



## **Polk County Board of Supervisors**

Polk County Government Center - County Board Room  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

Chairman Dean Johansen called the regular October 16, 2018 meeting of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Johansen recognized the County Clerk for purposes of receiving evidence of proper notice. The County Clerk stated that the notice of meeting was properly posted in the Government Center Building, posted on the County website, and published in a legal newspaper in accordance with Wisconsin Statute Section 985.02 the week of October 8, 2018. In addition, the Office of the County Clerk distributed on October 5, 2018 copies of such notice of meeting and proposed resolutions to supervisors via e-mail and mail in accordance with Article 3, Section 2 of the County Board Rules of Order.

The County Board received verbal opinion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Malone that the initial advance written notice, posted and published as described by the Clerk satisfied the applicable provision of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and the applicable procedural provisions of the Polk County Board Rules of Order.

Chairman Johansen recognized the County Clerk for purposes of taking roll call. All 15 County Board Supervisors were present representing a quorum.

Chairman Johansen led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johansen called for a Time of Reflection. Supervisor Masters offered a time of reflection with prayers for the safe return of the missing girl from Barron, WI and thoughts and prayers for her parents who were killed.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor consideration and approval of the Agenda as published. Chairman Johansen declared that item #16 on the agenda – Resolution No. 75-18 will be addressed after item #8 Public Comment on agenda. **Motion** (Bonneprise/Luke) to adopt the Agenda as published. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt the Agenda as published. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor for approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion** (Jepsen/Luke) to adopt the Consent Agenda as noticed. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt Consent Agenda. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote. Matters adopted under the Consent Agenda: Minutes from August 24, 2018 meeting, minutes from August 30, 2018 meeting and minutes from September 6, 2018 meeting adopted as published.

Time was given for public comment. Public comment was received. Chairman Johansen announced that the Clerk would receive written comments from those that were not able to speak during public comment due to the 30 minute time limit.

Chairman Johansen called upon Assistant Corporation Counsel Malone to provide information regarding Resolution No. 76-18: Resolution to Rescind Moratorium on the Administration of County Rural Road/Address Numbering System and to Call for the Vote on Proposed Ordinance No. 48-18: Polk county Uniform Addressing and Road Numbering Ordinance and Ordinance No. 48-18: Polk county Uniform Addressing and Road Numbering Ordinance. A pending Supreme Court case between Town of Rib Mountain and Marathon County regarding an addressing ordinance may impact whether Resolution No. 76-18 and Ordinance No. 48-18 are acted on by the County Board.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor Resolution No. 75-18: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Proposed Master Plans for the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and the Cattail Trail (Polk County Segment) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. **Motion** (Masters/Olson) to adopt Resolution No. 75-18.

The County Board received photos and information from Supervisor Nelson regarding trail corridor information and suggested options to have separate corridors on the trails to allow for multi-use. **Motion** (Nelson/Arcand) to insert Nelson Amendment #1 for the Stower Master Plan as follows:

Nelson Amendment #1: Amend the Stower Master Plan under B.1. to add "ATV/UTV with stringent speed limit restrictions of 15 mph near village boundaries, housing, parks, trail heads shelters, public gathering places and business establishments to account for noise and safety on primary rail bed portion of the trail corridor"

Under 3. "Allowed uses" removing the word "only" under the first bullet point.

Under 4. "Prohibited Uses", removing the first two bullet points.

Amend the Stower Master Plan to provide for the development, with appropriate stakeholders, of a plan to create a parallel silent-sport-only trail within the corridor separate from the original rail bed trail.

Chairman Johansen called upon Supervisor O'Connell to provide information regarding the process of the Master Plan and submission to the DNR for approval.

Supervisor Prichard proposed more study would be in order and suggested the Master Trail Plan be referred back to committee for further consideration. Chairman Johansen declared sending back to committee was not in order due to the pending amendment on the floor. After further discussion, the Board received advice from Assistant Corporation Counsel Malone that a motion to refer the Trail Master Plan back to Environmental Services Committee would be in order.

**Motion** (Prichard/Larsen) to refer the Stower Master Plan back to the Environmental Services Committee without the amendment. Supervisor Arcand called for the question and a roll call vote. Chairman Johansen called for a roll call vote on the motion to refer the Stower Master Plan back to the Environmental Services Committee. **Motion** to refer the Stower Master Plan back to the Environmental Services Committee failed by roll call vote with 12 voting No and 2 voting yes (voting yes: Supervisors Prichard and Larsen).

Chairman Johansen called for a roll call vote on the motion to amend the Stower Master Plan per said Nelson Amendment #1. **Motion** to amend the Stower Master Plan carried by roll call vote with 8 voting yes and 7 voting no (voting no: Supervisors Route, Prichard, Edgell, O'Connell, Luke, Larsen, Johansen).

**Motion** (Nelson/Arcand) to amend Resolution No. 75-18 by adding Nelson amendment #2 as noted below:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors directs the Parks and Buildings Department to seek an exception, if required, under 23 U.S.C.9 (h), to mitigate against the possibility of the repayment of ARRA grant funds received in 2009-2010 for the maintenance of the rail bed trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors would revisit the authorized use of the Stower Seven Lakes Trail once the amount, if any, is known regarding the requested exception referenced above and any required repayment of ARRA grant funds associated with the original 2009-2010 project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors directs the Polk County Environmental Services Committee in conjunction with the Public Safety and Highway Committee to annually review any complaints regarding the use of the Trails referenced in this Resolution and make recommendations to the County Board on how to address the complaints.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors direct the Polk County Department of Administration to develop a budget for the maintenance of the Trails, taking into account the change in uses.”

**Motion** (Prichard/no second) to amend the Stower Trail Master Plan to remove horseback riding as a permitted use on the Stower Trail Master Plan. Chairman Johansen declared motion to amend out of order as consideration is regarding Resolution No. 75-18, rather than the Stower Trail Master Plan.

Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to amend Resolution No. 75-18 by adding said Nelson Amendment #2. **Motion** to amend Resolution No. 75-18 carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Motion** (Prichard/Larsen) to remove horseback riding as a permitted use from Stower Trail Master Plan. Supervisor Masters called the question to a vote. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on said motion. Chairman Johansen called for a division vote by show of hands, due to being unable to determine the outcome of the voice vote.

**Motion** to remove horseback riding as a permitted use from the Stower Trail Master Plan defeated by majority show of hands- 4 for removing horseback riding, 11 against removing horseback riding.

Chairman Johansen recognized Supervisor O'Connell who noted a scrivener's error on page 3 Introduction and Executive Summary of the Stower Master Plan Draft and page 3 of the Cattail Trail Master Plan, to correct by adding "right-of-way", and removing "width", to read: "in the rural branch of the corridor, the trail right-of-way is consistently 100 feet wide".

**Motion** (Olson/Masters) to amend the Cattail Master Plan to include/add "UTV" wherever ATV is authorized within the Master Plan. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** to amend the Cattail Master Plan carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called for a ballot vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 75-18 as amended. **Motion** to adopt Resolution No. 75-18: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Proposed Master Plans for the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and the Cattail Trail (Polk County Segment) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as amended carried by ballot vote of 11 yes and 4 no (Voting no: Supervisors Johansen, Luke, Larsen, and Prichard). Resolution No. 75-18: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Proposed Master Plans for the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and the Cattail Trail (Polk County Segment) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources adopted.

Chairman Johansen called for a recess at 7:38 p.m. Chairman Johansen called the Board back in legislative session at 7:51 p.m.

Chairman Johansen called upon Vince Netherland, Director of Economic Development Corporation to provide information to the County Board regarding the Housing Study Proposal. County Board received information regarding a proposal for a countywide housing study and the average cost to each municipality. Anticipated costs may be reduced from what was first proposed due increased grant funding. There is sufficient support to conduct the housing study.

County Board received Chairman's report regarding Wisconsin Counties Association Conference attended in LaCrosse September 23-25, 2018. County Board received s booklet printed by WCA regarding services and duties of various county departments. 59 resolutions were voted on at the conference. Lobbying priorities for WCA include: Increased funding for child welfare,

transportation funding, and NextGen 911. Chairman Johansen provided information on workshops attended at the conference, including: Essentials of Annual Budget Development and Securing County Facilities. The County Board received information regarding the Polk County Highway Open House held on 9/29/18 that Chairman Johansen attended. County Board received an update from the Executive Committee Meeting regarding the Fairgrounds Grandstand proposal.

County Board received verbal reports from Supervisors regarding outside committee meetings and conferences attended.

Chairman Johansen announced the appointment of Brian Kaczmariski as Public Health Officer. Chairman Johansen called for a motion to confirm said appointment. **Motion** (Bonneprise/Prichard) to confirm said appointment. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to confirm said appointment. **Motion** to confirm appointment of Brian Kaczmariski as Public Health Officer carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called upon Interim Administrator Fuge to provide Administrator's Report to the County Board.

Chairman Johansen announced the appointment of Jim Andersen to the Board of Adjustment Committee effective September 1, 2018 for a term of three years until 2021. County Board received information that former Board of Adjustment committee member Nehring moved to a village disqualifying her from serving on the BOA. Chairman Johansen called for a motion to confirm said appointment. **Motion** (Jepsen/LaBlanc) to confirm said appointment. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to confirm said appointment. **Motion** to confirm appointment of Jim Andersen to the Board of Adjustment Committee for a three year term carried by unanimous voice vote.

County Board received an update on the fairground grandstand project and the upcoming meeting on 10/18/18 regarding design elements.

A round table meeting will be held on 10/25/18 regarding housing.

County Board received information regarding the drug treatment enhancement initiative and grants available for opioid treatment initiatives.

County Board received information from Interim Administrator Fuge regarding four department head vacancies and the upcoming retirement of one department head including: Administrator, Land Information department, Information Technology Department head, Community Services Division and Veterans Service Officer (retiring January 2, 2019).

County Board received information from Interim Administrator Fuge regarding the cyber assessment conducted by Clifton Larsen. The cyber assessment results report was received on 9/11/18.

County Board received information from Interim Administrator Fuge regarding an analysis completed regarding Lime and Recycling compliance with state and federal regulations.

County Board received a hand-out and an update regarding the Administrator search, process and timeline from Employee Relations Director/Deputy Administrator Jerrick.

County Board received information from Highway Commissioner Norby regarding demolition of the old highway building. Interior demolition of the old highway building is scheduled for completion by October 22, 2018 with final demolition completed by November 16, 2018.

Interim Administrator Fuge provided information regarding final reconciliation of fairgrounds grandstand demolition. \$4,000 in savings was realized from the original project estimate.

Chairman Johansen called for a motion to convene as Committee of the Whole at 8:29 p.m. **Motion** (LaBlanc/Masters) to convene as Committee of the Whole. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to convene as Committee of the Whole. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committee of the Whole received a presentation regarding 911 and the Rural Grid Addressing System from Chief Deputy Chad Roberts, Captain Dale Hall, Communications Administrator Jill Stoffel, Interim Zoning Department Head Steve Geiger, and Zoning Administrator Jason Kjeseth.

Chairman Johansen called for a motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole session. **Motion** (Jepsen/Masters) to adjourn Committee of the Whole session & resume legislative session. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn Committee of the Whole session. **Motion** to adjourn Committee of the Whole session (9:55 p.m.) carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called the Board in recess at 9:55 p.m. Chairman called the meeting back into legislative session at 10:05 p.m.

Chairman Johansen declared that item 14 b on the agenda, Development of 2019 Proposed Budget would be moved after item 17a on the agenda, Consideration of Revisions to Proposed 2019 Budget.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor, Ordinance No. 53-18: Acquisition and Sale of Tax Deeded Lands. Chairman Johansen called for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 53-18.

**Motion** (Jepsen/Masters) to adopt Ordinance No. 53-18.

Chairman Johansen called upon Supervisor O'Connell to provide information regarding the Ordinance.

**Motion** (O'Connell/Bonneprise) to amend Ordinance No. 53-18 at line 93 to change 90 days to **45** days. Supervisor Bonneprise called for the question. Chairman Johansen called for a voice

vote on said motion. **Motion** to amend Ordinance 53-18 from 90 days to 45 days on line 93 as stated carried by majority voice vote with one opposed.

Chairman Johansen recognized Supervisor Prichard who noted corrections of a scrivener's error on line 85 from "of" to "or", to read "sum of 3% of all the aforementioned amounts or \$100, whichever is greater".

Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 53-18 as amended. **Motion** to adopt Ordinance No. 53-18 as amended carried by majority voice vote. Ordinance No. 53-18: Acquisition and Sale of Tax Deeded Lands adopted/enacted.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor Ordinance No. 79-18: Ordinance Repealing Designation and Service Contract for Humane Society and Revising Limits on Claims Made Against Dog License Fund. Chairman Johansen called for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 79-18.

**Motion** (Olson/Masters) to refer Ordinance No. 79-18 back to the Environmental Services Committee. Chairman Johansen called upon Supervisor Olson to provide information to the County Board regarding Ordinance No. 79-18. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to refer Ordinance No. 79-18 back to the Environmental Services Committee.

**Motion** to refer Ordinance No. 79-18 back to Environmental Services Committee carried by majority voice vote with one opposed. Ordinance No. 79-18: Ordinance Repealing Designation and Service Contract for Humane Society and Revising Limits on Claims Made Against Dog License Fund referred back to the Environmental Services Committee.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor, Resolution No. 77-18: Resolution Concerning Offer of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company to Transfer Clam Falls Dam. Chairman Johansen called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 77-18.

**Motion** (Prichard/Masters) to adopt Resolution No. 77-18. Chairman Johansen called upon Supervisor Masters and Interim Administrator Fuge to provide information to the County Board regarding the resolution. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 77-18. **Motion** to adopt Resolution No. 77-18 carried by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 77-18: Resolution Concerning Offer of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company to Transfer Clam Falls Dam adopted (rejecting the offer of the transfer of Clam Falls Dam).

Chairman Johansen called to the floor, Resolution No. 80-18: Resolution Concerning the Reorganization and Consolidation of County Departments. Chairman Johansen called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 80-18.

**Motion** (Nelson/Olson) to adopt Resolution No. 80-18. Chairman Johansen called upon Supervisor Olson to provide information to the County Board regarding the resolution. **Motion** (Prichard/Olson) to amend Resolution 80-18 on line 26 to add after "three divisions", "in addition to the Community Services Division" for clarity on the Resolution.

Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** to amend carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 80-18 as amended. **Motion** to adopt Resolution No. 80-18 as amended carried by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 80-18: Resolution Concerning the Reorganization and Consolidation of County Departments adopted as amended.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor, Resolution No. 76-18: Resolution to Rescind Moratorium on the Administration of County Rural Road/Address Numbering System and to Call for the Vote on Proposed Ordinance No. 48-18: Polk County Uniform Rural Addressing and Road Numbering Ordinance. Chairman Johansen called upon Assistant Corporation Counsel Malone to provide information to the County Board regarding the resolution. The County Board received a legal opinion regarding a pending Supreme Court Case involving Marathon County and Town of Rib Mountain involving an addressing ordinance. Chairman Johansen called for a motion regarding Resolution No. 76-18 and Ordinance No. 48-18. **Motion** (O'Connell/Bonneprise) to postpone action on Resolution No.76-18 and Ordinance No. 48-18 and refer back to the Public Safety & Highway Committee.

Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to refer Resolution No. 76-18 and Ordinance No. 48-18 back to the Public Safety & Highway Committee. **Motion** to refer Resolution No. 76-18 and Ordinance No. 48-18 back to the Public Safety & Highway Committee carried by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 76-18: Resolution to Rescind Moratorium on the Administration of County Rural Road/Address Numbering System and to Call for the Vote on Proposed Ordinance No. 48-18: Polk County Uniform Rural Addressing and Road Numbering Ordinance and Ordinance No. 48-18: Polk County Uniform Rural Addressing and Road Numbering Ordinance referred back to the Public Safety & Highway Committee

Chairman Johansen called to the floor, Resolution No. 78-18: Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget Proposal. Chairman Johansen called upon Interim Administrator Fuge to address proposed 2019 Budget Recommendation including amendments and technical amendments.

Summary of Technical Amendments proposed by Administrator:

Adjustments to Budget Ceiling:

1. Decrease of \$110,462 in General Property Tax (Levy): reflect allocation of personal property tax (\$90,455) and to correct calculation of net new construction (\$20,008).
2. Increase Other Taxes by \$90,455 to accurately reflect allocation of personal property taxes.
3. Reduce State Aids by \$1,287 due to slight increase in Shared Revenues and decrease in Tax Exempt Computer Aid.
4. Reduce supplies/expenses consistent with reduction of State Aids in #3, above.
5. Reduce Capital Expenditures by \$65,884, reflecting sums that are not expected to be incurred for projects.

Buildings, Parks, Solid Waste and Forestry:

6. Increase Capital Expenditure for projects to improve DD Kennedy Parking Lot (\$5,000) and replace concrete boat landing at DD Kennedy Park (\$25,000) –Funding Source – Lakes Improvement Fund balance for \$30,000).

Community Services Division:

7. Increase of \$600 in revenues and increase in expenses of \$600 to correct transfer in from Driver’s Improvement Fund and expenditure commensurate with increase of appropriation.

Public Health:

8. Increase in Personnel costs of \$136,996 to correct the omission in budget submission. Expenditures to independent contractor placed into Personnel expenditures to reflect discontinued professional services contract. Staff position replaces professional services.

Amendments Recommended by Committee:

Buildings, Parks, Solid Waste, Forestry and Museum:

1. Strike proposed capital expenditures to purchase dump truck (\$25,000) and recycling truck (\$80,000) and defer consideration to 2020 budget process

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2. Authorize capital improvement project in the amount of \$5,000 to install audio/visual equipment to broadcast and record meetings and fund the project with general property tax.

Chairman Johansen called for a motion to adopt Resolution 78-18 including said technical amendments recommended by Interim Administrator Fuge. **Motion** (Nelson/Masters) to adopt Resolution No. 78-18 including technical amendments.

Interim Administrator Fuge recommended an additional substantive amendment regarding the jail controller project to increase use of fund balance by \$193,300 in addition to the budgeted \$165,000 for a total of \$358,300 used to complete the Jail Controller project in 2019. **Motion** (Demulling/Olson) to further amend 2019 budget to increase the use of fund balance \$193,300 in addition to the budgeted \$165,000 for a total of \$358,300 to complete the Jail Controller project in 2019. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on said amendment. **Motion** to further amend the 2019 budget to increase the use of fund balance by \$193,300 to complete the jail controller project in 2019 carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote to adopt Resolution No. 78-18 as amended. **Motion** to adopt Resolution 78-18 as amended carried by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 78-18: Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget Proposal adopted as amended.

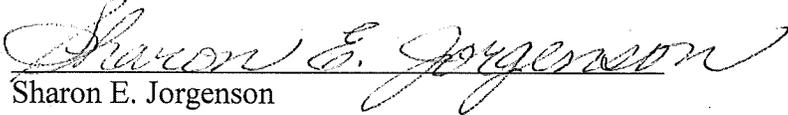
Chairman Johansen called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion** (Bonneprise/LaBlanc) to adjourn. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn. **Motion** to adjourn carried by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Johansen declared meeting adjourned 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN    )  
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COUNTY OF POLK        )

I, Sharon E. Jorgenson, County Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the County Board Proceedings of the Polk County Board of Supervisor's Session held on October 16, 2018.

  
Sharon E. Jorgenson  
Polk County Clerk



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### **Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

#### **Polk County Board of Supervisors**

100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin  
Polk County Government Center - County Board Room

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

Regular Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Open Session

#### Order of Business:

1. Call to Order
  2. Receipt of Evidence and Opinion on Proper Notice
  3. Roll Call
  4. Pledge of Allegiance
  5. Time of Reflection
  6. Approval of Agenda
  7. Matters Offered For Adoption on Consent Agenda:
    - a. Consideration/corrections to the published minutes from August 24, 2018 and August 30, 2018 Special Sessions of the County Board
    - b. Consideration/corrections to the published minutes from September 6, 2018 Special Session of the County Board
  8. Public Comments –3 minutes per person –not to exceed 30 minutes total
  9. Housing Study Proposal – Vince Netherland
  10. County Board Chair Report
    - a. Supervisor’s Reports from Outside Committee Meetings Attended
    - b. Confirmation of Appointments of the Chairperson –Public Health Officer - Brian Kaczmariski
  11. Administrator’s Report, Jeff Fuge
    - a. Confirmation of Appointment of Jim Andersen to Board of Adjustment
  12. Update on Administrator Search
  13. Update on Highway Facility
- \*\*Following the Update on the Highway Facility, the County Board will convene as the Committee of the Whole on matters noticed herein. The Committee of the Whole may receive information, deliberate and provide the County Board with recommendation concerning such noticed Subject matters. The Committee of the Whole may not take final action on such matter. Once the Committee of the Whole adjourns and the County board reconvenes to conduct legislative activity, the County Board may take action on such matters noticed herein and recommended by the Committee of the Whole, only upon two-thirds majority vote of members present to take up and act upon such matters.
14. Committee of the Whole
    - a. Presentation on 911 and Rural Grid Addressing System

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- b. Development of 2019 Proposed Budget
- 15. Reconvene in Legislative Session as County Board
- 16. Proposed Resolutions and Ordinances:
  - a. Resolution No. 75-18: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the proposed Master Plans for the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and the Cattail Trail (Polk County Segment) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
  - b. Ordinance No. 53-18: Acquisition and Sale of Tax Deeded Lands
  - c. Ordinance No. 79-18: Ordinance Repealing Designation and Service Contract for Humane Society and Revising Limits on Claims Made Against Dog License Fund
  - d. Resolution No. 77-18: Resolution Concerning Offer of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company to Transfer Clam Falls Dam
  - e. Resolution No. 80-18: Resolution Concerning the Reorganization and Consolidation of County Departments
  - f. Resolution No. 76-18: Resolution to Rescind Moratorium on the Administration of County Rural Road/Address Numbering System and to Call for the Vote on Proposed Ordinance No. 48-18: Polk County Uniform Rural Addressing and Road Numbering Ordinance
  - g. Ordinance No. 48-18: Polk County Uniform Rural Addressing and Road Numbering Ordinance
- 17. Consideration of Revisions to Proposed 2019 Budget
  - a. Resolution No. 78-18: Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget Proposal
- 18. Supervisors Announcements
- 19. Adjourn

***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 of the Special Session Meeting Friday, August 24, 2018

Chairman Dean Johansen called the August 24, 2018 meeting of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to order at 2:35 p.m.

Chairman Johansen recognized the County Clerk for purposes of receiving evidence of proper notice. The County Clerk stated that the notice of meeting was properly posted in the Government Center Building in two places and posted on the County website the week of August 15, 2018. In addition, the Office of the County Clerk distributed on August 15, 2018 copies of such notice of meeting and proposed resolutions to supervisors and media contacts via e-mail and mail in accordance with Article 3, Section 2 of the County Board Rules of Order.

The County Board received verbal opinion of Corporation Counsel Fuge that the initial advance written notice, posted and published as described by the Clerk satisfied the applicable provision of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and the applicable procedural provisions of the Polk County Board Rules of Order.

Chairman Johansen led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johansen recognized the County Clerk for purposes of taking roll call. Twelve County Board Supervisors were present representing a quorum. Absent and excused were Supervisors Jepsen, Prichard, and Larsen.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor consideration and approval of the Agenda as published. **Motion** (Bonneprise/Masters) to adopt the Agenda as published. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called for a motion to go into closed session as noticed on the agenda. **Motion** (Masters/Edgell) to go into closed session at 2:40 p.m. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to go into closed session. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk noted those present for closed session: Supervisors Chris Nelson, Brad Olson, Doug Route, Tracy LaBlanc, Brian Masters, Jim Edgell, Kim O'Connell, Jay Luke, Joe Demulling, Russ Arcand, John Bonneprise, and Chairman Dean Johansen. Also present were, Sharon Jorgenson, County

Clerk, Jeff Fuge, Interim Administrator/Corporation Counsel; Malia Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Andrea Jerrick, Employee Relations Director/Deputy Administrator; Kevin Brunner and David Bretl, Consultants for Public Administration Associates.

**\*CLOSED SESSION\* 2:40 p.m.** –(Minutes separate and under seal)

County Board reconvened in open session at 4:01 p.m.

Upon reconvening in open session, Chairman Johansen announced to the press that an employment offer for the County Administrator position will be extended to candidate Michael Cramer from Carolina Beach, North Carolina.

**Motion** (Bonneprise/Demulling) to adjourn. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen declared meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon E. Jorgenson  
Polk County Clerk



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### Minutes of the Special Session Meeting Thursday, August 30, 2018

Chairman Dean Johansen called the August 30, 2018 meeting of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to order at 11:13 a.m.

Chairman Johansen recognized Deputy County Clerk, Marilyn Blake, for purposes of receiving evidence of proper notice. The Deputy County Clerk stated that the notice of meeting was properly posted in the Government Center Building in two places and posted on the County website on August 28, 2018. In addition, the Office of the County Clerk distributed on August 28, 2018 copies of such notice of meeting and proposed resolutions to supervisors and media contacts via e-mail and mail in accordance with Article 3, Section 2 of the County Board Rules of Order.

The County Board received verbal opinion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Malone that the initial advance written notice, posted and published as described by the Deputy Clerk satisfied the applicable provision of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and the applicable procedural provisions of the Polk County Board Rules of Order.

Chairman Johansen led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johansen recognized the Deputy County Clerk, for purposes of taking roll call. 12 County Board Supervisors were present representing a quorum. Absent and excused were Supervisors Arcand, Larsen and Luke.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor consideration and approval of the Agenda as published. **Motion** (Bonneprise/Demulling) to adopt the Agenda as published. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Time was given for public comments. No public comments were offered.

Andrea Jerrick, Employee Relations Director/Deputy Administrator advised that the recruiting firm, Public Administration Associates and the office of outside legal counsel were not present but are available by phone as of 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Johansen called for a motion to go into closed session as noticed on the agenda. **Motion** (Jepsen/Demulling) to go into closed session at 11:16 a.m. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to go into closed session. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Deputy Clerk noted those present for closed session: **Supervisors Brad Olson, Chris Nelson, Doug Route, Tracy LaBlanc, Brian Masters, Jim Edgell, Kim O'Connell, Joe Demulling, Larry Jepsen, Michael Prichard, John Bonneprise, and Chairman Dean Johansen. Also present were, Marilyn Blake, Deputy County Clerk, Jeff Fuge, Interim Administrator/Corporation Counsel; Malia Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Andrea Jerrick, Employee Relations Director/Deputy Administrator; Maggie Wickre, Director of Finance; and Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner.**

**\*CLOSED SESSION\* 11:16 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – (Minutes separate and under seal)**

Chairman Johansen declared the County Board in open session at 12:30 a.m.

Upon returning to open session Chairman Johansen announced that the County Board of Supervisors rejected the counter offer made by Mr. Cramer and rescinded the initial offer of employment as well.

Chairman Johansen called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion** (Jepsen/Demulling) to adjourn. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen declared meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Blake  
Deputy County Clerk



## **Polk County Board of Supervisors**

Polk County Government Center - County Board Room  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin

### **Minutes of the Special Session Meeting Thursday, September 6, 2018**

Chairman Dean Johansen called the September 6, 2018 special session meeting of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to order at 1:02 p.m.

Chairman Johansen recognized the County Clerk for purposes of receiving evidence of proper notice. The County Clerk stated that the notice of meeting was properly posted in the Government Center Building, posted on the County website in accordance with Wisconsin Statute Section 985.02 on August 23, 2018. The agenda was published in the legal newspaper the week of August 27, 2018. In addition, the Office of the County Clerk distributed on August 23, 2018 copies of such notice of meeting and proposed resolutions to supervisors via e-mail and mail in accordance with Article 3, Section 2 of the County Board Rules of Order. The County Clerk stated that the Amended Agenda was posted in the Government Center in two places, posted on the County website, and copies of such notice of meeting distributed to the supervisors and media via email on September 4, 2018. The County Clerk stated that the Second Amended Agenda was posted in the Government Center in two places, posted on the County website, and copies of such notice of meeting distributed to the supervisors and media via email at 2:53 p.m. on September 5, 2018.

The County Board received verbal opinion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Malone that the initial advance written notice, posted and published as described by the Clerk satisfied the applicable provision of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and the applicable procedural provisions of the Polk County Board Rules of Order. The County Board received the verbal opinion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Malone that the amended agenda was properly and timely noticed, posted and published.

Chairman Johansen recognized the County Clerk for purposes of taking roll call. 12 County Board Supervisors were present representing a quorum. Absent and excused were Supervisors Masters, Olson, and Bonneprise. Supervisor Bonneprise joined the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Chairman Johansen led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johansen called for a Time of Reflection. No time of reflection was offered.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor consideration and approval of the Second Amended Agenda as published. **Motion** (Jepsen/Demulling) to adopt the Second Amended Agenda as published. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt the Second Amended Agenda. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor for approval of the Consent Agenda. **Motion** (O'Connell/Luke) to adopt the Consent Agenda as noticed. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt Consent Agenda. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote. Matters adopted under the Consent Agenda: Minutes from August 21, 2018 adopted as published.

Time was given for public comment. No public comment was received.

Chairman Johansen announced there was nothing to relate regarding the Chairman's report.

Chairman Johansen called upon Interim Administrator Fuge to provide Administrator's Report to the County Board. County Board received information regarding Administrator's schedule and upcoming meetings. Discussion was held regarding whether the September 18<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting is needed.

Chairman Johansen called for a motion to go into closed session as noticed on the agenda. **Motion** (Demulling/Route) to go into closed session at 1:11 p.m. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to go into closed session. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk noted those present for closed session: Supervisors Chris Nelson, Doug Route, Tracy LaBlanc, Michael Prichard, Jim Edgell, Kim O'Connell, Larry Jepsen, Jay Luke, Michael Larsen, Joe Demulling, Russ Arcand, and Chairman Dean Johansen. Also present were, Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk; Malia Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel; and Andrea Jerrick, Employee Relations Director/Deputy Administrator. Supervisor Bonneprise joined the closed session at 1:14 p.m.

**\*CLOSED SESSION\* 1:11 p.m.** –(Minutes separate and under seal)

County Board reconvened in open session at 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Johansen announced that in closed session the County Board voted to appoint Mr. Fuge as Interim Administrator without the dual role as Corporation Counsel.

Chairman Johansen called for a motion to reconvene in closed session. **Motion** (Demulling/Jepsen) to reconvene in closed session at 1:34 p.m. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to reconvene in closed session. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

**\*CLOSED SESSION\* 1:34 p.m.** –(Minutes separate and under seal)

County Board reconvened in open session at 1:47 p.m.

Chairman Johansen called upon Employee Relations Director/Deputy Administrator Jerrick to provide information regarding consideration of the professional services contract with the consulting firm of Public Administration Associates.

**Motion** (Route/Nelson) to sever all relations with Public Administration Associates consulting services. **Motion** (Prichard/O'Connell) to amend to further authorize staff to come to an amicable proposed agreement for dissolution/termination of contract and bring back to the County Board for approval.

Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to amend. **Motion** to amend carried by majority voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion as amended. **Motion** to sever all relations with Public Administration Associates as amended carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen called for a recess at 2:12 p.m. Chairman Johansen called the Board back into legislative session at 2:22 p.m.

Chairman Johansen called upon Employee Relations Director/Deputy Administrator Jerrick to provide information to the Board regarding the possibility of using Polk County Employee Relations Department for search and recruitment of the Administrator and Community Services Division Director instead of a recruitment firm.

**Motion** (Nelson/O'Connell) to use Polk County Employee Relations department to do the applicant search and recruitment for both positions – Administrator and Community Services Division Director and report back to County Board regarding progress in October. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

County Board received presentation of the proposed 2019 Operating and Capital Budget from Interim Administrator Fuge. County Board received copies of the Administrator's Recommendation of the Proposed 2019 Operating and Capital Budget.

**Motion** (Jepsen/Prichard) to acknowledge County Board receipt of the Administrator's Recommendation of the Proposed 2019 Operating and Capital Budget from Interim Administrator Fuge. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

County Board received information from Maggie Wickre, Finance Director regarding budget documents.

County Board received information from Employee Relations Director/Deputy Administrator Jerrick regarding workforce information.

Chairman Johansen and the Supervisors offered a round of applause for the well-rounded budget proposal presentation and the work of those who put the documentation together.

Chairman Johansen declared that agenda items referring to Committee of the Whole session would be disregarded as County Board did not go out of legislative session into Committee of the Whole session.

Chairman Johansen called to the floor Resolution No. 74-18: Resolution to Authorize Agreement with Polk County K-9 Association for Allocation of Donations in Support of Polk County Sheriff K-9 Unit due to premature passage of resolution at August 21, 2018 meeting. **Motion** (Demulling/Route) to adopt Resolution No. 74-18. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 74-18. **Motion** to adopt Resolution No. 74-18 carried by unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 74-18: Resolution to Authorize Agreement with Polk County K-9 Association for Allocation of Donations in Support of Polk County Sheriff K-9 Unit adopted.

Time was given for Supervisors Announcements. Board received reports from Supervisors. Chairman Johansen announced sympathy and thoughts go out to former County Clerk Carole Wondra on the unexpected passing of her husband, Todd Wondra.

**Motion** (Larsen/Arcand) to adjourn. Chairman Johansen called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Johansen declared meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon E. Jorgenson  
Polk County Clerk

1 RESOLUTION NO. 75-18

2 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Proposed Master Plans for the Stower Seven  
3 Lakes Trail and the Cattail Trail (Polk County Segment) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural  
4 Resources

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

7  
8 Ladies and Gentlemen:

9 WHEREAS, in coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter  
10 "WDNR"), Polk County manages and operates the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and the Polk  
11 County Segment of the Cattail Trail without valid trail plans; and

12 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 44.04 requires the WDNR to develop a  
13 Master Plan for the trails; and

14 WHEREAS, Polk County and the WDNR entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that, in  
15 part, requires Polk County to conduct a planning process that substantially conforms to the  
16 requirements of NR 44 as it relates to participation

17 WHEREAS, at the March 20, 2018 meeting, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted  
18 Resolution 28-18, authorizing a comprehensive trail plan development process for the Stower  
19 Seven Lakes State Trail and the Cattail Trail within the borders of Polk County; and

20 WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 28-18, the Environmental Services Committee  
21 (hereinafter "ESC") formed a Trail Planning Subcommittee (hereinafter "Subcommittee") to  
22 develop and provide advisory recommendations to the ESC in the course of the comprehensive  
23 trail planning process; and

24 WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 28-18, the Subcommittee followed the  
25 comprehensive planning process consistent with Chapter NR 44, Wis. Adm. Code and operated  
26 within the memorandum of understanding between Polk County and the Wisconsin Department  
27 of Natural Resources by identifying issues related to management and use; submitting  
28 suggestions to the county regarding future management and use of these properties; identifying  
29 and evaluating proposed property goals and objectives; evaluating management and use  
30 alternatives; developing an online survey for public input with the assistance of staff; holding  
31 one public hearing on the trail plans; and holding one open house on the recommendations of the  
32 trail plans; and

33 WHEREAS, the Subcommittee has completed its process and has made their recommendations  
34 to the ESC; and

35 WHEREAS, on September 5, 2018 the ESC received the recommendations developed by the  
36 Subcommittee; and

37 WHEREAS, the ESC considered the Subcommittee's recommendations and developed a  
38 proposed Master Plan for the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and a proposed Master Plan for the  
39 Cattail Trail (Polk County segment).

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors receives  
41 the proposed "Master Plan for the Stower Seven Lakes Trail" (attached hereto and incorporated  
42 as Exhibit 1) and the "Master Plan for the Cattail Trail (Polk County segment)" (attached hereto  
43 and incorporated as Exhibit 2).

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes and  
45 directs the Polk County Department of Parks, Forestry Buildings & Solid Waste to submit the  
46 incorporated and attached proposed Master Plans to the WDNR for final approval.

Offered on the 16<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018.

BY:

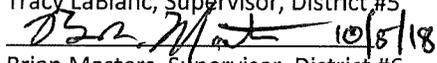
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Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

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Dean Johansen, Chair,  
Supervisor, District #3,

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Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

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Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

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Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

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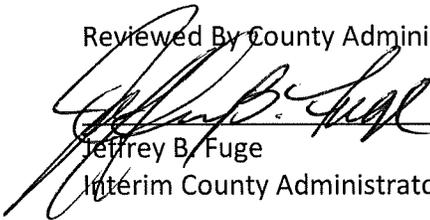
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Supervisor, District #14

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Joe DeMulling, Supervisor, District #15

*Fiscal Impact:* The proposed resolution presents an unknown fiscal impact due to uses recognized in the proposed trail plans that differ from present actual use. If the plans receive approval by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the County may incur expenses to develop and manage the respect trails for those additional uses.

*Legal Impact:* The resolution has minimal legal impact. The plans referenced and incorporated into the resolution are subject to the review and approval of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources before finalization.

Reviewed By County Administrator:

  
Jeffrey B. Fuge  
Interim County Administrator

Approved as to Form and Execution:

  
Malia T. Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Excerpt of Minutes

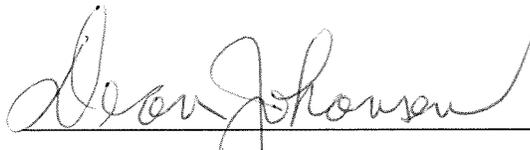
At its regular business meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018, the Polk County Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 75-18: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Proposed Master Plans for the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and the Cattail Trail (Polk County Segment) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, as follows:

- Adopted by majority voice vote
- Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of 11 <sup>ballot</sup> in favor and 4 against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below / Attached
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes: see attached.

SIGNED BY:

ATTEST:

  
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

  
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors directs the Parks and Buildings Department to seek an exception, if required, under 23 U.S.C.9 (h), to mitigate against the possibility of the repayment of ARRA grant funds received in 2009-2010 for the maintenance of the rail bed trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors would revisit the authorized use of the Stower Seven Lakes Trail once the amount, if any, is known regarding the requested exception referenced above and any required repayment of ARRA grant funds associated with the original 2009-2010 project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors directs the Polk County Environmental Services Committee in conjunction with the Public Safety and Highway Committee to annually review any complaints regarding the use of the Trails referenced in this Resolution and make recommendations to the County Board on how to address the complaints.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Polk County Board of Supervisors direct the Polk County Department of Administration to develop a budget for the maintenance of the Trails, taking into account the change in uses.”

**CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 75-18: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Proposed Master Plans for the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and the Cattail Trail (Polk County Segment) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on October 16, 2018

  
*Sharon E. Jorgenson*

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date

*10/16/18*

**STOWER SEVEN LAKES  
STATE RECREATION TRAIL**

**POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**MASTER PLAN  
June, 2018**

**Polk County Environmental Services Committee**

**Kim O'Connell-Chairman  
Brad Olson -Vice Chairman  
Jim Edgell  
Doug Route  
Tracy LaBlanc**

**Department of Natural Resources**

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## **Introduction and Executive Summary**

This draft Stower Seven Lakes Trail Master Plan is a modification of the 2004 Master Plan in order to reflect current uses allowed and prohibited on the trail. Aspects of this draft are currently incomplete and will be developed by the Subcommittee, as part of the trail planning process chosen by the Environmental Services Committee of the Polk County Board of Supervisors. Throughout the process, updates to this plan will be made as decisions are approved by the Subcommittee. See the Public Participation section of this plan for more details on the process.

This Master Plan represents the strategy of Polk County as well as various trail advocates and user groups, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for the development, operation, and maintenance of a 13.48 mile railroad corridor presently known as the Stower Seven Lakes Trail. The trail is located on a former Minneapolis St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad right-of-way which begins two miles east of Dresser and extends into the City of Amery, Wisconsin. Within the City of Amery, the corridor width ranges from 60 feet wide to 180 feet wide, whereas in the rural branch of the corridor, the trail width right-of-way is consistently 100 feet wide. The trail consists of approximately 174 acres and generally runs in a west to east direction. Map 1 shows the regional location of the trail. Map 2 shows the location of the trail in Polk County.

The trail right-of-way was acquired from Wisconsin Central Limited in 2003 by the WDNR under the Stewardship Program. Subsequently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the County of Polk (Appendix A). Under the terms of the MOU, the WDNR will grant a trail easement to Polk County as well as designate the trail as a "State Trail" under section NR 51.73, Wis. Adm. Code. The WDNR will also complete an environmental review of the property pursuant to s. 1.11, Stats., and Chapter NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. In addition, the WDNR will work with Polk County to identify funding sources for the development and repair of the trail. Under this same MOU, Polk County will be responsible for the development, operation, repair, and maintenance of the trail.

The trail will be developed in phases depending on trail usage and funding availability.

## **II. Goals and Objectives\***

A. Goals:

- Provide and preserve a recreational trail at least 13 miles in length stretching from Dresser to Amery. The all-season trail will have a dual surface to provide two-way traffic for bicycling, hiking, horseback riding and winter snowmobile use.

B. Objectives:

- To complement present economic benefits of trails existing in Polk County and provide opportunities for economic development not reflected in current trail usage.
- To provide recreational opportunities that complement present trail opportunities in Polk County and provide recreational opportunities that presently are underrepresented in the Polk County Trail system.
- To enhance opportunities for tourism in Polk County.
- To respect the wishes and investments of landowners and communities through which the trail passes.
- To provide for recreational opportunities that promotes the health and safety of the community.
- To preserve the rural character and environmental integrity of the trail.
- To anticipate the urbanization of the area through which the trail passes and provide for possible future use of the trail as an alternative transportation system between communities.
- To provide opportunities for the greatest number of projected uses of the trail consistent with the previous objectives.

On July 31, 2018 a public hearing was held in Polk County to assess the interested public's desired uses of the trail. The information gained from these public hearings, in combination with information and input from other sources, formed the basis for the proposed recreational trail use.

### III. Proposed Management and Land Development

#### A. Land Acquisition and Ownership

- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) acquired the rail grade right-of-way from the Wisconsin Central Limited by means of Stewardship funds. The WDNR has paid all costs to acquire the property and will maintain ownership of the entire right-of-way. Under the terms of the MOA, the WDNR will convey a non-exclusive easement to Polk County and other valuable consideration. The WDNR will not issue other easements that will adversely affect the use of the property for the intended trail purposes.
- Additional property may be acquired to support trail functions and unique ecosystems.

#### B. Uses of the Trail Corridor

##### 1. Encouraged Primary Uses

- Bicycling
- Walking, Hiking, Jogging
- Dog sledding
- Nature and scenery viewing
- Snowmobiling: Snow covered periods. When permitted by the Polk County Parks department. Only groomed areas maybe traveled
- ATV/UTV with stringent speed limit restrictions of 15 mph near village boundaries, housing, parks, trail heads shelters, public gathering places and business establishments to account for noise and safety on primary rail bed portion of the trail corridor.

##### 2. Encouraged Secondary Uses

- Cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Horseback riding

##### 3. Allowed Uses

- Only Administrative and maintenance vehicles
- Pets: With restrictions including leashes, feces disposal and closed areas.
- Small electric carts used by disabled individuals during snow-free periods
- Vehicles on designated roadways and parking areas may operate within the trail corridor.

- Public Road Crossings: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.
- Private Residential Crossings: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.
- Private Farm and Recreation Crossings: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.
- Other crossings: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.
- Utilities: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.

4. Prohibited Uses

- ~~Motorized Vehicles including but not limited to:~~
- ~~ATV's/UTV's every season~~
- Off-highway motorcycles.
- Hunting and trapping.
- Camping: Within the trail corridor except in designated campsites.
- Private occupancy.
- Conducting Business, Promotions or Advertising: Within the trail corridor without the express consent of the Polk County Environmental Services Committee and the WDNR.

C. Development Program

1. Initial Development

The MOU specifies that the development of the trail is the responsibility of Polk County. The WDNR will grant an easement to Polk County for the development, maintenance and operation of the trail. It is understood that the WDNR will assist Polk County financially with trail development through available grant/aid programs.

Under the terms of the MOU, the trail will be managed by Polk County Buildings, Solid Waste and Parks Department. The planned development was phased to allow for orderly and financially affordable development.

2. Development Standards

In accordance with the MOU, the trail was developed in compliance with the WDNR Design Standards Handbook, WDNR "Snowmobile Trail Signing Handbook" (Publ-AA-023), and AASHTO "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities" will also be followed. All structures placed in the WDNR Right-Of-Way will need prior WDNR approval.

Associated facilities, if any, will be designed and constructed in compliance with state and local building codes and the American's With Disabilities Act.

Provide for the development, with appropriate stake-holders, of a plan to create a parallel silent-sport-only trail within the corridor separate from the original rail bed trail.

#### D. Operation & Maintenance Program

Polk County will have the primary responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the trail in Polk County. The Buildings, Solid Waste and Park Department under the direction of the Environmental Services Committee will act as the primary agent of the County. The Friends of the Stower Seven Lakes Trail group has been established and will assist in planning and accomplishing the operation and maintenance of the trail along with the Polk County Snowmobile Council for winter snowmobile use.

The daily operation of the trail will be directed by Chapters NR 45 (State Parks and State Forests) and NR 50 (Administration of Outdoor Recreation Program Grants and State Aids). These codes will be supplemented by Polk County ordinances and park directives. Daily operation is directed and performed by the Polk County Buildings, Solid Waste and Park Department and its contractors and cooperators. Daily routine enforcement is the responsibility of Polk County.

User fees will not exceed those established in s. 27.01, Stats., and will be subject to written approval by the WDNR. The standard state trail bicycle fees will be charged and State bicycle trail passes will be honored.

User information will include maps, brochures and signing that will provide facility, service, safety and emergency information, rules, regulations and advice on a seasonal basis.

Trail maintenance is directed and performed by the Polk County Buildings, Solid Waste and Park Department and its contractors and cooperators. Primary cooperators are the Friends of the Stower Seven Lakes Trail Group who oversee trail maintenance.

#### E. Interpretation

In Polk County the trail offers many opportunities to make trail users more aware of the landscape they are traveling through. Opportunities exist to provide interpretive information on the geology, the numerous ecosystems, the native wildlife, and the cultural history of the area. Interpretation is a long-term objective that can be accomplished jointly by Polk County and local interest groups.

## F. Wildlife Management

The trail passes through many ecosystems and will provide many opportunities to observe wildlife. Due to the limited land base, many wildlife management opportunities are precluded. Polk County will cooperate with the WDNR and other groups interested in wildlife management in making the trail corridor available to wildlife management within the overall objectives of the master plan.

## G. Timber and Vegetative Management

The vegetation adjacent to the trail is representative of the great natural diversity that occurs in Northwestern Wisconsin. Most species are native or are considered to be naturalized thus requiring little vegetative management. Some management will be practiced to promote aesthetics, eradicate invasive species, enhance wildlife, protect prairie and oak savannas, and protect trail users and facilities.

## H. Management Problems

A number of management problems have been identified that will need to be dealt with as they occur. More may be updated through the trail planning process.

- Control of non-allowed uses will be achieved through a combination of public information, using Park and Sheriff's Department personnel, and peer pressure as use of the trail increases.
- Vandalism to signs, bridges and the trail surface will be addressed through regular inspections, rapid repair, enforcement, and peer pressure as the use of the trail increases.
- Trail crossings will require much attention. All existing crossing agreements will require review and modification to reflect the present and future uses. Requests for new crossings will be handled on an individual basis in accord with the WDNR "Department Design Standards Handbook". Routine inspection will insure compliance to crossing agreements and will ensure control of unauthorized crossings.
- Trespass, both to and from the trail corridor may require the use of various control options including planting, fencing, signing, surveying and law enforcement.
- Invasive species management

## I. Recreation Needs and Justification

Following is Wisconsin's 2011-2016 Statewide Compliance Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) identifying participants by participation rate (Age

16+), 5 year view of various outdoor recreation activities. The following counties are part of the Great Northwest Region: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn. From the input received during this process, the following chart shows the identified recreation needs:

Activity	2005–2009 Participation	
	Percent Participating	Number of Participants (1,000s)
Walk for pleasure	87.7	3,947
View/photograph natural scenery	65.3	2,939
Attend outdoor sports events	65.0	2,926
Family gathering	63.5	2,858
Visit nature centers, etc.	63.5	2,858
View/photograph other wildlife	57.9	2,606
Driving for pleasure	52.8	2,377
View/photograph wildflowers, trees, etc.	52.4	2,359
Sightseeing	50.6	2,278
Bicycling	48.7	2,192
Picnicking	47.0	2,115
Visit historic sites	46.7	2,102
Snow/ice activities (any type)	45.9	2,066
Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.	42.8	1,926

Activity	2005–2009 Participation	
	Percent Participating	Number of Participants (1,000s)
Off-highway vehicle driving	19.8	891
Trail running	18.6	773
Snowmobiling	18.3	824
Cross country skiing	8.8	396
Horseback riding on trails	6.6	297
Snowshoeing	6.1	275
Inline skating	2.5	113
Day hiking	36.7	1,652
Running or jogging	32.1	1,445
Mountain biking	30.7	1,382
Sledding	28.2	1,269

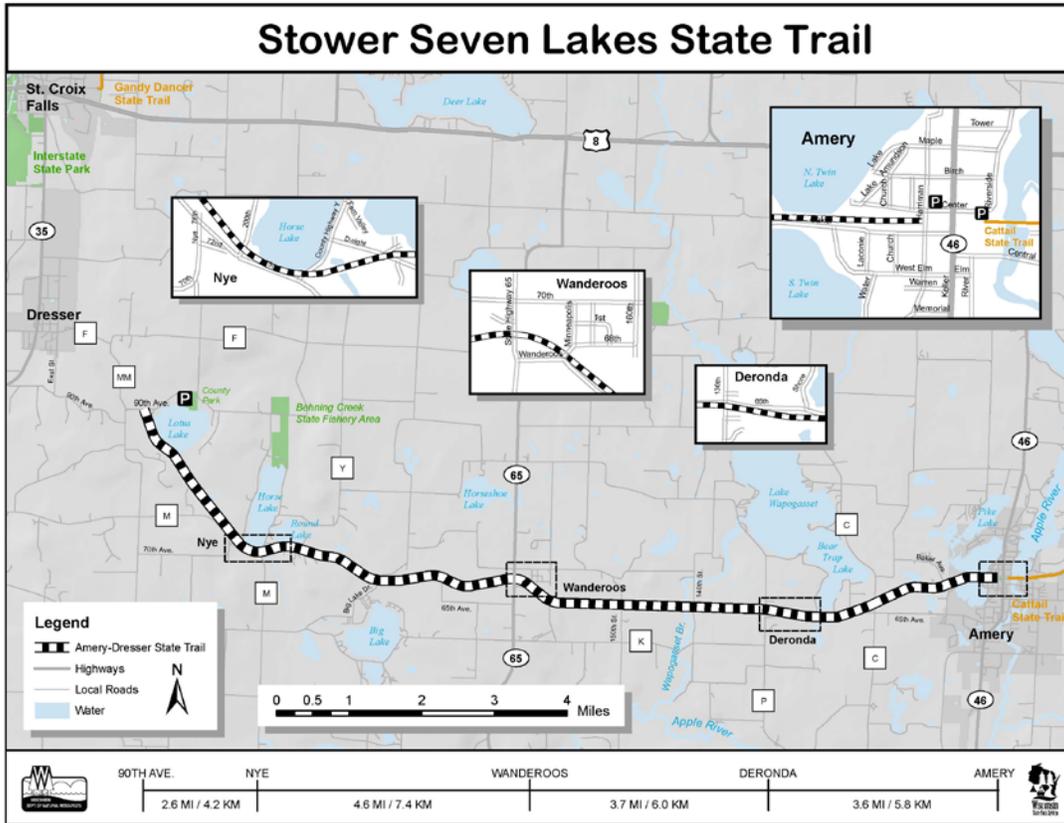
## J. Analysis of Services

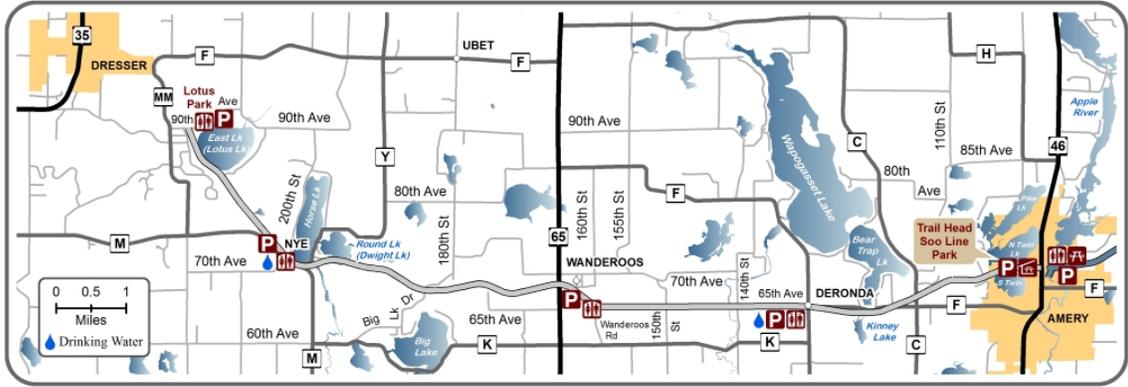
The potential need and demand for trail support services and facilities such as equipment rental and service, bicycle pass outlets, food, beverages, lodging, accessories, memorabilia, etc. will occur to some degree in the future. As it is quite difficult to accurately predict either the future use of the trail or the corresponding ability of the public sector to respond to it, the recommended alternative is (b) public/private cooperation. The public sector will encourage the private sector to provide for trail user needs. When necessary, the public sector will cooperate in the provisions of support facilities and services. The issue of public participation in the provision of the trail support facilities and services should be closely reviewed at least every five years and the trail Master Plan revised accordingly.

APPENDIX

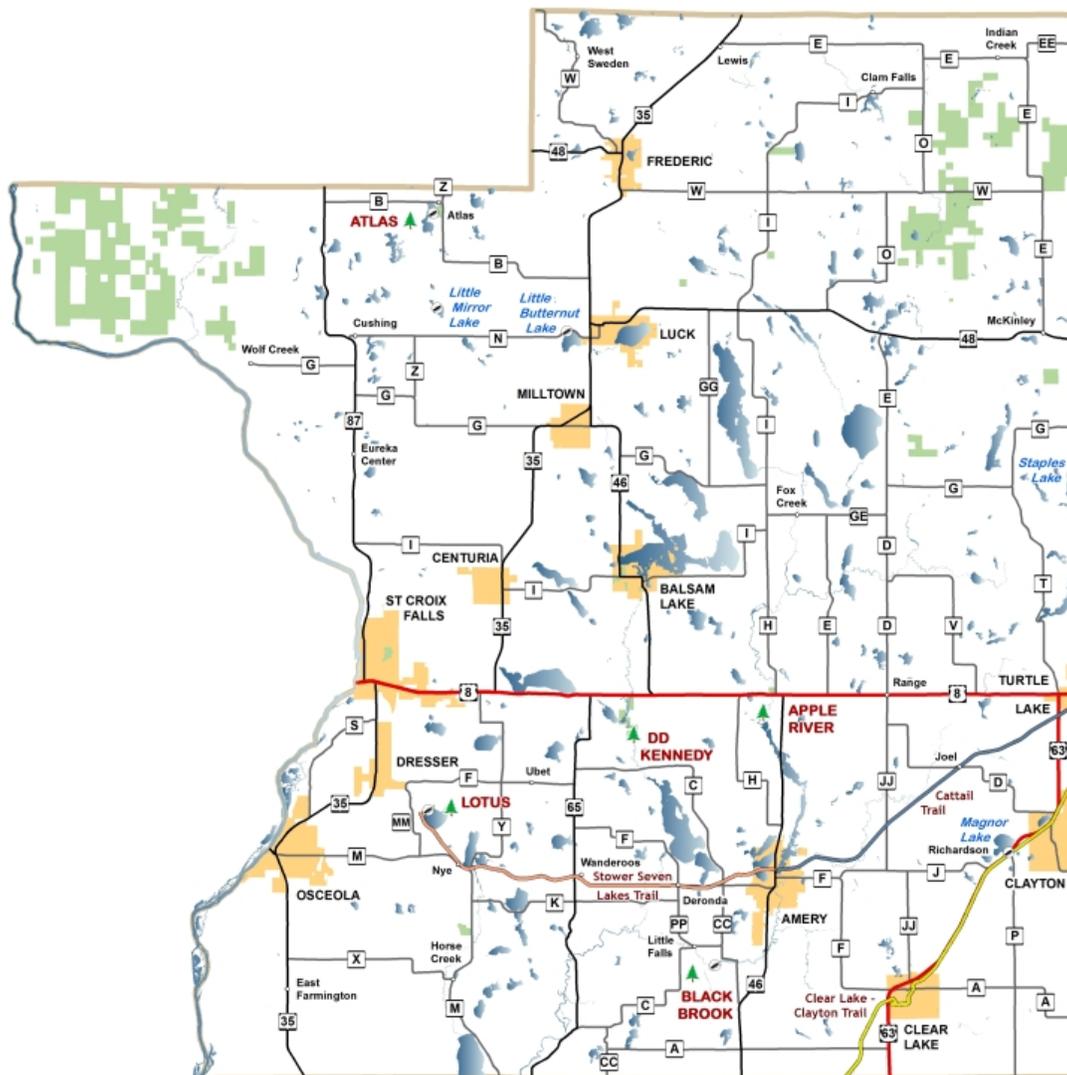
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Map 1





Map 2



APPENDIX A: MOU

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN POLK COUNTY AND  
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**I. Introduction**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to set forth the agreements and understandings which have been reached between Polk County (County) and the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) regarding the development and operation of approximately 13.48 miles of former rail corridor located in Polk County formerly known as the Amery to Dresser State Trail and now known as the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail (Trail). The property on which the Trail is located (Property) is presently owned by the Department.

The Department is interested in preserving former rail corridors for trail purposes and in creating trails for public use. The County has developed the Trail through earlier agreements with the Department, and is interested in continuing to maintain and operate the Trail as a public recreational trail. The County and the Department agree to work together to achieve their mutual goals as set forth below, and they agree that this MOU and the trail easement it references shall replace and supersede all earlier agreements between the Department and the County that pertain to the Trail.

**II. Description of the Property**

The property subject to this MOU is described generally as the grade from Amery to a point just southeast of Dresser, Wisconsin (Property). An exact legal description of the property is attached to this document as Exhibit A and a map of the Property attached hereto as Exhibit B. The trail easement referred to in this MOU, when executed, shall include and incorporate this MOU and all of its exhibits.

**III. Consideration**

The Department has acquired the grade from Amery to Dresser from the corridor owner. The Department will execute a trail easement with the County for the purposes contained in this document. The County will develop, operate, repair, and maintain the Trail.

**IV. Obligations of the Department**

1. The Department will convey by easement to the County the right to develop and to continue to operate, repair, and maintain the Trail as a component of the State Trail System. The County accepts the property "as is" on the date of conveyance.
2. The Department represents that it has made reasonable inquiry and has no reason to believe that hazardous waste, noxious waste, or any other condition of the land subject to this MOU exists that would inhibit the ability of the County to possess and improve the property as contemplated by this MOU. If, however, such prohibitive conditions are discovered, either the Department shall take all steps reasonably

necessary to remove such conditions or the intent of this MOU being frustrated, the MOU shall terminate.

3. The Department will work with the County to identify funding sources for the development and repair of the Trail.
4. The Department will continue to designate the Trail as a "State Trail" under section NR 51.73, Wis. Adm. Code. The Trail will be included in any appropriate list of State Trails.
5. The Department will continue to make its Adopt-A-Trail program available to the County. The Department has an application process for groups interested in adopting a section of State Trail. This program is similar to the Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program.
6. The Department and the Natural Resources Board, with input from the County, will determine the allowable hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities on the Property pursuant to section 29.089, Wis. Stats.

**V. Obligations of the County**

1. The County, with the assistance of the Department, will coordinate and prepare a plan for the Trail that describes trail management and development within two years of the conveyance of the easement. Specific recreational uses will be determined through the planning process. Per section NR 44.04 (13), Wis. Adm. Code, this plan is not required to comply with Chapter NR 44, Wis. Adm. Code; however, the plan shall be consistent with Chapter NR 44, Wis. Adm. Code to the extent practicable. The County shall review its Trail plan every 15 years to determine if the plan should be amended, revised or extended for another 15-year period. The County shall take measures to reasonably notify interested persons of said review, and then shall use an appropriate public involvement process to determine or examine issues related to management and use of the property and the need for plan revision. The plan shall contain a provision providing that it remains in effect until the County takes action to modify it.
2. The plan must include, at a minimum:
  - a. A public notification and participation process allowing for public comments on the draft plan.
  - b. A list of allowed trail uses, including where and when they are allowed (e.g. winter bicycling is allowed from Hwy Y to the Main Street trailhead, only when snow cover is 6" or greater). Year-round bicycling is encouraged and may be allowed in conjunction with snowmobile use (if allowed) Walking must be allowed on the Property at all times (section NR 1.61, Wis. Adm. Code).
  - c. A list of hunting, fishing, and trapping activities and areas as determined by the Department and Natural Resources Board pursuant to section 29.089, Wis. Stats. (shown on a map).

- d. A list of existing and anticipated support facilities (e.g. restrooms, parking lots).
  - e. A map showing locations of existing and anticipated support facilities and use zones.
  - f. Projected development costs.
  - g. Plans to address any identified environmentally sensitive or culturally or historically significant areas.
  - h. A set of management alternatives for the Trail, with a preferred alternative (the alternative that will be used) identified.
  - i. An estimated number of users per year.
  - j. The name and address of the office that will be managing the Trail.
  - k. An emergency action plan to include protocols and procedures for responding to reports of potentially hazardous conditions on the Trail.
  - l. The identification of desired vegetation types along the Trail.
3. The County will participate in or conduct public meetings, which are necessary for the establishment and development, management, and improvements of the Trail project, including for any major changes to the trail plan, such as eliminating or adding allowed trail uses or authorizing special events not addressed by the trail plan. The County should make its best efforts to comply with the intent of Chapter NR 44, Wis. Adm. Code, as it relates to public participation.
  4. The County shall provide a copy of the completed plan, with all of its exhibits, to the Department.
  5. The County shall develop, maintain, repair, and operate the Trail located within the County for recreational purposes, as funding becomes available.
  6. The County agrees that the development, construction, maintenance, and repair of the Trail will meet or exceed Department trail standards and any applicable standards mandated by state or federal law. The County further agrees that in operating the Trail, the County will comply with all applicable state and federal laws.
  7. The County shall comply with statutory inspection requirements in accordance with section 23.115(2), Wis. Stats., further described in Department Manual Code 2527.20, and shall provide the Department with copies of all inspection reports.
  8. Vegetative management.
    - a. Trees.
      1. Forest cover. Trees on the Property remain the property of the Department. Any proposed commercial timber sale must be reviewed by the Department. Although cooperative state trails are specifically excluded from forest certification, sustainable forestry practices are encouraged to maintain desired forest cover types. Depending on the desired cover type, different commercial or non-commercial practices may be used. When active management is proposed, the County shall

coordinate review of the proposed management activity with appropriate Department staff.

2. Hazard tree management. Hazard trees should be identified during the biannual property inspections (further described in Section V. 8. herein). If the volume of hazard trees is too large for County staff to handle, it agrees to consider contracting a commercial sale or other approach. Such work shall be coordinated with the Department.
- b. Non-tree vegetation including saplings, shrubs, and herbaceous vegetation.
1. Management for routine trail maintenance. A minimum maintained (clear) shoulder of at least 2 feet on either side of the trail tread (the traveled portion of the trail) is recommended. Acceptable maintenance techniques can include mowing, brushing, chainsaw work, and or pesticide application.
  2. Habitat conversion or establishment. If there is an opportunity to develop or enhance native habitat types, as established in the trail plan, the County will consult with the Department in the development of habitat projects. Such projects may include developing a prairie on a larger block of land within the trail right-of-way or along the trail corridor. Projects will be considered for approval by the Department if they are not adverse to existing laws or Department policy, and if they do not negatively impact an existing use.
- c. Pesticide application. Any pesticide application should be in accordance with Department Manual Code 4230.1 concerning DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection) certification and Department policy. The Department shall be notified of any proposed pesticide application in early fall of the year preceding the proposed application, to ensure that the required process can be followed for pesticide use on Department lands (Department Manual Code 4230.1).
9. The County shall secure and comply with all federal, state and local permits and licenses required for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, and/or reinstallation of the Trail including, without limitation, zoning, building, health, environmental permits or licenses. The County shall indemnify the Department against payment of the costs therefor and against any fines or penalties that may be levied for the County's failure to procure or to comply with such permits or licenses, and the County shall pay any remedial costs to cure violations of federal, state or local laws. The Department agrees to cooperate with the County in securing any such permits or licenses by providing information and data upon request.
  10. The County agrees that any signage or display material relating to the Trail shall clearly identify the property is a State Trail owned by the Department and under the management and control of the County. No commercial advertising shall be allowed on the Property, unless the signage and its placement are in accordance with Department policy. The County may allow signs providing directional information about Trail-related services. No specific business names, commercial logos or fonts,

trademarks, or other advertising shall appear in signage within the Trail corridor. The Department reserves the right to remove non-compliant signage located on the Property. In the event that the Department's signage policy is modified, the above section on signage shall automatically reflect the modification.

11. The County, in connection with this MOU, shall open Trail-related facilities to the general public subject to reasonable rules and regulations, fees, and charges, as outlined below, for the management and operation of the Trail.

- A. Rules and regulations.

Pursuant to section NR 45.02, Wis. Adm. Code, the Department retains management, supervision, and control over the Property for the purpose of enforcing Chapter NR 45, Wis. Adm. Code, when needed to protect the public or the Property. Daily routine enforcement remains the responsibility of the County. The County and other local units of government may adopt Chapter NR 45, Wis. Adm. Code provisions by ordinance.

- B. Admission Fees.

The County must use the Department's trail pass fee program if it charges a fee for use of the Trail. If admission fees are charged, the State Trail Pass (both annual and daily), the conservation patron license, and senior citizen recreation card issued by the Department shall be honored without additional admission charges. The County shall agree to waive all admission fees on State Parks Open House Day, whose date is determined by the Department, and on National Trails Day. National Trails Day is the first Saturday in June.

If the County uses the Department's trail pass fee program, the County may retain a commission that must be used for Trail operations and maintenance as provided for in section 27.01 (8m), Wis. Stats. A separate Trail Pass Sales Agreement between the County and the Department will be executed, detailing the sales and remittance procedures. The County may use sub-vendors to sell the passes.

If section 27.01(8) or (8m), Wis. Stats., is modified, this section on admission fees shall automatically reflect the modification.

12. In the exercise of its rights herein, including but not limited to the operation of the Property as a Trail, the County shall not discriminate against any member of the public on the basis of age, race, creed, color, handicap, sex, marital status, arrest or conviction records, ancestry, sexual orientation, or membership in the National Guard, state defense force or any other reserve successors or designees.

13. The County may enter into an agreement with a Friends Group which meets the criteria in section NR 1.71, Wis. Adm. Code, and Department policy. In recognition of the status of this Trail as a State Trail, the County agrees that the Department shall also be a co-signer of any Friends agreement.

14. The County may enroll volunteers in the Department's Adopt-A-Trail program, in accordance with Department policies and procedures.
15. The County will indemnify and hold harmless the Department and its employees against all claims, damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from the performance of this MOU by the County, its agents, contractors, servants, licensees, permittees, or employees. In case any action or proceeding is brought against the Department or its employees by reason of any such claim, the County, upon notice from the Department, will defend such action or proceeding.
16. Any contract between the County and a third party to perform duties authorized by this MOU must bind the third party to the County's obligations under this MOU.

**VI. General**

1. This MOU is subject to all applicable laws and regulations.
2. This MOU may be revised or amended by mutual written agreement of the Department and the County.
3. The Department must approve, and has sole discretion over, all land transactions, crossings, and easements for the Property, but the County will be the first point of contact for inquiries from the public and/or private entities on these matters. Guidelines relating to easements for driveway and road crossings will be provided to the County. If a request conforms to the guidelines, it will be referred to the Department. If a request does not conform to Department guidelines, the County will deny the request. The Department retains the right to issue other non-conflicting easements, leases, or permits, but shall make every effort to refrain from entering into agreements that would physically alter the Trail or limit its use. The Department shall retain all proceeds from these transactions.
4. An annual meeting between the County and Department will take place to review development and acquisition progress, operational problems and maintenance standards needing attention and to exchange ideas and information for the good of the Trail project.
5. This MOU shall not be construed as creating a public debt on the part of the Department in contravention of Article VIII, Wisconsin Constitution and all payments or obligations hereunder are subject to the availability of future appropriations.
6. The County assumes complete responsibility for the development, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Trail. The Department has no obligation to develop, operate, maintain, or repair the Trail at any time.



STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By *Ed Elde*  
*sp* Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary

2-28-18  
Date

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## APPENDIX B: IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### **Executive Summary**

Polk County, P.O. Box 623, Balsam Lake, WI 54810-0623, retained Ayres Associates to conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the abandoned Central Ltd. railroad corridor beginning 3 miles south of Dresser and extending to Amery, in Polk County, Wisconsin. Polk County intends to use the corridor for a recreational trail.

We prepared this Phase I ESA generally following procedures established by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The ASTM publication that documents the ESA procedures is entitled *E1527-00 Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process*. The scope of services is in Appendix A.

### **Summary of Findings**

Findings of this Phase I ESA are based on a site reconnaissance visit to view the subject property and adjoining properties, review of regulatory records and historical documents, and conducting interviews. The corridor was divided into seven separate sections for discussion purposes in the main report. Refer to Table 1 in the main report for a summary of findings for each of the seven sections along the railroad corridor. General findings are as follows:

- The subject property includes approximately 173.685 acres in portions of Sections 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, Township 33 North, Range 16 West; Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, Township 33 North, Range 17 West; and Sections 21, 25, 26, 27, 26, Township 33 North, Range 18 West, Polk County, Wisconsin.
- The subject property is currently owned by the Wisconsin Central Ltd. Railroad and is an abandoned railroad corridor constructed prior to the early 1900s. The railroad tracks have been removed from the subject property within the last 5 years. Right-of-way widths throughout the corridor are predominantly 100 feet with some variance in width from 40 feet to 200 feet in urban areas. The corridor runs generally in a west to east direction.
- Land use along the railroad corridor is primarily rural; however, the corridor runs through the unincorporated communities of Nye, Wanderoos, and Deronda, and the City of Amery.
- The railroad grade consists of an elevated railbed with a gravel surface. Rural sections of the corridor are covered with vegetation that is encroaching along both sides of the railbed.
- Topography is generally flat to gently sloping and varies approximately 90 feet in elevation from west to east. Surface water features include Lotus Lake, Round Lake, Horse Lake, Bear Trap Lake, Kinney Lake, Mud Lake, North and South Twin Lakes, Sucker Branch Creek, and the Apple River. The depth to ground water varies from near surface to about 10 feet below ground surface on the subject property.
- Lowlands, recreational lakes, farmland and farmsteads, woodlands, fallow grasses, and residences border rural areas of the subject property. The urban areas in Nye, Wanderoos, Deronda, and Amery include residential and commercial development.
- No building structures, aboveground storage tanks (ASTs), underground storage tanks (USTs), hazardous waste, soil staining, or stressed vegetation were observed on the subject property.

- Occasional piles of solid waste (refrigerators, freezers, and other materials) are scattered along the borders of the subject property. This waste appears to have been disposed by local residents and not by railroad use.
- This assessment did not reveal any sources of contamination originating on the subject property. Environmental records searches did reveal nine recognized environmental concerns (RECs) associated with properties that adjoin or are near the subject property. All of these properties pose a potential contamination threat to the subject property through migration from these off-site sources. Refer to Table 1 for a listing of these properties.

## Conclusions

We performed this Phase I ESA of 13.48 miles of railroad corridor beginning 3 miles south of Dresser extending to Amery, in Polk County, Wisconsin, in general conformance with the scope and limitations of ASTM Practice E 1527-00. Any exceptions to, or deletions from, this practice are described in the "Limitations and Exceptions of Assessment" section of this report. This Phase I ESA revealed evidence of 10 recognized environmental conditions (RECs) that have the potential to affect the subject property. The following is a list of the RECs:

Nye Store LUST site	Section 1	(See Figure 7 for location)
Wanderoos Gift & Grocery LUST site	Section 4	(See Figure 7 for location)
Anderson Property ERP site	Section 7	(See Figure 7 for location)
Gorres Oil Co. Bulk Plant ERP site	Section 7	(See Figure 7 for location)
Equity Cooperative DATCP site	Section 7	(See Figure 7 for location)
Superlocker LUST site	Section 7	(See Figure 7 for location)
Amoco bulk plant site	Section 7	(See Figure 7 for location)
Railroad section house site	Section 7	(See Figure 7 for location)
City of Amery LUST site (Center Street)	Section 7	(See Figure 7 for location)

These sites are within close proximity to the subject property and are still under investigation, remediation, or environmental monitoring. They pose a potential threat to soil and ground water quality on the subject property. They should not impede the use of the property as a recreational trail; however, there is a risk that excavation or installation of a potable water supply near these sites could encounter contamination.

The discarded solid waste along the subject property is a business environmental risk that should be taken into account when purchasing this property. Other than the solid waste, no environmental concerns originating from the subject property were discovered in this assessment.

## Introduction

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A book of figures (Exhibit A) supplied by Polk County is in Appendix A. The figures define the area of sale. The corridor is referred to as the subject property in this Phase I ESA report. To facilitate discussion, the corridor was divided into seven sections. The sections are as follows:

Section 1	90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (start) to CTH Y (Nye)
Section 2	CTH Y (Nye) to Big Lake Drive
Section 3	Big Lake Drive to HWY 65 (Wanderoos)
Section 4	Hwy 65 (Wanderoos) to CTH P (Deronda)
Section 5	CTH P (Deronda) to CTH C
Section 6	CTH C to 105 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Section 7	105 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to Apple River (finish)

Table 1 summarizes the location, length, and report figures that pertain to each section.

This Phase I ESA has generally been prepared following procedures established by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The ASTM publication that documents the ESA procedures is entitled *E1527-00 Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process*. The scope of services is in Appendix B.

## Purpose

The purpose of this Phase I ESA is to investigate the property with respect to the potential for petroleum contamination and the range of contaminants within the scope of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). This Phase I ESA identifies recognized environmental conditions (REC). The term "recognized environmental conditions" means the presence, or likely presence, of hazardous substances or petroleum products under conditions that indicate an existing release, a past release, or a material threat of a release into the ground, ground water, or surface water of the subject property. This Phase I ESA also identifies historical recognized environmental conditions (HRECs). The term "historical recognized environmental condition" means an environmental condition that in the past would have been considered a REC; however, due to remediation or case closure, the condition is not currently considered to be a REC.

## Limitations and Exceptions of Assessment

This ESA does not include a certified asbestos survey, asbestos sampling, analyzing drinking water or painted surfaces for lead content, a naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) survey, or any other environmental sampling or testing (e.g., soil, water, air, building materials).

Weather conditions were overcast and warm on the day of the site reconnaissance visit and did not limit observations on the subject property. The entire property was viewed by driving a 4-wheel drive ATV along the corridor.

## **Site Description**

### **Site Location and Property Description**

The subject property covers portions of Sections 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, Township 33 North, Range 16 West; Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, Township 33 North, Range 17 West; Sections 21, 25, 26, 27, 26, Township 33 North, Range 18 West, in Polk County, Wisconsin. The general property location is shown on U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle maps in Figures 1, 2, and 3.

The subject property is approximately 13.48 miles long and encompasses approximately 173.685 acres. The tracks have been removed from subject property. No buildings are currently associated with the subject property. The approximate property boundaries are shown in Figures 4 through 20.

The property right-of-way width is generally 100 feet throughout the corridor. In urban areas including Nye, Wanderoos, Deronda, and Amery, the right-of-way varies from 40 feet to 200 feet in width.

### **Site and Vicinity Characteristics**

The entire property consists of an elevated gravel railroad grade with vegetation protruding along the length of the corridor. Vegetation included grasses, weeds, and trees.

The subject property traverses rural and urban areas in a generally west to east direction. Rural areas include occasional residences, farmsteads and farm fields, lowlands, lakes, streams, and woodlands. In urban areas, numerous residences and businesses border the property. Urban areas include Nye, Wanderoos, Deronda, and Amery. Businesses include a gas station in Nye, a bread store and storage shed in Wanderoos, Anderson Construction and Supply east of Deronda, a refurbished train depot (Bear Trap School No. 6) east of CTH C, Ferrell Gas east of 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and an elementary school, chiropractor, Lamperts Lumber and a closed meat packing plant and deli in Amery.

### **Current and Past Uses of Subject Property**

The tracks have been removed from the railroad grade and local residents are currently using the property as a recreational trail. Portions of the property have been washed out or are partially overgrown by vegetation. In the past, the property was used as an active railroad track to haul freight. Before the property was a railroad, it was either undeveloped or used as farmland. The subject property does not currently have any building structures or improvements other than culverts, bridges, and utility crossings.

### **Current and Past Uses of Neighboring Properties**

Current land uses on neighboring properties include the following:

Section 1—Farmland, lowland, fallow grasses, recreational lakes, commercial, woodland and residential

Section 2—Recreational lake, lowland, farmland, woodland, fallow grasses, and residential

Section 3—Farmland, woodland, lowland, fallow grasses, and residential

Section 4—Lowland, farmland, woodland, fallow grasses, residential, and commercial

Section 5—Lowland, farmland, recreational lake, woodland, fallow grasses, and commercial

Section 6—Woodland, lowland, fallow grasses, residential, and a refurbished train depot

Section 7—Farmland, lowland, fallow grasses, recreational lakes, commercial, woodland, and residential, and includes the City of Amery

The general area has historically been farmland, woodland, and lowland with commercial areas near Nye, Wanderoos, Deronda, and Amery. Occasional residences have historically been located along the corridor and have become more numerous in recent years.

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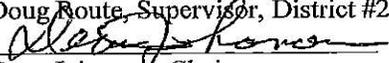
- 38 3. The Environmental Services Committee is authorized and directed to engage in and conduct  
39 a comprehensive trail plan development process for the purpose of preparing a state trail plan  
40 for the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail and a trail plan for the Polk County segment of the Cattail  
41 Trail.
- 42 4. The Environmental Services Committee is authorized and directed to form a  
43 subcommittee to develop and provide advisory recommendations to the Committee in the  
44 course of the comprehensive trail planning process, including, but not limited to, the  
45 formation of the trail plans that would be presented for public hearing conducted by the  
46 Committee.
- 47 5. Such subcommittee shall be composed of 5, 7 or 9 members as determined and appointed  
48 by the Environmental Services Committee.
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50 6. The membership of the subcommittee shall include one member of the Environmental  
51 Services Committee, who shall serve as subcommittee chairperson; at least one  
52 authorized representative of the Friends of the Stower Seven Lakes Trail; and the  
53 remaining members as persons who are affected by or interested in the use, management  
54 and operation of either the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail or the Polk County segment of  
55 the Cattail Trail.
- 56 7. Notwithstanding present resolution to the contrary, the members of the subcommittee  
57 may receive per diem compensation as determined by the County Board after the  
58 Committee has formed the subcommittee and appointed its members.
- 59 8. The comprehensive planning process authorized herein and the trail plans prepared  
60 through such process shall be consistent with Chapter NR 44, Wis. Adm. Code to the  
61 extent practicable and the applicable terms and conditions of the memorandum of  
62 understanding between Polk County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
63 Department.
- 64 9. The provisions of Resolution No. 59-17 not affected herein shall remain in effect.

*Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require additional appropriation from the General Fund for the 2017 fiscal year to carry out the organizational matters of the resolution. The costs to carry out the organizational matters can be covered with the budgets of the County Board and the county department designated to administer and manage the trails. The costs to gather data and analysis and preparation for public involvement participation events are unknown at this time and will be addressed when the Environmental Services Committee prepares a public involvement plan.*

*Legal Note: The resolution presents no legal impacts and provides for compliance with administrative regulation and contractual obligations concerning the County's management and operation of the respective trails.*

Signed and sponsored by:

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 Supervisor, District #3,

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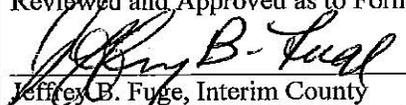
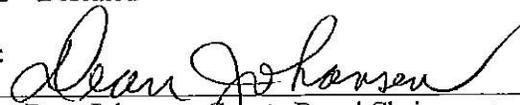
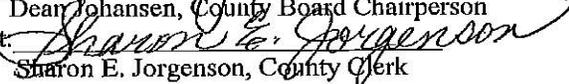
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Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	March 20, 2018
Reviewed and Approved as to Form:	Second Reading:
 Jeffrey B. Fuge, Interim County Administrator/Corporation Counsel	Fiscal Impact and Legal Impacts: As stated in the resolution.
<p>At its regular business meeting on the 20th day of March, 2018, the Polk County Board of Supervisors acted on Resolution No.28-18: Resolution In Resolution Providing for Comprehensive Planning Process for Stower Seven Lakes State Trail Plan and Cattail <del>State</del> Trail (Polk County Segment) Plan , as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of <u>8</u> in favor and <u>6</u> against. <i>1 absent</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enacted by unanimous vote.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</p> <p>SIGNED BY:           Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson</p> <p>Attest:           Sharon E. Jorgenson, County Clerk</p>	

# **CATTAIL TRAIL**

## **POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

### **MASTER PLAN**

**June, 2018**

**Polk County Environmental Services Committee**

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## **Introduction and Executive Summary**

This Master Plan represents the strategy of Polk County as well as various trail advocates and user groups, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for the development, operation, and maintenance of an 11.8 mile railroad corridor presently known as the Cattail Trail. The trail is located on a former Minneapolis St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad right-of-way which begins in Amery, WI and extends into the Village of Turtle Lake, Wisconsin. In the rural branch of the corridor, the trail width is 10 to 12 feet wide with a 100 foot wide right-of-way. The trail runs in a west to east direction. Map 1 shows the regional location of the trail. Map 2 shows the location of the trail in Polk County.

The trail right-of-way was purchased from Wisconsin Department of Transportation in 2000 by the WDNR. Property was transferred to the WDNR and recorded in quick claim document number 605297. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the County of Polk in 2003 (Appendix A). Under the terms of the MOU, the WDNR will grant a trail easement to Polk County as well as designate the trail as a "State Trail" under section NR 51.73, Wis. Adm. Code. The WDNR will also complete an environmental review of the property pursuant to s. 1.11, Stats., and Chapter NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. In addition, the WDNR will work with Polk County to identify funding sources for the development and repair of the trail. Under this same MOU, Polk County will be responsible for the development, operation, repair, and maintenance of the trail.

The trail is a year round trail that has a packed gravel surface.

### **Section 1 Goals and objectives**

#### **A. Goals**

To provide and preserve the 11.8 mile recreation trail.

The trail will be available year round use that will provide recreational activities for all to use.

#### **B. Objectives:**

- To complement present economic benefits of trails existing in Polk County and provide opportunities for economic development not reflected in current trail usage.
- To provide recreational opportunities that complement present trail opportunities in Polk County and provide recreational opportunities that presently are underrepresented in the Polk County Trail system.
- To enhance opportunities for tourism in Polk County.

- To respect the wishes and investments of landowners and communities through which the trail passes.
- To provide for recreational opportunities that promotes the health and safety of the community.
- To preserve the rural character and environmental integrity of the trail.
- To anticipate the urbanization of the area through which the trail passes and provide for possible future use of the trail as an alternative transportation system between communities.
- To provide opportunities for the greatest number of projected uses of the trail consistent with the previous objectives.
- Hunting will not be allowed on the trail or with in the right-a way. Signs will be posted to inform the public.

On July 31, 2018 a public hearing was held in Polk County to assess the interested public's desired uses or the trail. The information gained from these public hearings, in combination with information and input from other sources, formed the basis for the proposed recreational trail use.

Polk County and Barron Counties are cooperating on the trail to establish similar uses.

### **III. Proposed Management and Land Development**

#### **A. Land Acquisition and Ownership**

- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) acquired the rail grade right-of-way from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation by means of Stewardship funds. The WDNR has paid all costs to acquire the property and will maintain ownership of the entire right-of-way. Under the terms of the MOA, the WDNR will convey a non-exclusive easement to Polk County and other valuable consideration. The WDNR will not issue other easements that will adversely affect the use of the property for the intended trail purposes.
- Additional property may be acquired to support trail functions and unique ecosystems.

#### **B. Uses of the Trail Corridor**

Because the Cattail Trail is a multi-use, multi-season trail that provides recreational trail opportunities to as many different interests as possible, the following was determined by the trail planning subcommittee for encouraged primary and secondary uses, allowed uses and the prohibited uses of the Cattail Trail.

1. Encouraged Primary Uses

- ATV/UTV Use
- Walking, Hiking, Jogging
- Horseback Riding
- Snowmobiling: Snow-cover periods. Restricted to published trail use periods. Only groomed areas may be traveled.
- Wildlife and bird watching

2. Encouraged Secondary Uses

- Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing
- Bicycling: All Season

3. Allowed Uses

- Pets: With restrictions including leashes, feces disposal and closed areas.
- Public Road Crossings: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.
- Private Residential Crossings: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.
- Private Farm and Recreation Crossings: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.
- Other crossings: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.
- Utilities: WDNR rules will govern this, and as landowner, WDNR will be the primary contact.

4. Prohibited Uses

- Motorized Vehicles: Other than snowmobiles operating as permitted during snow-cover periods and ATV's/UTV's operating all-season, only administrative and maintenance vehicles, small electric carts used by disabled individuals during snow-free periods and vehicles on designated roadways and parking areas may operate within the trail corridor.
- Hunting and trapping.
- Camping: Within the trail corridor except in designated campsites.
- Private occupancy.
- Conducting Business, Promotions or Advertising: Within the trail corridor without the express consent of the Polk County Property, Forestry & Recreation Committee and the WDNR.

C. Development Program

1. Initial Development

The MOU specifies that the development of the trail is the responsibility of Polk County. The WDNR will grant an easement to Polk County for the development, maintenance and operation of the trail. It is understood that the WDNR will assist Polk County financially with trail development through available grant/ aid programs.

In 1999 the Wisconsin DNR completed a Feasible Study and Environmental Assessment of the Cattail Trail that can be viewed on the Wisconsin DNR website. The initial development phase of the trail was completed in 2005. Subsequent long-term development activities will occur as demand, opportunity and funding allow.

## 2. Development Standards

In accordance with the MOA, the trail was developed in compliance with the WDNR Design Standards Handbook, Chapter 30 – Trails. WDNR “Bridge Guidelines for New and Replacement Structures – Snowmobile and All-Terrain Vehicle” (Publ-CA-005 89), WDNR “Snowmobile Trail Signing Handbook” (Publ-AA-023), and AASHTO “Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities” will also be followed. All structures placed in the WDNR Right-Of-Way will need prior WDNR approval.

Associated facilities, if any, will be designed and constructed in compliance with state and local building codes and the American’s With Disabilities Act.

### D. Operation & Maintenance Program

Polk County will have the primary responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the trail in Polk County. The Parks, Forestry, Buildings, and Solid Waste Department under the direction of the Environmental Service Committee will act as the primary agent of the County. It is the intent of Polk County to encourage the “Friends” of the trail group to assist in planning and accomplishing the operation and maintenance of the trail.

The daily operation of the trail will be directed by Chapters NR 45 (State Parks and State Forests), NR 50 (Administration of Outdoor Recreation Program Grants and State Aids), and NR 65 (All-Terrain Vehicles) of the Wis. Admin. Code. These codes will be supplemented by Polk County ordinances and park directives. Daily operation is directed and performed by the Polk County Parks, Forestry, Buildings and Solid Waste Department and its contractors and cooperators. Daily routine enforcement is the responsibility of Polk County.

User fees will not exceed those established in s. 27.01, Stats., and will be subject to written approval by the WDNR. The standard state trail bicycle fees will be charged and State bicycle trail passes will be honored. Prior to selling trail passes on the trail or in neighboring businesses, a State Trail Pass Agreement will need to be signed with the WDNR.

User information will include maps, brochures and signing that will provide facility, service, safety and emergency information, rules, regulations and advice on a seasonal basis.

Trail maintenance is directed and performed by the Polk County Parks, Forestry, Buildings, and Solid Waste Department and its contractors and cooperators. Primary cooperators are the Polk County Snowmobile/ATV/UTV Clubs who oversee trail maintenance and grooming for snowmobile use.

#### E. Interpretation

In Polk County the trail offers many opportunities to make trail users more aware of the landscape they are traveling through. Opportunities exist to provide interpretive information on the geology, the numerous ecosystems, the native wildlife, and the cultural history of the area. Interpretation is a long-term objective that can be accomplished jointly by Polk County and local interest groups.

#### F. Wildlife Management

The trail passes through many ecosystems and will provide many opportunities to observe wildlife. Due to the limited land base, many wildlife management opportunities are precluded. Polk County will cooperate with the WDNR and other groups interested in wildlife management in making the trail corridor available to wildlife management within the overall objectives of the master plan.

#### G. Timber and Vegetative Management

The vegetation adjacent to the trail is representative of the great natural diversity that occurs in Northwestern Wisconsin. Most species are native or are considered to be naturalized thus requiring little vegetative management. Some management will be practiced to promote aesthetics, eradicate invasive species, enhance wildlife, protect prairie and oak savannas, and protect trail users and facilities.

#### H. Management Problems

A number of management problems have been identified that will need to be dealt with as they occur.

- Control of non-allowed uses will be achieved through a combination of public information, using Park and Sheriff's Department personnel, and peer pressure as use of the trail increases.
- Vandalism to signs, bridges and the trail surface will be addressed through regular inspections, rapid repair, enforcement, and peer pressure as the use of the trail increases.
- Trail crossings will require much attention. All existing crossing agreements will require review and modification to reflect the present and

future uses. Requests for new crossings will be handled on an individual basis in accord with the WDNR “Department Design Standards Handbook”. Routine inspection will insure compliance to crossing agreements and will ensure control of unauthorized crossings.

- Trespass, both to and from the trail corridor may require the use of various control options including planting, fencing, signing, surveying and law enforcement.
- Invasive species management

## I. Recreation Needs and Justification

Following is Wisconsin’s 2011-2016 Statewide Compliance Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) identifying participants by participation rate (Age 16+), 5 year view of various outdoor recreation activities.

Activity	2005–2009 Participation	
	Percent Participating	Number of Participants (1,000s)
Walk for pleasure	87.7	3,947
View/photograph natural scenery	65.3	2,939
Attend outdoor sports events	65.0	2,926
Family gathering	63.5	2,858
Visit nature centers, etc.	63.5	2,858
View/photograph other wildlife	57.9	2,606
Driving for pleasure	52.8	2,377
View/photograph wildflowers, trees, etc.	52.4	2,359
Sightseeing	50.6	2,278
Bicycling	48.7	2,192
Picnicking	47.0	2,115
Visit historic sites	46.7	2,102
Snow/ice activities (any type)	45.9	2,066
Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.	42.8	1,926

Activity	2005–2009 Participation	
	Percent Participating	Number of Participants (1,000s)
Off-highway vehicle driving	19.8	891
Trail running	18.6	773
Snowmobiling	18.3	824
Cross country skiing	8.8	396
Horseback riding on trails	6.6	297
Snowshoeing	6.1	275
Inline skating	2.5	113
Day hiking	36.7	1,652
Running or jogging	32.1	1,445
Mountain biking	30.7	1,382
Sledding	28.2	1,269

APPENDIX

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# Appendix A

## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLK COUNTY AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **I. Introduction**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement, (MOA) is to set forth the agreements and understandings which have been reached between POLK County, (County) and the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the acquisition, development, and operation of approximately 11.7 miles of abandoned rail property located in POLK County known as the CATTAIL STATE TRAIL. The corridor is presently owned by the WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

The DNR is interested in preserving the corridor for recreational trail purposes. POLK County is interested in developing, maintaining, and operating a recreational trail on the corridor provided the DNR acquires the same. POLK County and the DNR agree to work together to achieve their mutual goals as set forth below.

### **II. Description of the Property**

The map attached to this MOA describes in general the recreation corridor. An exact legal description of the property will be agreed upon prior to the execution of trail easements.

### **III. Consideration**

The DNR HAS acquired the grade from ALMENA to AMERY from the corridor owners. The DNR will execute trail easements with the County for one dollar or other valuable consideration. The County will develop, operate, maintain, and police the trail.

### **IV. Obligations of the DNR**

1. The DNR will purchase the CATTAIL TRAIL, and additional parcels necessary for trail purposes as identified in the master plan, from willing sellers as the property and funds become available. All acquisitions may be subject to Natural Resource Board and Governor's approvals.
2. The DNR will pay all reasonable and allowable costs to acquire the property.
3. The DNR will purchase all parcels, (except those lands presently under local public ownership acquired with the state or federal recreation aid grants) which may be necessary to obtain clear title to the property and pay all reasonable and allowable

costs associated therewith. DNR will not accept title to or purchase land which have been acquired by the County for trail purposes through the eminent domain process.

4. The DNR will convey by easement to the County the right to develop, maintain, repair and operate a recreational trail as a component of the state trail system. The County accepts the trail "as is" on the date of transfer.
5. The DNR agrees to complete the environmental review process for the purchase of the property pursuant to s. 1.11, Stats. and Chapter NR 150, Wisconsin Administrative Code, and the DNR represents that it has made reasonable inquiry and has no reason to believe that hazardous waste, noxious waste, or any other condition of the land subject to this MOA exists that would inhibit the ability of the County to possess and improve the property as contemplated by this MOA. If, however, such prohibitive conditions are discovered, either the DNR shall take all steps reasonably necessary to remove such conditions or the intent of this MOA being frustrated, the MOA shall terminate.
6. The County will coordinate the official naming of the Trail, with final approval of the name resting with the Department of Natural Resources Board. The NRB has approved of buying this trail as the "Cattail State Trail".
7. The DNR will designate the trail as a "State Trail", and will make any signing or indication of designated state trail status available to the County.
8. The DNR will make its "Adopt-a-Trail" program available to the County. The DNR has an application process for groups interested in adopting a section of trail. Applications are valid for a year. This program is similar to the DOT Adopt-a-Highway segment.
9. The DNR shall hold harmless and indemnify the County and its employees against all claims, damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise from the performance of the duties of the DNR by the DNR, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, permittees, volunteers, and servants under the terms of the MOA. In any action or proceeding brought against the County, or its employees by reason of any such claim, the DNR shall defend the County.

**V. Obligations of the County**

1. The County will participate in or conduct public meetings, which may be necessary for the establishment and development, management, and improvements of the trail project.
2. The County may identify, and in cooperation with the DNR, make initial contacts with landowners whose property is available for purchase for trail corridor purposes. A description of the property identified for purchase shall be forwarded to the DNR and include the name, address, and phone number of the seller(s). The County may cooperate with other local units of government and organizations in this process.

3. The County, with the assistance of the DNR will coordinate and prepare a master plan consistent with Chapter NR 44, Wisconsin Administrative Code, for the project. The master plan is to be completed prior to any trail development that utilizes state or federal grant funding. Specific recreational uses will be determined through the master planning process.
4. The County shall convey to the DNR merchantable title as evidenced by title insurance to all lands within or adjacent to the above described recreation corridor currently owned by the County necessary for development of the trail as called for in the Master Plan. The DNR will pay for such lands at current market value. Transfers of lands purchased by federal aid grants shall be without cost.
5. The County will enter into an easement in perpetuity with the DNR to accomplish the purposes contained in paragraph V. 6.
6. The County, within 5 years of the date of acquisition, will develop, maintain, repair, fence where necessary, operate the project lands located within the County for recreational trail purposes, as funding becomes available. Until development occurs, the County will assume all monitoring, enforcement, and maintenance responsibilities on the trail corridor.
7. The County agrees the trail will meet or exceed DNR trail standards as identified in the DNR's Design Standards Handbook. The DNR has no obligation to develop and operate the trail at any time.
8. The County agrees that any advertising or display material relating to the trail shall clearly identify the property is owned by the DNR and under the management and control of the County.
9. The County, in connection with this MOA, shall open the facilities to the general public subject to reasonable rules and regulations, fees and charges, as the DNR deems necessary for the management and operation of the trail.
  - A. Rules and regulations.  
Pursuant to NR 45, Wisconsin Administrative Code, the DNR retains management, supervision, and control over the premises for the purpose of enforcing Chapter 45, Wisconsin Administrative Code, when needed to protect the property. Daily routine enforcement remains the responsibility of the County.
  - B. Admission Fees, if any, charged by the County shall not exceed those Established in Chapter NR 45.12, Wisconsin Administrative Code for the State Trail Pass. Fees shall be subject to written approval by the DNR. The County may establish its own admission fee program as payment for its services under this MOA. If admission fees are charged, the State Trail Pass, both annual and seasonal, the conservation patron license and senior citizen recreation card issued by the DNR shall be honored without additional admission charges.

The County may utilize and sell the State Trail Pass and retain (up to) a 70% commission to be used for trail operations and maintenance. The County may

use vendors to sell the pass. (A separate Trail Pass Sales Agreement between the County and the DNR will be executed, detailing the sales and remittance procedures.)

10. In the performance of its rights and duties hereunder, including the operation of the recreational trail, exercise of its right herein, including but not limited to the operation of the easement property as a recreational trail, the County shall not discriminate against any member of the public on the basis of age, race, creed, color, handicap, sex, marital status, arrest or conviction records, ancestry, sexual orientation or membership in the National Guard, state defense force or any other reserve successors or designees.
11. The County may enter into agreements with the Friends Groups which meet the criteria in Chapter NR 1.71, Wisconsin Administrative Code. In recognition of the status of this trail as a State Trail, and of the DNR's substantial financial involvement, the DNR shall also be a co-signor of any Friends agreement.
12. The County may enroll volunteers for the Adopt-a-Trail program sponsored by the DNR, following DNR policies and procedures. Any volunteers of the Adopt-a-Trail program shall be considered as volunteers of the DNR and not either employees or volunteers of the County.
13. The County will indemnify and hold harmless the DNR and its employees against all claims, damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising from the performance of this MOA by the County, its agents, contractors, servants, licensees, permittees, or employees. In case any action or proceeding is brought against the DNR or its employees by reason of any such claim, the County upon notice from the DNR will defend such action or proceeding.

#### VI. General

1. This Memorandum of Agreement is subject to all applicable laws and regulations. The establishment of this trail is subject to approval by the Natural Resource Board and Governor.
2. This Memorandum of Agreement may be revised by mutual written agreement of the DNR and the County.
3. The DNR must approve all land transactions, trail crossings and easements for the trail corridor, but the County will be the first point of contact for inquiries from the public and/or private entities on these matters. Guidelines relating to easements for the driveways and road crossings will be provided to the County. If requests conform to the guidelines, they will be referred to the DNR for executing an easement, lease, or agreement. If the requests do not conform to DNR guidelines, the County will deny the request. All proceeds from these transactions shall be payable to the DNR.
4. An annual meeting between the County and DNR will take place to review development and acquisition progress, operational problems and maintenance

standards needing attention and to exchange ideas and information for the good of the trail project.

5. This MOA shall not be construed as creating a public debt on the part of the DNR in contravention of Article VIII, Wisconsin Constitution and all payments or obligations hereunder are subject to the availability of future appropriations.

**VII. Termination**

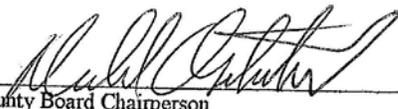
1. County. The County may terminate their Memorandum of Agreement or the easement from the DNR by providing to DNR ninety (90) days written notice of said termination. In the event the County terminates this Memorandum of Agreement or the easement from the DNR, the County will assume compliance responsibility for any state or federal recreation grant fund assisted areas. A payment equal to any land and water conservation grant awarded through the community assistance program for development shall be paid to the DNR by the defaulting County(s). A payment equal to any other grant amount awarded through the community assistance program for development shall be paid to the DNR by the defaulting County(s) based on remaining useful life values of the improvements.
2. DNR. The DNR may terminate this Memorandum of Agreement or the easement with the County in the event that:
  - A. The County breached any term or condition in the Memorandum of Agreement or the easement and said breach remains uncorrected for a period of sixty (60) days from the receipt of the DNR's written notification of said breach by the County. In the event the County breached any term or condition of their Memorandum of Agreement or the easement from the DNR the County will assume compliance responsibility for any state or federal recreation grant fund assisted areas.
  - B. The DNR determines that the continued use of the premises as a recreational trail would be inconsistent with the management needs or objectives of the DNR or the State of Wisconsin. In exercising its termination rights under this provision the DNR shall give the County(s) 180 days notice of termination and reimburse the County(s) for developed improvements, subject to the availability of future appropriations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, DNR and the County have caused this memorandum to be executed in their respective names by their respective duly authorized representatives.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

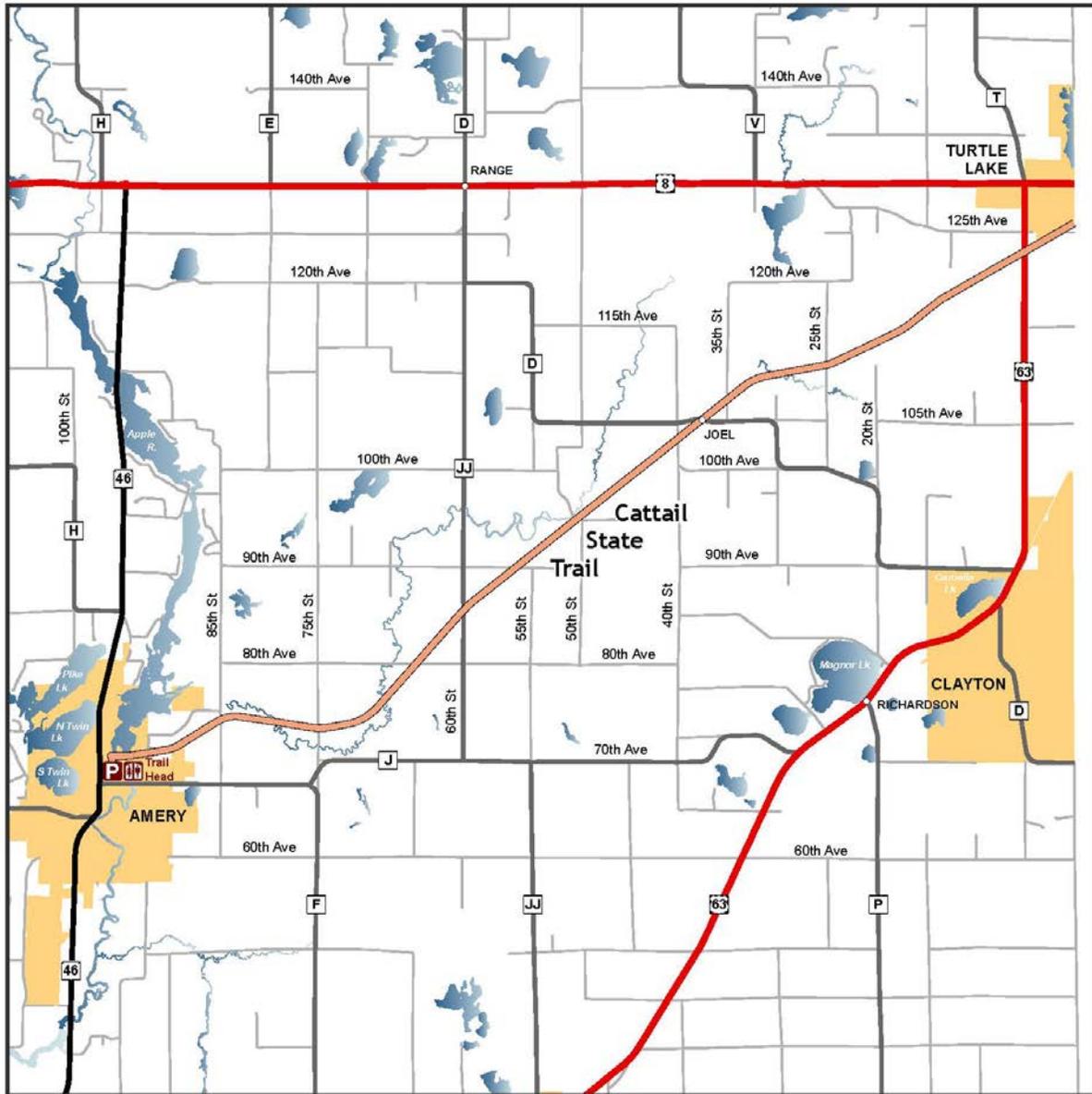
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Scott Hassett, Secretary Dated

POLK COUNTY

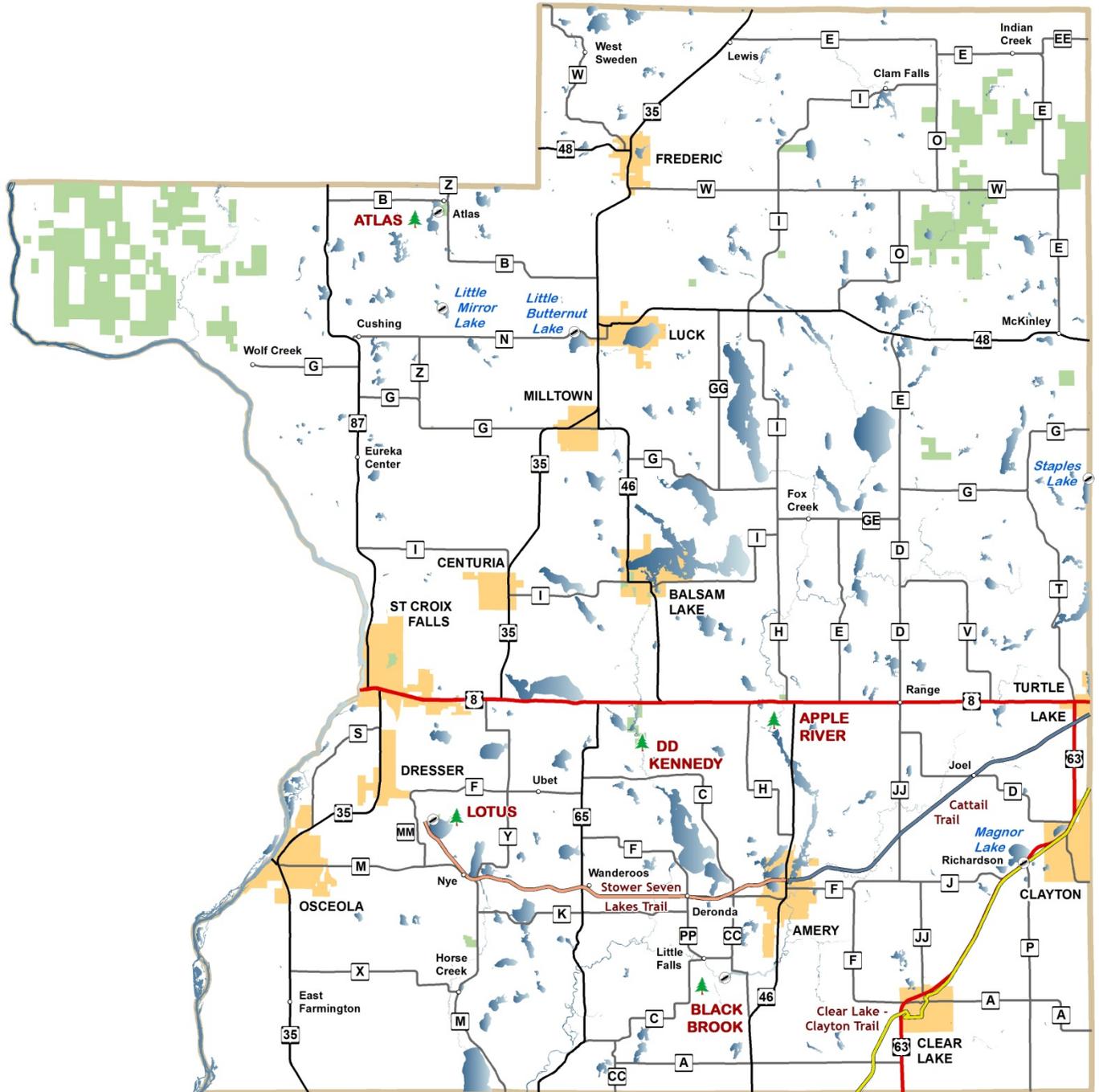
By  8-22-08  
County Board Chairperson Dated



Map 1



Map 2



APPENDIX B: RESOLUTION

1 Resolution No. 28-18  
2 Resolution Providing for Comprehensive Planning Process for Stower Seven Lakes State Trail Plan  
3 and Cattail Trail (Polk County Segment) Plan

4 TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
5 THE COUNTY OF POLK:

6 Ladies and Gentlemen:

7 WHEREAS, in coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Polk  
8 County manages and operates the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail and the Polk County segment of  
9 the Cattail Trail without a valid trail plan for the use of either trail as otherwise required by  
10 applicable Natural Resources regulation and specific provisions of the respective memorandum of  
11 understanding with WDNR; and

12 WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the citizens of Polk County and other users of these trails and in the  
13 interest of the County for Polk County to continue as sponsor and managing coordinator of the  
14 Stower Seven Lakes State Trail and the Polk County segment of the Cattail Trail; and

15 WHEREAS, the Environmental Services Committee has recommended to the County Board to  
16 provide for a comprehensive trail plan development process involving the two connected trails of the  
17 Stower Seven Lakes State Trail and the Polk County segment of the Cattail Trail, and to conduct  
18 such comprehensive process in accordance with Natural Resources administrative regulations  
19 concerning trail plan development, including, but not limited to Chapter NR 44 and the applicable  
20 provisions of the memorandum of understanding for each respective trail.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, the Polk County Board of Supervisors resolves as follows:

- 22 1. Resolution No. 43-17, Authorizing the Development of a Multi-Use, Multi-Season Trail  
23 Management Plan for Stower Seven Lakes Trail, is rescinded.  
24 2. Resolution 59-17, Affirming Polk County As Sponsor and Managing Coordinator of The  
25 Stower Seven Lakes State Trail, is amended, at Lines 23-28, as follows:

26 "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board  
27 of Supervisors affirms the commitment of Polk County to serve as  
28 sponsor and managing coordinator of the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail  
29 and the Polk County segment of the Cattail Trail and to perform or  
30 carry-out all responsibilities of sponsor and managing coordinator of the  
31 Trail each such trail consistent with applicable federal and state law,  
32 regulatory provisions, ~~and grant conditions, and terms and conditions of~~  
33 the respective memorandum of understanding.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of  
35 Supervisors agrees to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding  
36 and Cooperative Easement; ~~attached hereto,~~ concerning the Stower  
37 Seven Lakes State Trail."

- 38 3. The Environmental Services Committee is authorized and directed to engage in and conduct  
39 a comprehensive trail plan development process for the purpose of preparing a state trail plan  
40 for the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail and a trail plan for the Polk County segment of the Cattail  
41 Trail.
- 42 4. The Environmental Services Committee is authorized and directed to form a  
43 subcommittee to develop and provide advisory recommendations to the Committee in the  
44 course of the comprehensive trail planning process, including, but not limited to, the  
45 formation of the trail plans that would be presented for public hearing conducted by the  
46 Committee.
- 47 5. Such subcommittee shall be composed of 5, 7 or 9 members as determined and appointed  
48 by the Environmental Services Committee.
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- 50 6. The membership of the subcommittee shall include one member of the Environmental  
51 Services Committee, who shall serve as subcommittee chairperson; at least one  
52 authorized representative of the Friends of the Stower Seven Lakes Trail; and the  
53 remaining members as persons who are affected by or interested in the use, management  
54 and operation of either the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail or the Polk County segment of  
55 the Cattail Trail.
- 56 7. Notwithstanding present resolution to the contrary, the members of the subcommittee  
57 may receive per diem compensation as determined by the County Board after the  
58 Committee has formed the subcommittee and appointed its members.
- 59 8. The comprehensive planning process authorized herein and the trail plans prepared  
60 through such process shall be consistent with Chapter NR 44, Wis. Adm. Code to the  
61 extent practicable and the applicable terms and conditions of the memorandum of  
62 understanding between Polk County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
63 Department.
- 64 9. The provisions of Resolution No. 59-17 not affected herein shall remain in effect.

*Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require additional appropriation from the General Fund for the 2017 fiscal year to carry out the organizational matters of the resolution. The costs to carry out the organizational matters can be covered with the budgets of the County Board and the county department designated to administer and manage the trails. The costs to gather data and analysis and preparation for public involvement participation events are unknown at this time and will be addressed when the Environmental Services Committee prepares a public involvement plan.*

*Legal Note: The resolution presents no legal impacts and provides for compliance with administrative regulation and contractual obligations concerning the County's management and operation of the respective trails.*

Signed and sponsored by:

Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9

Dean Johansen, Chair,  
Supervisor, District #3,

Larry Jepsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair,  
Supervisor, District # 10

Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

Jay Luke, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair,  
Supervisor, District #11

Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

Kate Isakson, Supervisor, District #12

Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

Russell Arcand, Supervisor, District #13

Michael Prichard, Supervisor,  
District #7

John Bonneprise, Supervisor, District #14

Joe DeMulling, Supervisor, District #15

Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	March 20, 2018
Reviewed and Approved as to Form:	Second Reading:
<u>Jeffrey B. Fuge</u> Jeffrey B. Fuge, Interim County Administrator/Corporation Counsel	Fiscal Impact and Legal Impacts: As stated in the resolution.
<p>At its regular business meeting on the 20th day of March, 2018, the Polk County Board of Supervisors acted on Resolution No.28-18: Resolution In Resolution Providing for Comprehensive Planning Process for Stower Seven Lakes State Trail Plan and Cattail <del>State</del> Trail (Polk County Segment) Plan , as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of <u>8</u> in favor and <u>6</u> against. <u>1 absent</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enacted by unanimous vote.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</p>	
<p>SIGNED BY: <u>Dean Johansen</u> Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson</p> <p>Attest: <u>Sharon E. Jorgenson</u> Sharon E. Jorgenson, County Clerk</p>	

1 Ordinance No. 53-18  
2 Acquisition and Sale of Tax Deeded Lands  
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4 TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
5 THE COUNTY OF POLK:

6 Ladies and Gentlemen:  
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8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that, pursuant to Sections 75.35, 75.521 and 75.69,  
9 Wisconsin Statutes, the Polk County Board of Supervisors repeals Ordinance Nos. 01-92; 3-96; and  
10 1-12, and enacts this ordinance for the concerning the acquisition and sale of tax delinquent  
11 properties, as follows:  
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13 1. Title: This ordinance may be cited as the Acquisition and Sale of Tax Delinquent Properties.  
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15 2. Purpose:  
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17 a. This ordinance is enacted to establish procedures for the acquisition of tax delinquent  
18 properties by the foreclosure of tax liens as provided for pursuant to Section 75.521,  
19 Wisconsin Statutes. This ordinance is also enacted to provide for procedures for the  
20 sale of tax deeded lands and create penalties for the failure to pay real property taxes  
21 in a timely manner.  
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23 b. The Treasurer and the committee shall acquire and dispose of tax deeded lands so as  
24 to realize as much tax revenue as circumstances may permit, and without speculation  
25 as to the future sale value of such lands.  
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27 3. Definitions:  
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29 a. "Certified Appraiser" means a certified appraiser as defined in Section 458.01(7),  
30 Wisconsin Statutes.

31 b. "Clerk" means the Polk County Clerk.

32 c. "Committee" means the Environmental Services Committee.

33 d. "Director" means the Polk County Parks, Forestry, Building and Solid Waste  
34 Director.

35 e. "Former owner" means the person, persons or business entity last holding title to  
36 lands which the County has taken by tax deed and includes the heirs and personal  
37 representatives of the estate of any such person or entity.

38 f. "Tax deeded lands" means lands which have been acquired by Polk County through  
39 enforcement of the collection of delinquent taxes by tax deed, foreclosure of tax  
40 certificates, deed in lieu of tax deed, or other real estate tax collection means.

41 g. "Treasurer" means the Polk County Treasurer.  
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44 4. Duties and Responsibilities:  
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46 a. The Treasurer shall administer this ordinance in accordance with its provisions.

47 b. The Committee shall oversee the administration of this ordinance. The Committee is  
48 empowered to authorize and direct the sale of tax deed lands in accordance with

49 Section 75.69. The Committee is empowered to determine the appraised value of tax  
50 deed lands and to retain a certified appraiser to set appraised value of tax deed lands.

- 51 c. The Director shall manage tax deed lands acquired by the County. The Director is  
52 empowered to conduct the sale of tax deed lands as authorized and approved by the  
53 Committee.

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55 5. Procedures For Sale:

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57 a. No tax deeded lands shall be offered for sale unless the procedures of this ordinance  
58 shall have been complied with. All costs and fees for professional services incurred  
59 by the County in the appraisal or sale of tax deeded lands shall be paid out of the tax  
60 deed expense account.

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62 6. Preferences to Former Owners:

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64 a. The treasurer is authorized to sell tax deeded lands to the former owner who had lost  
65 title to real property through delinquent tax collection enforcement procedures, or  
66 his or her heirs, pursuant to the authority provided in Section 75.35(3), Wisconsin  
67 Statutes. In so doing, the treasurer may, at the discretion of the treasurer, give such  
68 former owner preference over others in the purchase of said lands.

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70 b. Under the preference provided in this paragraph, any former owner(s) or his or her  
71 heir(s) who has lost his or her title to land through delinquent tax collection  
72 enforcement procedure shall have the right to purchase such land back from the  
73 County as authorized in Section 75.35(3), Wisconsin Statutes. The preference to  
74 former owner shall in no manner create any right of first refusal in any former  
75 owner. Failure to give notice to the proper party as former owner shall not create a  
76 right in any person or persons to redeem tax deeded lands.

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78 c. Any sale made to a former owner pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the  
79 operation of Section 75.69, Stats., but no such sale shall be approved by and  
80 authorized by the Committee, unless the former owners pay to the County all the  
81 delinquent taxes which were the basis for the taking of tax deed, plus interest, and  
82 any penalties established by law and all taxes owing to a taxing jurisdiction for  
83 special assessment, as defined in Section 75.36(1) Wisconsin Statutes, a pro rate  
84 share of the costs of the tax collection enforcement proceedings plus an additional  
85 sum of 3% of all the aforementioned amounts or \$100, whichever is greater.

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87 d. The former owner(s) or his or her heir(s) shall pay the taxes for the year in which the  
88 purchase from the County took place or the amount the taxes would have been in said  
89 year had the County not taken tax deed to the property.

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91 e. Lapse of Preference: Any former owner(s) or his or her heir(s) who have lost title to  
92 property through the delinquent tax collection enforcement procedure shall have 45  
93 days from the date that the court enters judgment that assigns title to the County to  
94 exercise their right under this ordinance. If those rights are not exercised within such  
95 specified time, they shall be forever lost.

Ordinance No. 53-18  
Acquisition and Sale of Tax Deeded Lands

*Fiscal Note: Enactment of this ordinance presents minimal fiscal impact.*

*Legal Note: Enactment of this ordinance presents no legal impact. This ordinance updates three ordinances concerning acquisition and sale of tax deeded lands.*

Signed and sponsored by:

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

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James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

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Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

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Supervisor, District #14

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Joe DeMulling, Supervisor, District #15

Reviewed and Approved as to Form:

*Jeffrey B. Fuge*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey B. Fuge, Interim County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

At its regular business meeting on the 16 day of Oct. 2018, the Polk County Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. 53-18: Acquisition and Sale of Tax Deeded Lands, as follows:

- Adopted by majority voice vote
- Adopted by simple majority of the board of supervisors by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against.
- Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED BY:

*Dean Johansen*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

Attest:

*Sharon E. Jorgensen*  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I, Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of the Polk County Ordinance No. 53-18: Acquisition and Sale of Tax Deeded Lands as adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on the 16th day of October, 2018.

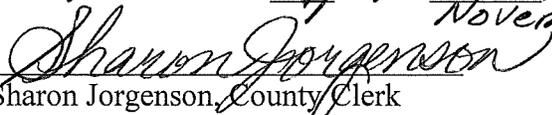
  
*Sharon E. Jorgenson* 10/16/18

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date

Certification of Publication

Ord. No. 53-18, as enacted the 16 day of Oct, 2018 was published in the Inter-County Leader on the ~~30~~ day of ~~October~~ November 2018.

  
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

Resolution No. 77-18

1 Resolution Concerning Offer of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company to Transfer Clam  
2 Falls Dam

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

5 Ladies and Gentlemen:

6 WHEREAS, the Clam Falls Dam is owed by Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company  
7 (NWE) and under lease to Renewable World Energies, a subsidiary of Harris Energy Group;  
8 and  
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10 WHEREAS, NWE has offered to transfer ownership and responsibility to the County along  
11 with the sum of \$700,000, subject to certain terms of the offer, which is attached hereto; and  
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13 WHEREAS, NWE has represented that in May 2017 the Wisconsin Department of Natural  
14 Resources had assigned a Significant Hazard rating to the dam and that in November 2017,  
15 NWE conducted a Spillway Capacity Upgrade Feasibility Study wherein the estimated cost  
16 of modifications necessary to be eligible for a Low Hazard rating was between  
17 \$1,384,000,000 and \$1,542,000.00.  
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19 WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed transfer would require the County to retain a specific  
20 contractor and modify the dam to a lower hazard rating.  
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22 WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed transfer would, in the alternative, require the County  
23 to return to NWE \$325,000 if the County, within 3 years of the transfer, chose to either not  
24 enter into a contract with the specified contractor or go with another contractor for  
25 modifications to the dam; and  
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27 WHEREAS, as required by the provisions of County Finance policy pertaining to the  
28 acquisition and management of real property, the Administrator has considered the offer and  
29 has made a recommendation to reject the offer.  
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31 WHEREAS, the General Government Committee has recommended to reject the offer; and  
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33 WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the General Government Committee, the  
34 Administrator has met with the Town of Clam Falls Chairperson, the NWE president and the  
35 President and CEO of Harris Energy Group to discuss the possibility of joint ownership and  
36 responsibility of the dam through an intergovernmental agreement between the County and  
37 the Town of Clam Falls; and  
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39 WHEREAS, during such discussions, the County and the Town of Clam were informed that  
40 NWE could apply to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for a lower  
41 spillway capacity or an exemption from the spillway capacity standards, such that the terms  
42 of the offer would be significantly altered if NWE made the business decision to submit the  
43 application and WDNR approval such application.  
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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Polk County Board of Supervisors rejects the  
46 offer of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric to transfer the Clam Falls Dam to the County on  
47 the proposed terms contained in the offer, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Offered and Submitted on this 5 day of Oct, 2018.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

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Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

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Dean Johansen, Chair,  
Supervisor, District #3,

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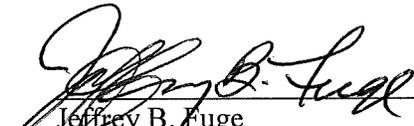
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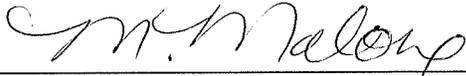
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Joe DeMulling, Supervisor, District #15

Reviewed By County Administrator:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey B. Fuge  
Interim County Administrator

*Fiscal Impact Note:* Rejection of the offer avoids all known and unknown costs. Acceptance of the offer presents considerable financial impact. Acceptance of the offer would bind the County to incur or otherwise fund the expenses associated with necessary modifications. Acceptance of the offer creates a contingent liability of \$325,000.00. Additionally, acceptance of the offer would subject the County to the compliance standards for maintaining the dam. The costs of future maintenance and management of the dam are unknown. The costs of abandonment of the dam in the future, if determined by the County Board, are also unknown.

Approved as to Form and Execution:



Malia T. Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel

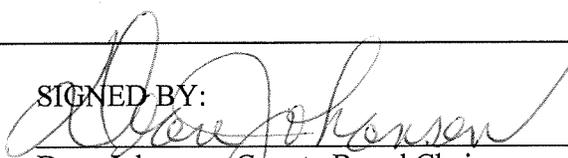
*Legal Impact Note:* Rejection of the offer presents no legal impacts. Acceptance of the offer binds the County to the terms of the offer of transfer. Acceptance would present the County with all legal requirements associated with ownership and management of a dam, including those regulations concerning abandonment.

Excerpt of Minutes

48 At its regular business meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, the Polk County  
49 Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 77-18: Resolution Concerning Offer of  
50 Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company to Transfer Clam Falls Dam, as follows:

- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:   
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

ATTEST:   
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

**CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 77-18: Resolution Concerning Offer of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company to Transfer Clam Falls Dam adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on October 16, 2018

 <sup>10/27/18</sup>

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date



**Northwestern  
Wisconsin Electric Company**

Phone (715) 463-5371  
FAX (715) 463-2765

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104 South Pine Street • P.O. Box 9 • Grantsburg, WI 54840-0009

August 2, 2018

Mr. Dean Johansen, Polk County Chair  
Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find an Offer to Transfer Clam Falls Dam whereby Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company (NWE) is offering to transfer ownership of the Clam Falls dam to you along with the sum of \$700,000. NWE's offer is set out in its entirety in the enclosed document and is subject to the terms and conditions in that document.

NWE is making this offer with the same terms to both Polk County and the Town of Clam Falls.

NWE commits to providing as much information as it has available to help in your decision and to helping with the transfer.

I respectfully ask that you consider this offer and respond with a Yes or No vote by the Polk County Board prior to November 1, 2018.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David M. Dahlberg'.

David M. Dahlberg  
President

Cc: Jeff Fuge, County Administrator

August 1, 2018

### **Offer to Transfer Clam Falls Dam**

Northwestern Wisconsin Electric (NWE) hereby offers to transfer the Clam Falls Dam, the surrounding dam site and all property thereon (the Dam), on an as-is, where-is basis for no consideration, and to donate an additional sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) in cash to the entity acquiring the Dam.

The transfer will be subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and on the execution and consummation of a definitive written agreement for the transfer and related matters.

The donation of cash will be subject to the acquirer retaining Kiser Hydro LLC, as general contractor on a time and materials basis to make modifications to the Dam required to make it eligible for either a Significant or Low hazard rating, as follows: if the acquirer of the dam, within three (3) years of acquiring the Dam, does not enter into a contract with Kiser for repair of the Dam, or contracts with another contractor to do that work, the purchaser shall refund \$325,000 to NWE. Kiser's rate schedules are available upon request.

NWE will provide inspection reports and engineering studies they have received for the Dam to interested parties. Neither NWE nor Renewable World Energies LLC (RWE) former tenant of the Dam, make any warranty as to the accuracy, completeness or currency of any such reports or studies.

In their sole discretions, NWE and RWE will cooperate with the acquirer on a best efforts basis with respect to the required DNR approval and any applications for grants the acquirer makes to defray the repair and restoration costs of the dam. Each party will be solely responsible for its own expenses relating to the transfer.

#### Background

The Dam was built in 1914 and modified around 1953. It has a maximum height of approximately 35 feet and impounds the 127 acre Clam Falls Flowage. A bridge serving Polk County Highway I crosses the flowage just upstream from the Dam.

The Dam was last inspected in November, 2012, and has a current sufficiency rating of Conditionally Fair. Concrete repairs identified in the inspection report have not been completed.

In May, 2017, the DNR assigned a Significant hazard rating to the Dam. The Dam must be modified within five (5) years from that time to safely withstand a five hundred-year flood without over-topping. In November of 2017, Ayres Associates completed a Spillway Capacity Upgrade Feasibility Study which determined that, with modifications and an enhanced emergency action plan, the Dam could be assigned a low hazard rating. The estimated cost of the modifications at that time was between \$1,384,000.00 and \$1,542,000.00.

The alternative to making the required repairs and modifications to the Dam is to remove the Dam, which would drain the flowage, and remediate the Dam site. The current estimated cost of removal and remediation is approximately \$750,000.00.

It is the understanding of NWE that a municipality or other government body acquiring the Dam may be eligible for grants to repair the Dam. NWE further understands that a government body that owns the Dam would have the authority to collect a special one-time levy for repairs to the Dam. NWE makes no warranty as to the availability, terms or amount of grant money or other sources of funding for dam restoration.

If a transferee is not found before November 1, 2018, NWE will most likely begin the process of applying for abandonment and removal of the dam and restoration of the site.

Resolution No. 80-18

1 Resolution Concerning the Reorganization and Consolidation of County Departments

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

4 Ladies and Gentlemen:

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sections 59.03 and 59.51, county boards have  
6 the authority to exercise any organizational or administrative power, subject only to the  
7 constitution and any enactment of the legislature which grants the organizational or  
8 administrative power to a county executive or county administrator or to a person  
9 supervised by a county executive or county administrator or any enactment which is of  
10 statewide concern and which uniformly affects every county; and

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12 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the County to develop and implement restructuring  
13 plans that are responsive to its citizens and constituency; achieve greater accountability  
14 and enhance an informed decision making process; improve customer service and  
15 satisfaction, and increase efficiencies and cost-effectiveness, where consistent with law;  
16 and

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18 WHEREAS, starting in 2015, the County restructured the various programs and service  
19 units of the Human Services Department and the Health Department in the formation of  
20 the Community Services Division, a division model that has achieved considerable  
21 success through integration, consolidation and coordination of common and related  
22 operational functions.

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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Polk County Board of Supervisors  
25 authorizes and approves of the reorganization and consolidation of county departments,  
26 programs and services into three divisions in addition to the Community Services  
27 Division, which are established and structured, as follows:

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29 1. General Government Services Division, being comprised of those current  
30 departments of the Department of Administration, Employee Relations  
31 Department; Information Technology Department; Corporation Counsel; County  
32 Clerk and County Treasurer.  
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34 a. The Deputy County Administrator shall coordinate the programs and  
35 services of the General Government Services Division; and administer and  
36 manage the functions, programs and services presently delivered by or  
37 through the Department of Administration, the Employee Relations  
38 Department and Information Technology Department and appoint and  
39 supervise the personnel of the division with exception of the personnel of  
40 the offices of Corporation Counsel, County Clerk and County Treasurer  
41 and the personnel appointed and supervised in said offices.  
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- b. The Corporation Counsel shall administer and manage the Office of Corporation Counsel and appoint and supervise the personnel of said office.
- c. The County Clerk and County Treasurer will administer, supervise and manage their respective offices as provided by statute.

2. Highway and Facilities Division, being comprised of the departments of the Highway Department, County Buildings and Facilities; Lime Quarry; and Solid Waste and Recycling. The Highway Commissioner shall administer, manage and supervise the programs, services, functions of the Highway and Facility Division and appoint and supervise the personnel of said division.

3. Land Use Division, being comprised of the departments of the Land Information Department, Land and Water Resources Department, University of Wisconsin Extension Office; Parks, Recreation, Trails and Forestry; and Register of Deeds.

- a. The Land Information Director shall coordinate the programs and services of the Land Use Division; and administer and manage the functions, programs and services presently delivered by or through the Land Information Department; Land and Water Resources Department; University of Wisconsin Extension Office; Parks, Recreation, Trails and Forestry. The Land Information Director shall appoint and supervise the personnel of said division, with exception of the elected officials and personnel appointed and supervised by elected officials organized within the division.

- b. The Register of Deeds will administer, supervise and manage their respective offices as provided by statute.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to develop and present for General Government Committee recommendation and County Board approval the proposed organizational structures, division budgets and staffing plans consistent with the reorganization and consolidation made in this resolution.

Offered and Submitted on this 5 day of Oct., 2018.

BY: Brad Olson  
 Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1  
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 Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2  
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 Dean Johansen, Chair,  
 Supervisor, District #3,  
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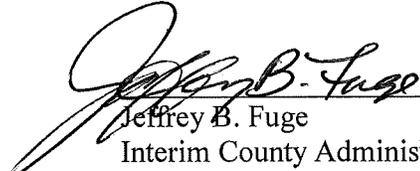
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Joe DeMulling, Supervisor, District #15

Reviewed By County Administrator:

  
Jeffrey B. Fuge  
Interim County Administrator

*Fiscal Impact Note: The fiscal impact of the resolution is unknown at this present time.*

Approved as to Form and Execution:

  
Malia T. Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel

*Legal Impact Note: The legal impact is unknown at this time.*

Excerpt of Minutes

At its regular business meeting on the 16 day of October 2018, the Polk County Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 80-18: Resolution Concerning Reorganization and Consolidation of County Departments, as follows:

- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:

*Dean Johansen*  
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

*Sharon Jorgenson*  
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

**CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 80-18: Resolution Concerning the Reorganization and Consolidation of County Departments adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on October 16, 2018



Sharon E. Jorgenson 10/16/18  
Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk                      Date

Resolution No. 78-18

Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget Proposal

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, Section 65.90(1) Wisconsin Statutes, requires Polk County to annually formulate a budget and hold hearings on the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 59.18(5), the County Administrator has prepared, presented and submitted to the Polk County Board of Supervisors, during the meeting of September 6, 2018, the proposed draft budget for fiscal year 2019; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the budget preparation provisions of the Polk County Financial Policy, the respective county board standing committees have reviewed the submitted 2019 Budget Proposal and made recommendations on amendments that they have deemed appropriate.

WHEREAS, consistent with the budget preparation provisions of the Polk County Financial Policies, the General Government Committee has reviewed the submitted proposed budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Polk County Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing of the proposed 2019 County Budget at 7:00 p.m. during the course of its annual meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 and that such public hearing shall be held at the County Board Room at the Polk County Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors receives the formulated budget, "2019 Budget Proposal of Polk County" as attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the purposes of conducting said public budget hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to have published as a Class 1 notice a notice of public budget hearing, which such notice shall include a summary of the budget consistent with Section 65.90(3)(b) and notice that the proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the office of the County Clerk and on the County Internet.

Resolution No. 78-18  
Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget Proposal

Offered and Submitted on this 5 day of Oct, 2018.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1  
\_\_\_\_\_ James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8  
Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9  
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Supervisor, District #14  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joe DeMulling, Supervisor, District #15

*Submitted on Administrator's prerogative.*

*Reviewed By County Administrator:*

*Recommended for passage*

*Jeffrey B. Fuge*  
Jeffrey B. Fuge  
Interim County Administrator

*Fiscal Impact Note:* The resolution presents no financial impact. The resolution sets the public hearing on the proposed 2019 Operating and Capital Budget and does not involve action to approve or authorize appropriations or expenditures that will be determined after such public hearing.

Approved as to Form and Execution:

*Malia T. Malone*  
Malia T. Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel

*Legal Impact Note:* The resolution presents no legal impact. The resolution schedules the public hearing of the proposed budget for 2019 during the annual meeting of the County Board consistent with Wisconsin statute Sections 59.11 and 65.90.

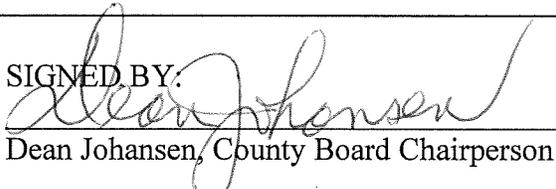
Excerpt of Minutes

At its regular business meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, the Polk County Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 78-18: Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget Proposal, as follows:

- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against.
  - Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
  - Adopted as amended. See Below.
  - Defeated
  - Other:
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Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:

  
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

**CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 78-18: Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget Proposal adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on October 16, 2018

 10/16/18

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
2019 Budget**

Notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Polk County Government Center, County Board Room Room 114, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, the County Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2019. The following is a summary of the proposed budget for the governmental fund types of the County. An account of the proposed budget may be inspected at the Department of Administration or via the County website.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>Adopted 2018 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2019 Budget</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
General Government	\$ 7,825,211	\$ 7,704,880	
Public Safety	8,222,173	8,963,939	
Highway	3,235,955	3,330,167	
Sanitation	701,192	674,806	
Health and Human Services	1,716,566	1,744,442	
Culture, Recreation and Education	494,930	459,048	
Conservation and Development	1,951,218	1,847,775	
Other Financing Uses	24,200	63,700	
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>\$ 24,171,445</b>	<b>\$ 24,788,757</b>	<b>2.554%</b>

**Revenues and Other Sources:**

<b>Taxes:</b>			
General Property Taxes - General Fund	\$ 11,581,163	\$ 11,356,463	
General Property Taxes - Highway	3,235,955	3,330,167	
Other Taxes	586,145	691,600	
Intergovernmental	2,152,361	2,205,117	
Licenses and Permits	419,729	436,749	
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	139,050	140,331	
Public Charges for Services	1,562,772	1,650,661	
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	593,245	628,695	
Miscellaneous	623,885	623,997	
Transfer from Sales Tax Fund	3,150,000	3,250,000	
Transfer from Lime Fund and Golden Age Manor	91,677	91,677	
Transfer from Nonmajor Governmental Funds	25,000	25,000	
Fund Balance Applied/Use of Undesignated Funds	10,463	358,300	
<b>Total Revenues and Fund Balance Applied</b>	<b>\$ 24,171,445</b>	<b>\$ 24,788,757</b>	<b>2.554%</b>

	<u>Fund Equity 01/01/2019</u>	<u>Revenues/ Other Sources</u>	<u>Expenditures/ Other Uses</u>	<u>Fund Equity 12/31/19</u>	<u>Property Tax Contribution</u>
General Fund Undesignated	9,962,047	21,100,290	21,458,590	9,603,747	11,356,463
Contingency Fund	460,798	86,377		547,175	86,377
Other General Fund	1,666,466	375,191	307,991	1,733,666	-
Internal Service Funds Net position	12,901,761	14,302,776	14,507,389	12,697,148	3,330,167
Enterprise Funds Net position	2,968,508	9,087,983	9,115,393	2,941,098	
Special Revenue Funds	1,067,510	14,014,114	14,085,114	996,510	4,345,560
Capital Projects Fund	-	135,000	135,000	-	35,000
Debt Service Funds	102,441	2,823,414	2,823,414	102,441	2,808,414
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,129,531</b>	<b>\$ 61,925,145</b>	<b>\$ 62,432,891</b>	<b>\$ 28,621,785</b>	<b>\$ 21,961,981</b>

	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
County Tax Levy	21,854,342	21,961,981	107,639	0.49%
Levy for Rural Library Service - Act 150	749,481	794,750	45,269	6.04%
Levy for Town Bridges	25,288	256,374	231,086	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,629,111</b>	<b>\$ 23,013,105</b>	<b>\$ 383,994</b>	
County Tax Rate	4.9941	4.7711	(0.22)	-4.47%
Act 150 Tax Rate	0.2177	0.2189	0.00	0.54%
Bridge Aid Tax Rate	0.0058	0.0557	0.05	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5.2176</b>	<b>\$ 5.0457</b>	<b>\$ (0.1719)</b>	
<b>County Equalized Value</b>	<b>\$ 4,376,021,300</b>	<b>\$ 4,603,138,300</b>	<b>\$ 227,117,000</b>	<b>5.18%</b>

For more information, please visit: [www.co.polk.wi.us](http://www.co.polk.wi.us) Quick Links: Fiscal Transparency, Budget Information