

***AMENDED**
Polk County Board of Supervisors
Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI
County Board Room
Tuesday May 19, 2015
Regular Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Open Session

1. Call to Order
2. Evidence of Proper Notice
3. Roll Call
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Time of Reflection
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Consideration of noticed agenda for May 19 2015 meeting;
 - B. Consideration/corrections to the published minutes of April 21, 2015 County Board Meetings
7. Public Comments - 3 minutes per person- not to exceed 30 minutes total
8. Time for Committee Q&A (if any)
 - A. Opportunity for Committee Chair comments on committee actions
 - B. Other reports
9. Chairman's Report, Wm. Johnson
 - A. Request for consensus to allow the two existing "special use permitted events" on the Gandy Dancer Trail for 2015 following Burnett County's decision.
10. Project Report from the Renewable Energy Committee by Timm Johnson & Dave Muller
11. **Proposed Resolutions and Ordinances**

A. Resolution 12-15: Resolution to Authorize Polk County Land and Water Department Director To enter into Cooperative Agreements and Professional Service Agreements

B. Resolution 13-15: Resolution to Authorize Lease Agreement Concerning Part of Highway Gravel Pit Lands Located in Town of Lorain

C. Resolution 14-15: Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan

D. Resolution 15-15: Resolution to Offer to the Wisconsin Counties Association 2015 Annual Conference Relating to the Consideration and Handling of Non-Fiscal Policy Proposals Contained In the State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget Proposal

***E. Resolution 16-15: Resolution in Support of Continued Defederalization of the Regional Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund**

***F. Resolution 17-15: Resolution to Authorize Corporation Counsel to Appear at Settlement Conference in Pending Federal Litigation. (PAUL BURRITT v. LISA DITLEFSEN, et al. -15-1896)**

13. Supervisors Reports
14. Adjourn

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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.

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Polk County
Resolution #12-15

1 Resolution to Authorize Polk County Land and Water Resources Department Director to enter into
2 Cooperative Agreements and Professional Service Agreements

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

5 Ladies and Gentlemen:

6 WHEREAS, the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department (LWRD) desires to enter into
7 cooperative agreements with neighboring counties, or professional service agreements with entities
8 with taxing authority within Polk County, as permitted under Wisconsin Statute Sections 66.0301,
9 92.07 and 92.12; and

10 WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 92.07, the LWRD Director is able to enter into
11 cooperative agreements and professional service agreements on behalf of Polk County, upon the
12 recommendation and advice of the Polk County Conservation, Development, Recreation,
13 Education Committee, whereby Polk County LWRD staff will provide professional and technical
14 services to such neighboring counties or other entities with taxing authority: and

15 WHEREAS, the Polk County LWRD budget includes revenues from contracted services and may
16 require some amount of revenue be derived from such work in order to maintain the Department
17 budget in the positive; and

18 WHEREAS, such work performed by the LWRD will be restricted to that which relates to natural
19 resource protection, watershed assessment and protection, water quality analysis and assessments,
20 stream crossings, lake management and protection plans, wildlife habitat, dam inspections, and
21 boat landings.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Sections 92.07
23 and 92.12, the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Polk County LWRD Director to
24 enter into Cooperative Agreements with neighboring counties and Professional Service
25 Agreements with taxing entities within Polk County, in concurrence with Corporation Counsel; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Polk County
27 LWRD Director to charge the full amount of salary and fringes, indirect and administrative costs,
28 and vehicle costs , if applicable, for work performed under the Cooperative Agreement or
29 Professional Service Agreement.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Polk
31 County LWRD Director to submit quarterly and final invoices to those entities for which the
32 LWRD has performed work under these agreements.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	May 19, 2015

<p>Submitted By:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Kim O Connell, Chairperson Conservation, Development, Recreation, Education Committee</p>	
<p>Review By County Administrator:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> _____</p> <p>Dana Frey, County Administrator</p>	<p>Review By Corporation Counsel</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> _____</p> <p>Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel</p>
<p>Acknowledgement of County Board Action</p>	
<p>At its regular business meeting on May 19, 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors did act upon the above-entitled resolution, Resolution No. ____-15: Resolution to Authorize Polk County LWRD Director to Enter into Cooperative Agreements and Professional Service Agreements, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against. <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by unanimous voice vote. <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against. <input type="checkbox"/> Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>William Johnson, IV, County Board Chairman</p> <p>Attest: _____</p> <p>Carole Wondra, Polk County Clerk</p>	

[Signature]

Dale Wood

Dear Johnson

James S Edgell

L. A. O. Carl

Craig Morab

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

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Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 92.07(7), Polk County, by and through the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department, hereinafter known as "Polk", and Burnett County, by and through the Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Department, hereinafter known as "Burnett" do enter into this Cooperative Agreement as of the 1st day of January 2015, consisting of certain terms and conditions, as follows:

Terms and Conditions

1. It is acknowledged between the parties that Polk presently has a full-time technical staff which Polk agrees to make available to Burnett occasionally upon reasonable advance notice for the purposes and upon the conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Burnett shall reimburse Polk for said technical staff's time at the rate listed below;

Conservation Planner I - II	\$42.47 per hour	Water Quality Specialist	\$30.85 per hour
Cons. Planner/Technician	\$33.04 per hour	Professional Engineer	\$55.28 per hour
Info/Education Coordinator	\$34.61 per hour		

Said rates include salary and fringes for the calendar year of 2015, and these rates include a 10.4% indirect cost/administrative fee. This hourly rate shall constitute the only compensation paid to Polk by Burnett for the use of such technical staff. Also, Burnett will pay \$.50 per mile for use of Polk's vehicle. *Note: Wages subject to county actions.

3. It is acknowledged and agreed between the parties that said technical staff shall be a full-time employee for Polk and shall provide services to Burnett as an independent contractor. It shall be the responsibility of Polk to pay all salaries and fringe benefits for said employee and to provide all necessary insurance coverage required for said employee, including worker's compensation and liability insurance.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the technical staff to furnish their own tools of the trade and any and all equipment and materials which they may need to use in the performance of their duties for Burnett, except as otherwise agreed to between the parties.

5. The technical staff shall perform all necessary duties required for each program area to the standard specification of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Technical Guide, if applicable.

6. This agreement shall apply to any projects in Burnett County on an as needed basis. Schedule of work will be agreed upon by the Burnett and Polk County Conservationists.

7. The term of this agreement shall be for one year with funding contingent, and it shall be reviewed on an annual basis upon the same terms and conditions unless otherwise agreed to between the parties.

POLK COUNTY

By: _____ Dated: _____, 2015.
Tim Ritten, Polk County Land and Water Resources Department

BURNETT COUNTY

By _____ Dated : _____, 2015
Name:
Burnett County Land Conservation Committee

**Professional Services Agreement
Between
Polk County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD)
And**

THIS AGREEMENT made between Polk County Land and Water Department (LWRD) and _____ (“the client”):

WHEREAS, the client has entered into an agreement for the furnishings of professional services; and

WHEREAS, the client desires to engage Polk County LWRD from time to time to perform certain services under the terms of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the client and Polk County LWRD desire to set forth the general terms and conditions whereby Polk County LWRD will from time to time be engaged to provide services to the client, the particulars of each such engagement being set forth in an executed Task Order with attached exhibits;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter provided, the client and Polk County LWRD agree as follows:

- (1) Scope of Agreement. For work described in each Task Order, the client shall be billed based on provisions as outlined and agreed to on Exhibit A of that Task Order.
- (2) Professional Services. Polk County LWRD shall provide the services set forth in the Task Order, which is incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter “the Services”). Changes to the Services set out in the Task Order shall be provided in an Amended Task Order and shall be effective once executed by both parties. Services or changes to the Services shall not commence until a Task Order or an Amended Task Order is executed by both parties.
- (3) Period of Service. Polk County LWRD shall begin work on each Task Order after receipt of a fully executed copy of both this Agreement and the Task Order in question, to the extent that Polk County LWRD has been authorized to proceed by the Client, and will complete the Services described in the Task Order within the time schedule therein provided. However, the times for performance established in such schedule shall be extended on a day for day basis for periods of delay resulting from strikes, natural disasters and similar circumstances for which Polk County LWRD has no fault.
- (4) Compensation. For Services described in the Task Order, Polk County LWRD compensation shall be computed and paid on the basis set forth herein.

Direct expenses incurred by Polk County LWRD, whether included in or omitted from the Task Order, shall be reimbursed to Polk County LWRD by the Client. Polk County LWRD terms are:

- Invoices are due and payable 60 days from date of invoice.
- Past due accounts may be turned over to an Attorney for collections and/or reporting to a Credit Bureau
- The Client shall be responsible for reimbursement of all REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS OF COLLECTION for accounts turned over for collections.
- FOR VALUE RECEIVED, AND IN CONSIDERATION, the client agrees to unconditionally personally guarantee the full and prompt payment when due, of all indebtedness, obligations and liabilities for the work described in the applicable Task Order.

(5) Arbitration. It is agreed that the parties to this Agreement will submit any disputes arising out of the agreement or the work performed to Arbitration to be determined by the parties.

(6) Additional Services. Polk County LWRD shall provide services in addition to those described in the Task Order (“Additional Services”) upon written request of the Client. Polk County LWRD shall be compensated for all authorized Additional Services only on the basis agreed upon in writing at the time such Additional Services are authorized.

(7) Invoices. Invoices will be submitted by Polk County LWRD to the Client on an approximately quarterly basis for Services and Additional Services performed and expenses incurred pursuant to this Agreement and applicable Task Orders. Payment of each such invoice will be due within sixty (60) days of the date of said invoice.

(8) Termination. The obligation to provide further services under this Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by either party upon seven days’ written notice. Upon termination of this Agreement or a Task Order, Polk County LWRD will be paid for all authorized Services completed to the date of such termination.

(9) Ownership and Use of Documents. The ownership and use of all documents prepared by Polk County LWRD, including but not limited to drawings, specifications, calculations, maps, notes, files, sketches, lists, reports or data (in paper or electronic form) shall be governed by the applicable portions of this Contract. Documents prepared by Polk County LWRD shall only be used for the intended purpose and shall remain the Copyrighted Property of Polk County LWRD.

(10) Indemnity. The Client shall indemnify, hold and save harmless Polk County LWRD, its officers, agents and employees, from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for or on account of any or all claims or suits for damages of any character whatsoever resulting from injuries or damages sustained by any person or persons or property arising from negligent acts or omissions or misconduct by Client, its employees and agents, subcontractors or suppliers. The Client shall have no obligation hereunder to indemnify Polk County LWRD, its officers, agents and employees on account of claims or suits arising in whole or in part from

negligent acts or omissions of Polk County LWRD, its officers, agents and employees, indemnities, or independent contractors.

(11) Expenses of Litigation. In the event litigation or arbitration in any way related to the services performed hereunder is initiated by Polk County LWRD against the Client and such litigation concludes with the entry of a final judgment or award favorable to Polk County LWRD, the Client shall reimburse Polk County LWRD for all of Polk County LWRD's reasonable attorneys' fees, reasonable experts' fees and other expenses related to said litigation. Such expenses shall include, but shall not be limited to, the cost, determined at Polk County LWRD's normal hourly billing rates, of the time devoted to such litigation by Polk County LWRD employees.

(12) Controlling Law. This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the State of Wisconsin.

(13) Binding Effect. This Agreement shall bind, and the benefits thereof shall inure to the respective parties hereto, their legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

(14) Continuity of Services. Polk County LWRD shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, modification, dispute, or action arising from this Agreement and shall continue, pending final resolution of the matter, according to the directions of the Client.

(15) Merger; Amendment. This Agreement (together with the terms of individual Task Orders) constitutes the entire and fully integrated agreement between Polk County LWRD and its Client, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, representations, agreements and understandings, whether written or oral. This Agreement can be supplemented or amended only by a written document executed by both Polk County LWRD and the Client.

(16) Nonassignability. Neither party shall assign any rights or delegate any duties arising under this Agreement without prior written consent of the other party. Nothing under this Agreement shall be construed to give any rights or benefits in this Agreement to anyone other than Polk County LWRD and the Client.

(17) Severability; Waiver of Provisions. Any provisions in this Agreement (together with the provisions of individual Task Orders) that are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision on any other jurisdiction. Also, the non-enforcement of any provisions by Polk County LWRD shall not constitute a waiver of that provision nor shall it affect the enforceability of that provision or the remainder of this Agreement.

(18) Duration of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective from the date of execution by both parties until one (1) year after such date. Task Orders agreed to by both parties within such one year period shall be valid and binding until the agreements and promises thereunder are completed, and the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in effect until all

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obligations under said Task Order(s) are completed. This Agreement may be extended or renewed, with or without changes, by written amendment by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Polk County LWRD and the Client have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective duly authorized officers and on the day and year written below.

POLK COUNTY LWRD

<INSERT CLIENT NAME HERE>

SIGNED:

SIGNED:

Name _____

Name _____

Title _____

Title _____

Date _____

Date _____

1 Resolution No. 13 -15
2 Resolution To Authorize Lease Agreement Concerning Part of Highway Gravel Pit Lands Located in
3 Town of Lorain

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

6 Ladies and Gentlemen:

7 WHEREAS, In February 2015, Polk County acquired 40 acres of vacant land certain lands located in
8 the Town of Lorain for the operation and maintenance of a gravel pit; and

9 WHEREAS, in years prior to the County’s acquisition, Joe Tietz, Frederic, Wisconsin, had farmed
10 the westerly portion of the gravel pit, approximately ten(10) acres, through an arrangement with
11 the former owner, Harlan Funk and has requested the County to enter into a lease agreement to
12 continue in agricultural production such lands; and

13 WHEREAS, pursuant to Polk County Policy No. 916, *Management of County-Owned Non-Tax*
14 *Forfeiture Real Estate*, the County Administrator, after consulting the Highway Commissioner, has
15 determined that the westerly portion of the gravel pit lands are not suitable for gravel and a lease of
16 such portion of the gravel pit lands would be consistent with operation of the gravel pit and
17 management of the County’s lands; and
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19 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the County to develop and to administer such lease with the
20 proceeds on lease receipted into to Polk County Asset Fund to restore funds transferred for purposes
21 of land acquisition as provided in Resolution No. 04-15.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 59.52(6)(c),
23 the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to negotiate and to enter
24 into an agreement on behalf of Polk County to lease to Joe Tietz, Frederic Wisconsin, the westerly
25 _____ acres of the Highway gravel pit physically located along County Trunk Highway 0 in the
26 Town of Lorain and having the legal description as follows:

27 “The Southeast One-Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northeast One-Quarter (NE ¼) of
28 Section 30, Township 37 North, Range 15 West, Town of Lorain, Polk
29 County Wisconsin.”

30 Parcel Identification Number: 034-00582-0000.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such lease be developed and administered consistent
32 with Polk County Policy No. 916, *Management of County-Owned Non-Tax Forfeiture Real*
33 *Estate*.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Annual Rental Income Estimated at \$400 (\$40/acre)
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	May 19, 2015

Submitted By:	
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Review By County Administrator:

Recommended

Not Recommended

Reviewed Only

Dana Frey, County Administrator

Review By Corporation Counsel:

Approved as to Form

Recommended

Not Recommended

Reviewed Only

Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

Acknowledgement of County Board Action

Mark As Appropriate:

At its regular business meeting on May 19, 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. ____-15: Resolution To Authorize Lease Agreement Concerning Part of Highway Gravel Pit Lands Located in Town of Lorain, as follows:

- Adopted by simple majority of board of supervisors present by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by unanimous vote.
- Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Defeated by voice vote.
- Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____

SIGNED BY:

William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest: _____
Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

William F. Johnson
 Dale Wood
 Alan Johnson
 James S. Edgell
 L. A. [unclear]
 Craig Moriah

Resolution No. 14-15

Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human density in the intervening years; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau have officially approved a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a Wisconsin wolf population of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five (25) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 (7) or 350 less (18); and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threat to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties; and

WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people.

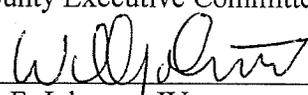
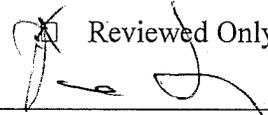
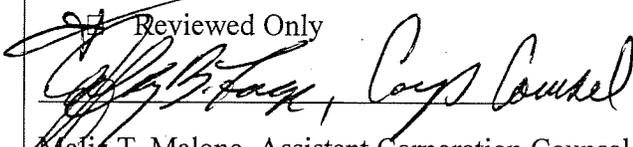
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors advises that Wisconsin approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors requests that the WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan to bring the wolf population to goal levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors requests that WDNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any county in Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of Governor Scott Walker; Cathy Stepp, WDNR Secretary; Ben Bancel, WDATCP Secretary; and the state and federal legislators who represent the people of Polk County.

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Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	May 19, 2015
Submitted and Sponsored By:	Polk County Executive Committee;  William F. Johnson, IV Executive Committee Chairman
Review By County Administrator: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Malia T. Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Acknowledgement of County Board Action

Mark As Appropriate:

At its regular business meeting on the 19th day of May 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. ____-15: Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan, as follows:

- Adopted by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by majority voice vote.
- Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Defeated by majority voice vote.
- Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____

SIGNED BY:

William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest:

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April 20, 2015

To: County Board Chairs Eau Claire, Monroe, Adams, Polk, Washburn, Waupaca, Waushara, Outagamie, Columbia

From: Laurie Groskopf, Tomahawk, WI 715-453-6301 harrisonhounds@hotmail.com

Subject: Wolf Control Resolution

Enclosed: Boiler-plate resolution; fact sheet on organizations that support a wolf population goal of 350 or 350 or less

Dear County Board Chairs:

Many counties in northern and central WI have passed a resolution similar to the one enclosed. The subject of this resolution is advisory to the WI DNR regarding your feelings about wolf numbers.

The WI DNR has been meeting with stakeholders for several years to discuss revision of the current Wolf Management Plan, which was first approved in 1999 and revised in 2007. That plan selected a wolf population goal of 350.

The sudden relisting of wolves by a federal judge in late 2014 stalled the process of review for our new management plan. But we expect that the DNR will continue the process of releasing the draft management plan, with public hearings to follow, with approval of the final plan at the September Natural Resources Board meeting in Bonduel (Shawano Co.).

This may be the last time your county will be able to impact Wisconsin's wolf management for a long time. There are several efforts in progress to return wolf management to state hands, so the wolf management plan will allow us to manage these symbols of wilderness in a manner that is appropriate for WI people and for all WI wildlife.

I am willing to come speak at any committee meeting, so please let me know if you would like more background information or other assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Laurie Groskopf
Tomahawk, WI

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WOLVES – WHY 350 (OR LESS) IS THE MAXIMUM FOR WISCONSIN

WHO SUPPORTS A WOLF GOAL OF 350 OR LESS IN WISCONSIN?

- Twenty-five Wisconsin County Boards have passed resolutions supporting a wolf population of 350 (7) or 350 or less (18). The votes: Barron, Burnett, Vilas, Taylor, Florence, Forest, Iron, Jackson, Lincoln, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Shawano all passed unanimously, Ashland 16 for, 2 against, Clark 27/1, Langlade 14/3, Rusk 10/1, Sawyer 10/2, Douglas 22/2, Wood 14/3, Bayfield 9/3, Portage 22/2, Marathon 32/2, Marquette 16/1. These votes represent 800,000 citizens in areas where wolves live.
- The Wisconsin Farm Bureau's 44,000 members support a wolf population of 350 or less.
- The Wisconsin Farmer's Union supports a wolf goal of 350.
- The Wisconsin Cattleman's Association supports a wolf goal of 80, the original recovery number.
- The Indianhead Polled Hereford Assoc., N. WI Beef Producers Assoc., and WI Hereford Assoc. all support a wolf goal lower than 350.
- The WI Bowhunter's Association Board and membership supports a wolf goal of 350 or less.
- The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, representing 198 organizations, officially supports a wolf population of 350 or less.
- The WI Trapper's Assoc. supports a goal of 350 wolves.
- The Wisconsin Bear Hunter's Association supports a goal of 100 wolves.
- In an attitude study done by the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW Madison, 66.5% of respondents favored a wolf population of 350 or less - Wisconsin Wolf Policy Survey – Changing Attitudes, 2001 – 2009, Adrian Treves, et al.
- The WCC Spring Hearing in 2011 voted overwhelming in favor of reducing the wolf population to 350 or less (3989 for/827 against, passed in all 72 counties). 350 or less was again approved by WCC delegates at the 2013 annual convention.

WHERE DID THE NUMBER 350 COME FROM?

In the WI Wolf Management Plan approved in the 1999 and 2007 the goal was 350 wolves.

Wolf population modeling studies done the late 1990s by David Mladenoff, Professor of Forest Ecology, U.W. Madison, used a spatial landscape projection to estimate the potential wolf population in primary wolf habitat. Wolves have shown a willingness to live in many areas not originally seen as primary wolf habitat. Whatever biological carrying capacity wolves may have, social carrying capacity is the main limiting factor for wolf numbers in WI.

In social surveys worldwide, results show less enthusiasm for wolves in areas where people encounter them, and more enthusiasm by people who are less likely to encounter wolves. Familiarity does not seem to increase tolerance.

At this time, wolves are again on the endangered species list, but several methods of returning wolves to state control are being explored. The federal relisting number for wolves remains at 100 wolves in MI and WI, under authority of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removal plan.

Wisconsin will soon release a draft revision of the Wolf Management Plan. What wolf population will best serve the needs of Wisconsin's residents and its wildlife?

Questions or comments: contact Laurie Groskopf 715-453-6301, harrisonhounds@hotmail.com 4/15

Resolution No. 15-15

Resolution to Offer to the Wisconsin Counties Association 2015 Annual Conference Relating to the
Consideration and Handling of Non-Fiscal Policy Proposals Contained in the State of Wisconsin
Biennial Budget Proposal

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, at the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Annual Convention, the WCA Annual
Business Meeting establishes policy positions through the adoption of official resolutions offered by
member counties; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin biennial budget contains many program expenditures that are often funded
partially or entirely by County or Municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, many of these programs are policies mandated by the State for local governments to
provide; and

WHEREAS, it has become a common practice that changes to these programs in funding, program
direction, scope, operation, or oversight, often has a financial impact on local governments that is
unknown or unspecified in the biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, although county and municipal budgets are set on an annual basis, local governments
need to plan for multi-year, future expenditures; and

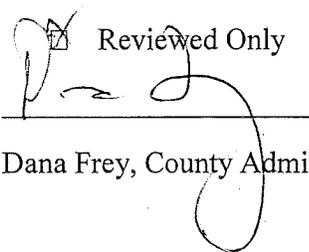
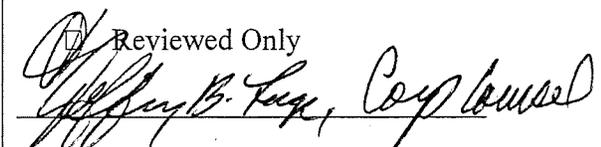
WHEREAS, non-fiscal policy decisions should be considered outside the State budget process for
adequate deliberation, analysis and study of financial impacts to local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors does, on behalf
of Polk County, sponsor, offer and submit to the Wisconsin Counties Association a proposed
resolution for consideration and adoption at the 2015 WCA Annual Business Meeting, wherein the
Wisconsin Counties Association resolve as follows:

1. To request of both the Wisconsin Assembly and the Wisconsin Senate to agree, as follows:
 - a. to require that upon receiving each biennial budget from the Governor, the
Legislative Fiscal Bureau be asked to identify any non-fiscal, policy provisions in the
budget; and
 - b. that the Joint Finance Committee, at its first meeting after receiving that information,
remove those non-fiscal items from the budget before the public hearings on the
biennial budget are scheduled.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To	Not Applicable

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Appropriation:	
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	May 19, 2015
Submitted and Sponsored By:	Polk County Executive Committee;  William F. Johnson, IV Executive Committee Chairman
Review By County Administrator: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Malia T. Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Acknowledgement of County Board Action

Mark As Appropriate:

At its regular business meeting on the 19th day of May 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. ____-15: Resolution to Offer to the Wisconsin Counties Association 2015 Annual Conference Relating to the Consideration and Handling of Non-Fiscal Policy Proposals Contained in the State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget Proposal, as follows:

- Adopted by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by majority voice vote.
- Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Defeated by majority voice vote.
- Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____

SIGNED BY:

William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest: _____

Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

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Resolution No. ___-15
Resolution In Support of Continued Defederalization of the Regional Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund

WHEREAS, many Polk County municipalities voluntarily transferred the assets of the CDBG funded Revolving Loan Fund to Regional Business Fund, Inc. (RBF) in to allow the businesses in Polk County greater access to a more flexible source of business financing and enhance economic development in the region; and

WHEREAS, staff of the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission followed the direction provided by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in developing the process to consolidate and defederalize the municipal revolving loan funds into the RBF, Inc. as outlined in the Investment Strategy and Memorandum of Understanding with DOC; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2011, administration of the CDBG program at the state level was transferred from DOC to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), and then to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) in July, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015 DOA notified the RBF that HUD has determined that the proper defederalization process was not followed and that all existing cash and future consolidated loan fund repayments thereby must be considered federal and must adhere to all accompanying federal rules and requirements; and

WHEREAS, Polk County does not agree with the DOA and HUD ruling because the process for defederalization was originally provided and directed by DOC and HUD;

WHEREAS, having to administer the Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund with the federal restrictions will minimize the funds usefulness to businesses in that the federal requirements are restrictive and burdensome; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors encourages DOA and HUD to reconsider their ruling and allow the Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund proceeds to continue in their defederalized status. This defederalization is necessary and vital to west Central Wisconsin businesses as they seek to add jobs and investment to the regional economy.

Funding Source/Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Date Submitted to County Board:	May 19, 2015
Submitted and Sponsored By:	

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<p>Review By County Administrator:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Dana Frey, County Administrator</p>	<p>Review By Corporation Counsel</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel</p>
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Acknowledgement of County Board Action

At its regular business meeting on May 19, 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors did act on the above-entitled resolution, Resolution No. ___-15; Resolution In Support of Continued Defederalization of the Regional Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund, as follows:

- Adopted by a vote of ___ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Defeated by a vote of ___ in favor and _____ against.
- Action Deferred by Procedural action as follows:

William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairman

Attest: _____
Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

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Resolution No. ____-15

Resolution to Authorize Corporation Counsel to Appear at Settlement Conference in Pending Federal Litigation.
(PAUL BURRITT v. LISA DITLEFSEN, et al. - 15-1896)

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, in the legal action, Paul Burritt v. Lisa Ditlefsen, et. al., now pending before the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, the Court of Appeals has ordered the telephonic appearance of an authorized representative of Polk County to attend a settlement conference scheduled for May 27, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors does authorize the Corporation Counsel to appear in said case on behalf of Polk County at the settlement conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes no settlement at this time.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	May 19, 2015
Submitted and Sponsored By:	
Review By County Administrator: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only _____ Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only _____ Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

Acknowledgement of County Board Action

At its regular business meeting on the 19th day of May 2015, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. ____-15: Resolution to Authorize Corporation Counsel to Appear at Settlement Conference in Pending Federal Litigation, as follows:

- Adopted by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Adopted by majority voice vote.
- Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.
- Defeated by majority voice vote.

SIGNED BY:

William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest: _____
Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes from Tuesday, May 19, 2015
Polk County Government Center – County Board Room
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Chairman Johnson called the regular May 19, 2015 meeting of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Johnson 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 three public buildings, published in a legal newspaper in accordance with Wisconsin Statute Section 985.02 and posted on the county website the week of May 11, 2015. In addition, the Office of the County Clerk distributed on May 7, 2015 copies of such notice of meeting and proposed resolutions to supervisors in accordance with Article 3, section 2 of the County Board Rules of Order. The amended notice of the meeting was posted to the website, posted in three public buildings and distributed to the Supervisors on May 18, 2015.

The County Board received the verbal opinion of Corporation Counsel that the initial advance written meeting notice, posted and published, as described by the Clerk satisfied the applicable provisions of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and the applicable procedural provisions of the Polk County Board Rules of Order. The Board also received from Corporation Counsel the verbal legal opinion that the amended meeting notice was posted in accordance with the substantive and timeline provision of the Open Meetings Law and that it would be necessary for the board to act to suspend the Rules of Order, pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 4, to approve the agenda, conforming to the amended meeting notice issued and posted on May 18, 2015 and add to the order of business Proposed Resolution Nos.: 16-15 and 17-15.

Chairman Johnson recognized the County Clerk for purposes of taking roll call. Roll call was taken with all 15 members present.

Chairman Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johnson recognized Supervisor Johansen to provide the Time of Reflection. Supervisor Johansen dedicated the time for reflection to the Memorial Day holiday and provided a historical account of Memorial Day, as originating as Decoration Day in honor of the Civil War. Supervisor Johansen read excerpts from “Recollection of 1876 – Polk County First Written History” to recognize those serving in the Civil War from Polk County.

Chairman Johnson explained there is a need to break out and handle separately the approval of the agenda and approval of the minutes to approve the agenda as amended.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion to suspend the Rules of Order to allow for adoption of the agenda conforming to the amended meeting notice. **Motion (Nelson/Jepsen) to suspend the Rules pursuant to Article 3, Paragraphs 4 to allow for the purpose of taking up approval of the agenda, conforming to the amended meeting notice issued and posted on May 18, 2015. Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion to approve the agenda conforming to the amended meeting notice. **Motion (Schmidt/Jepsen) to approve the agenda conforming to the amended meeting notice and posted on May 18, 2015. Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting. **Motion (Bonneprise/Moriak) to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Time was given for public comment.

Time was given for Receipt and Discussion of Committee Reports. None received.

Chairman Johnson recognized Supervisor Schmidt for a report on the induction of Deputy Michael Severson into the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial on May 8, 2015 and the Federal Law Enforcement Memorial on May 13, 2015.

Chairman's Report was received as presented by Chairman Johnson.

Chairman Johnson explained the reasoning behind item A. under the Chairman's report, "Requesting consensus to allow the two existing "special use permitted events" on the Gandy Dancer Trail for 2015 following Burnett County's decision." Supr. Jepsen also addressed the issue. Chairman asked if Supervisors had any objection to the two named events for 2015. The Board received no objections.

The Administrator's report was received as a handout in the absence of Administrator Frey.

Timm Johnson and Dave Muller did not appear for the project report by the Renewable Energy Committee.

Action of Proposed Resolutions and Ordinances:

Chairman Johnson called to the floor, **Resolution No. 12-15**, Resolution to Authorize Polk County Land and Water Resources Department Director to Enter into Cooperative Agreements and Professional Service Agreements. **Motion (Bonneprise/O'Connell) to approve Resolution 12-15.** Land and Water Director, Tim Ritten addressed the resolution. **Motion to approve Resolution 12-15, carried** by unanimous voice vote. Resolution Adopted.

Chairman Johnson called to the floor, **Resolution No. 13-15**, Resolution to Authorize Lease Agreement Concerning Part of Highway Gravel Pit Lands Located in Town of Lorain. **Motion (O'Connell/Jepsen) to approve Resolution 13-15.** Corporation Counsel addressed the resolution noting a need to receive an amendment to the resolution. **Motion (O'Connell/Nelson) to amend proposed Resolution 13-15, at Lines 25-29, to state as follows:**

“14.92 acres of Highway gravel pit physically located along County Trunk Highway O in the Town of Lorain and having the legal description as follows:

“The West 490 feet of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast One-Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 30, Township 37 North, Range 15 West, Town of Lorain, Polk County, Wisconsin. Containing 14.92 acres more or less.”

Motion to amend proposed resolution 13-15 carried unanimously. Motion to approve Resolution 13-15, as amended carried, by unanimous voice vote. Resolution Adopted.

Chairman Johnson called to the floor, **Resolution No. 14-15.** Resolution Concerning Wisconsin Wolf Population and Requesting Revision to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan. **Motion (Jepsen/Schmidt) to approve Resolution 14-15.** Supervisor Schmidt addressed the resolution. **Motion to approve Resolution 14-15, as amended, carried** by voice vote. Resolution Adopted.

Chairman Johnson called to the floor, **Resolution No. 15-15.** Resolution to Offer to the Wisconsin Counties Association 2015 Annual Conference Relating to the Consideration and Handling of Non-Fiscal Policy Proposals Contained in the State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget Proposal. **Motion (Jepsen/Demulling) to approve Resolution 15-15.** Chairman Johnson addressed the resolution. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-15 carried,** by unanimous voice vote. Resolution Adopted.

Chairman Johnson called to the floor, **Resolution No. 16-15.** Resolution in Support of Continued Defederalization of the Regional Consolidated Revolving Loan Fund. **Motion (Luke/Jepsen) to approve Resolution No. 16-15.** Corporation Counsel addressed the resolution. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-15 carried** by unanimous voice vote. Resolution Adopted.

Chairman Johnson called to the floor, **Resolution No. 17-15.** Resolution to Authorize Corporation Counsel to Appear at Settlement Conference in Pending Federal Litigation. (PAUL BURRITT v. LISA DITLEFSEN, et al. -15-1896) **Motion (Luke/Jepsen) to approve Resolution No. 17-15.** Corporation Counsel addressed the resolution. **Motion to approve Resolution No. 17-15 carried** by unanimous voice vote. Resolution Adopted.

Supervisors Reports were received.

Motion (Bonneprise/Johansen) to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Johnson declared meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole T. Wondra
Polk County Clerk

