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BAYFIELD COUNTY

Resolution

No. 2017-36

Supporting an Increase in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) For County Forest Lands

WHEREAS, Collectively, counties manage nearly 2.4 million acres of land in Wisconsin, making County Forests the largest public ownership in the state; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin currently provides $.30 per acre to towns with county forest property enrolled in the County Forest Land (CFL) program; *and*

WHEREAS, this $.30 per acre goes to pay for town roads, elections and emergency services; *and*

WHEREAS, the rate of $.30 per acre was set in 1989 and has not changed over the past 28 years; *and*

WHEREAS, costs to provide road, election and emergency services have increased dramatically since 1989; *and*

WHEREAS, the Federal Forest Payment in Lieu of Taxes is $2 per acre; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin pays, on average, at least $10 per acre for lands not on the tax roll but owned by the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30th day of May, 2017, does hereby petition the state legislature and the Governor to increase the fee paid to towns from $.30 to $2 per acre for County Forest Land enrolled in the CFL program; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with all other counties and towns with county forests in the state of Wisconsin.

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

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 Resolution No. 2017-36, Volume 25, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 30th day of May, 2017.

Scott S. Fibert

Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk