

Resolution # 05-2017

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR COUNTY
FOREST ADMINISTRATION GRANT PROGRAM

Resolution offered by FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Resolved BY THE Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

WHEREAS, Forest County has land entered into the Wisconsin County Forest Law (County Forest Law) ss.28.10 and 28.11 Stats. and is a member of the Wisconsin County Forest Association (WCFA); and

WHEREAS, the WCFA is a nonprofit organization that represents the forestry interest of 29 counties with 2.4 million acres of forest lands entered into the County Forest Law; and

WHEREAS, the WCFA also provides leadership and counsel to each county's forest administrator and functions as an organizational liaison to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (department); and

WHEREAS, s. 28.11(5m)(am). Stats., authorizes the department to make grants, from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5)(bw), Stats., to counties having lands entered under the County Forest Law in order to fund up to 50 percent of the costs of a county's annual dues to the WCFA; and

WHEREAS, historically, the total amount that the department could award in grants under this provision in any fiscal year could not exceed \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, while the statutory language remains in place, the State's 2015-17 biennial budget eliminated the \$50,000 grant for organizational dues payment; and

WHEREAS, Forest County depends on the funds from the County Forest Administrator Grant to assist in the operations and funding of the Forest County Forest for the public's benefit; and

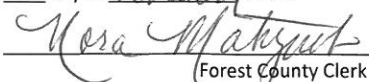
WHEREAS, the Wisconsin forestry mil tax (segregated funds) provides the funding for the County Forest Administrator Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Forest does hereby resolve that the County requests that the legislature restore the County Forest Administration Grant Program to its previous funding level in the next State Biennial Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper County officials, including the Forest Administrator, are authorized to contact the State legislators for Forest County requesting their support for restoration of this grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, the state legislators for Forest County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp.

I, County Clerk, in and for the said County of Forest, State of Wisconsin, do hereby
Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the
County Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, in legal session on the
15th day of February 2017.



Forest County Clerk

Dated this 21st day of February 2017



Supervisor

ROLL CALL SHEET

COUNTY BOARD

Date 2-21-2017

No. 05-2017

Resolution

Ordinance _____

Motion: _____

Adopted _____

1st Collins

Lost _____

2nd Dailey

Tabled _____

	Aye	No	Absent
Berg	X		
Bunda	X		
Campbell	X		
Chaney	X		
Collins	X		
Connors, Jr.	X		
Dailey	X		
Dehart	X		
Gallion	X		
Houle	X		
Huettl			X
Karl	X		
Laabs	X		
Lukas	X		
Marvin	X		
Matuszewski	X		
Millan	X		
* Otto	X		
Shaffer	X		
Stamper	X		
Tauer	X		
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