



Resolution

No. 2020-55

Increase the Payments to Towns with County Forest Land

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has 29 Counties with 2.4 million acres of County Forest Land, and

WHEREAS, County Forest Lands are entered under Wisconsin Statute 28.11 County Forest Law, which outlines the framework for County Forest Management, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 28.11 requires compensation and a reasonable revenue to Towns, and

WHEREAS, the State currently provides a payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) of \$0.30 per acre to local units of government containing County Forest Lands, and

WHEREAS, this amount was established in 1989 and has not been increased in 30 years, and

WHEREAS, PILT payments for National Forest Lands are approximately \$2.00 per acre to local units of government, and

WHEREAS, these payments help towns to provide emergency services to people using the county forest and to maintain roads which provide access to the county forest, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources is willing to consider a budgetary fix to this issue,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th Day of May 2020, supports an increased PILT payment to Towns with County Forest Lands to \$2.00 acre, 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 PILT payments to Town with County Forest Lands to \$2.00 per acre.

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocerlich, *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*