



Resolution

No. 2020-51

Increase Funding for County Conservation Staff

WHEREAS, all life is dependent on clean water, and

WHEREAS, all Wisconsin residents and visitors require and deserve access to clean water, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy is dependent on water, and

WHEREAS, clean water is required to maintain and grow Wisconsin's economy, and

WHEREAS, County Conservation Departments are charged with implementing statewide performance standards, including ATCP 50 and NR 151, runoff reduction efforts like Total Maximum Daily Loads, farmland preservation programs, producer-led watershed and citizen watershed groups, stormwater permits and much more, and

WHEREAS, County Conservation Departments are being asked to implement an ever-increasing set of programs without increased funding and with less staff, and

WHEREAS, County Conservation Departments have 40% fewer state-funded staff than there were 20 years ago, and

WHEREAS, at almost every public hearing held by the 2019 Speakers Task Force on Water Quality found overwhelming support to fully fund county conservation staff, and

WHEREAS, the Speakers Task Force on Water Quality recommended that the State fully fund its cost-share commitment for County Conservation staff, and

WHEREAS, Bills AB790 and SB723 in the 2019-2020 Legislative session provided for increased funding for County Conservation staff to meet Wisconsin Statutes 92.14 to support an average of three staff per county at cost share rates of 100/70/50%.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th Day of May 2020, supports an increase in state funding for County Conservation staff to meet Wisconsin Statutes 92.14, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th Day of May 2020, recommends that the Wisconsin Counties Association urge the State Legislature to increase funding for County Conservation staff to meet Wisconsin Statutes 92.14

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chair*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)
I, Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*, hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Volume
27, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of
Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th of May
2020

Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*