

**County Forest Administration Grant Program**


1 To the Honorable members of the Burnett County Board of Supervisors;  
2  
3 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin and many Wisconsin Counties have a long and rich  
4 history managing timber; and  
5  
6 **WHEREAS**, the sustainable management of timber resources greatly contributes to  
7 Wisconsin’s industry, commerce, and economic development activities; and  
8  
9 **WHEREAS**, the State recognizes the important County partnership by providing the County  
10 Forest Administration Grant Program; and  
11  
12 **WHEREAS**, the Grant program has been used to fund the Burnett County Forest Assistant  
13 Administrator position since 1999; and  
14  
15 **WHEREAS**, the requirements for funding this position can be found in the definition of  
16 forester within NR 47.70(2)(e) NR 1.21(2)(e): *“Forester” means a person other than one*  
17 *employed by the department who has received a bachelor’s or higher degree in forestry from*  
18 *a school of forestry with a curriculum accredited by the Society of American Foresters or and*  
19 *equivalent degree, as determined by the chief state forester; and*  
20  
21 **WHEREAS**, it is becoming more and more difficult to find individuals in Northern  
22 Wisconsin that fit this definition of a forester; and  
23  
24 **WHEREAS**, Burnett County has asked, and been denied, multiple requests of the Chief State  
25 Forester to consider that our existing Forest Administrator with a two-year forestry degree and  
26 over 20 years of service, qualify for this grant; and  
27  
28 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Forest Association Board voted to support our request  
29 and the state still denied it; and  
30  
31 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Burnett County is seeking a change to the  
32 Forester definition within NR 47.70(2)(e) NR 1.21(2)(e): to read, *“Forester” means a person*  
33 *other than one employed by the department who has received a bachelor’s degree in forestry*  
34 *from a school of forestry with a curriculum accredited by the Society of American Foresters*  
35 *or an equivalent degree, including a two year forestry degree with a minimum of 10 years’*  
36 *experience in a County Forestry Department, or as determined by the Chief State Forester.*  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43

**County Forest Administration Grant Program**

1 Respectfully submitted by the Natural Resources Committee,  
2 Signed and dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

3  
4 State of Wisconsin  
5 County of Burnett

6  
7 I, Wanda Hinrichs, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk in and for Burnett County, do  
8 hereby certify that the attached resolution 2018-16 County Forest Administration Grant  
9 Program, was adopted by the Burnett County Board of Supervisors at a legally assembled  
10 meeting at which a quorum was present and acted throughout. The date of passage was May  
11 23, 2019.

12  
13 

14 \_\_\_\_\_  
15 Wanda Hinrichs,  
16 Burnett County Clerk

17