for Public Land Purchases- Need letter of intent to purchase and County Board Resolution

-County Purchases from the Trust for Public Land – Need letter of intent and commitment to cost share.

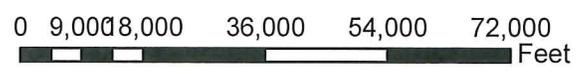
-Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program

- Cost share 50% of appraised value
- Interest free loan
- Payments made as timber is cut 20% of Gross Timber Sale receipts.
- Must remain in county ownership in perpetuity

Scovell Land Purchase Sec 18 Mckinley SWNE, NWNE

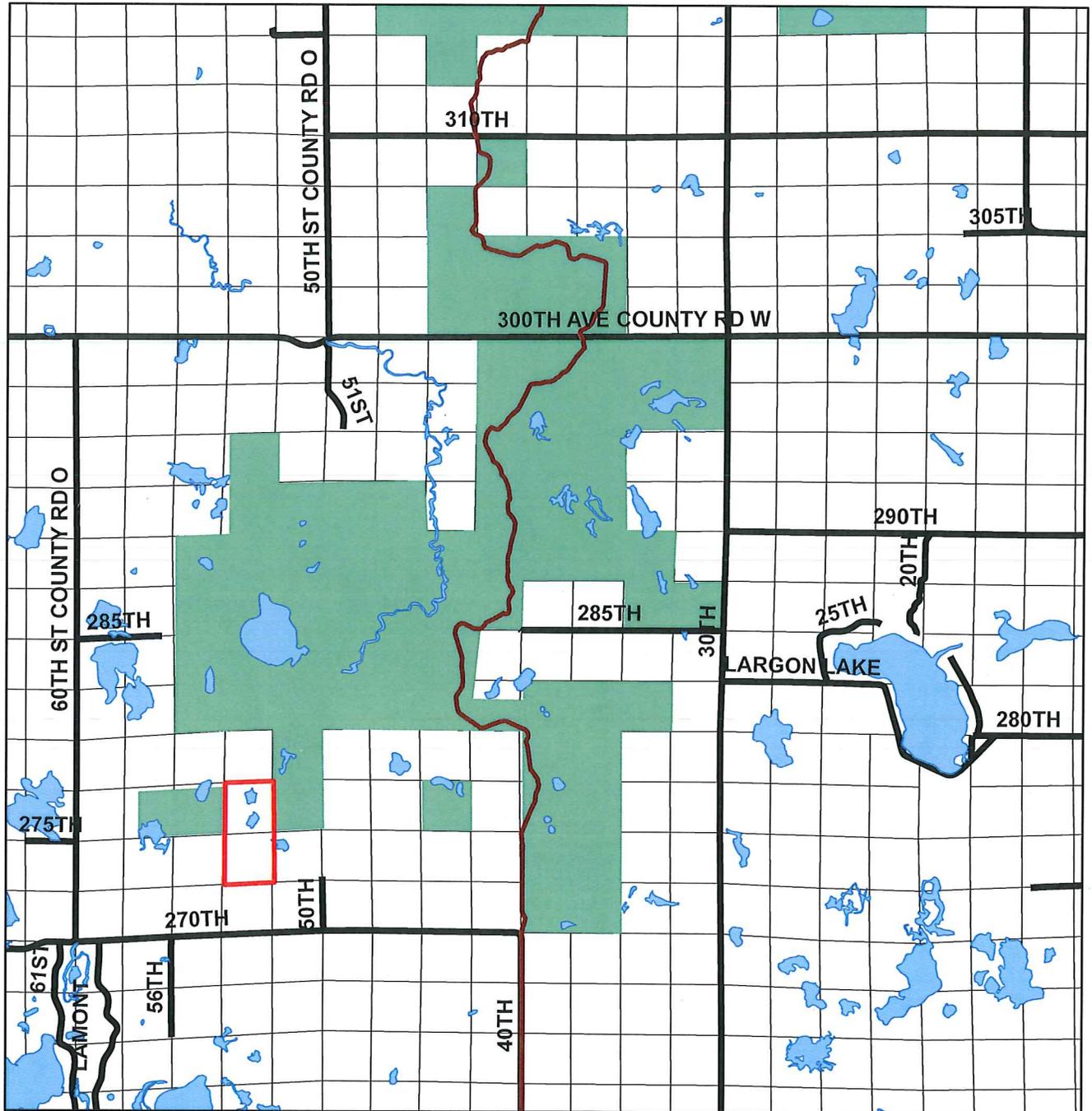


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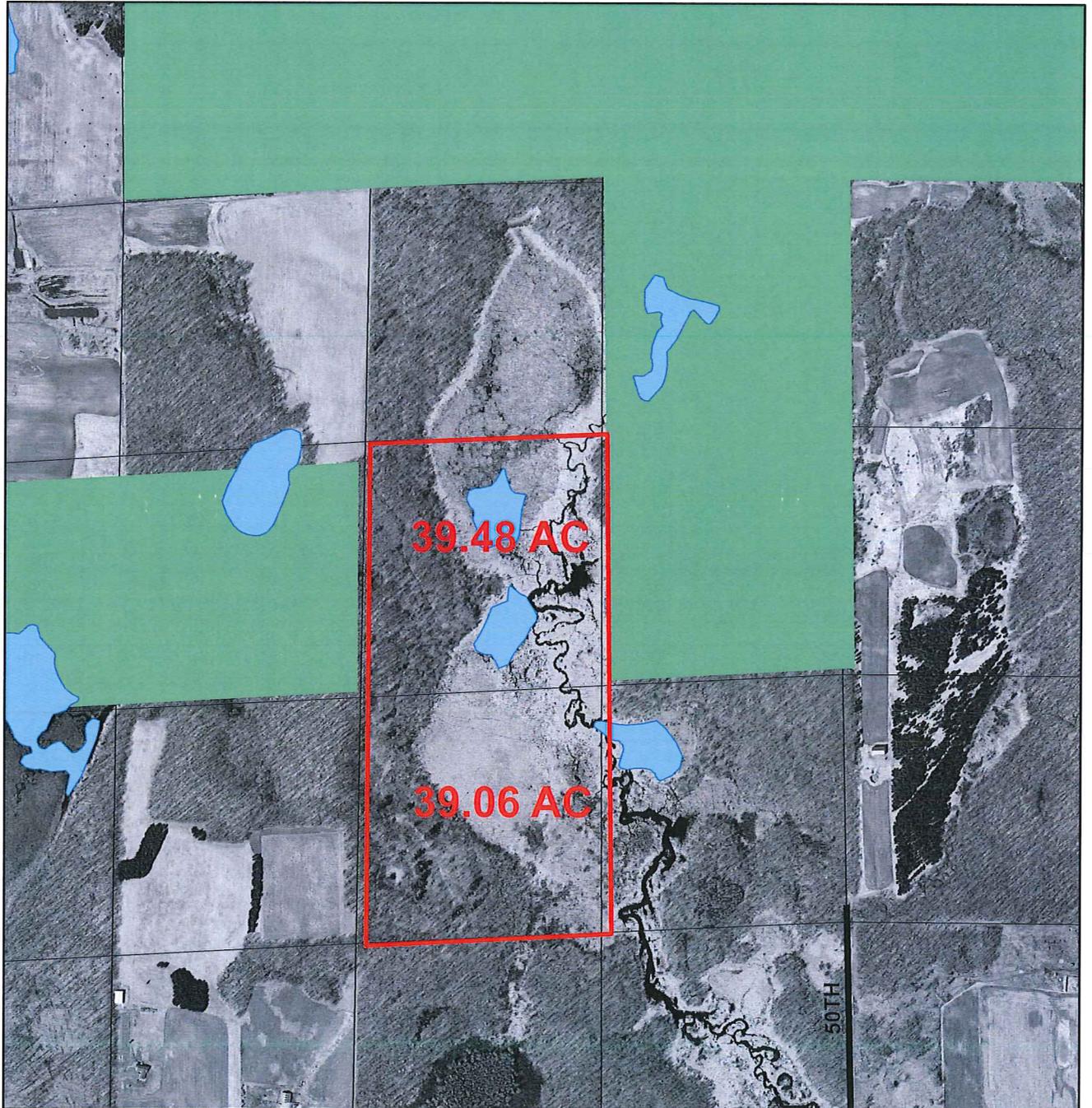


Legend

-  Township/County Road
-  Polk County Forest
-  Fortys
-  Potential Land Purchase

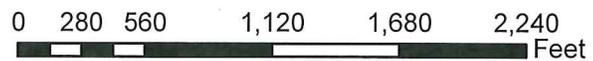


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Resolution No. 44-20

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Olson			
Route			
Warndahl			
Nelson (Chairperson)			
LaBlanc			
Ruck			
Prichard			
Kelly			
O'Connell			
Middleton			
Luke (2 nd Vice Chair)			
Duncanson			
Arcand			
Bonneprise (Vice Chair)			
Demulling			

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE 2021 COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE LOAN AND APPROVE THE 2021 COUNTY FOREST WORK PLAN

1 **TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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3 **WHEREAS,**; , the Polk County Forest needs sufficient funds for tree
4 planting, timber stand improvement, site preparation and forest
5 improvements as outlined in the 2021 Polk County Forestry Annual
6 Work Plan and;

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8 **WHEREAS,**; the State of Wisconsin allows counties to apply for County
9 Forest Variable Acreage Share payments, a non-interest bearing loan to be
10 used for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of
11 county forest lands; and

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13 **WHEREAS,**; the Environmental Services Committee has recommended to the
14 County Board to authorize an application for the County Variable Acreage
15 Share Loan for calendar year 2021; and

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17 **WHEREAS,**; the Environmental Services Committee has recommended to the
18 County Board to authorize the 2021 County Forest Annual Work Plan;

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Polk County Board of
23 Supervisors requests to receive payment of not more than fifty cents
24 (\$.50) per acre payment on the County Forest Variable Acreage Share for
25 each acre of land entered as County Forest Land enrolled in the 2020
26 calendar year pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 28.11 (8) (b) as well
27 as approving the 2021 County Forest Work Plan.

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BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st _____ Defeated

2nd _____

Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Administrator

Reviewed by: _____, Finance

FISCAL & LEGAL IMPACT:
This a loan for approximately \$8,300 to aid in reforestation for areas cut in Sterling 1-2 years ago. The loan is paid back by collecting 20% of the gross receipts from timber sale revenue until the balance is paid off.

SUBMITTED BY:

Certification:

I, Lisa Ross, Clerk of Polk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the ___ day of _____, 2020 by the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

 Lisa Ross
 County Clerk, Polk County