

# ***RESOLUTION NO.: 157—2018-19***

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

***MAJORITY***

1       The Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to  
2       preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and  
3       expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Per Ch. 23.0915(2c)(d), Wis. Stats., the  
4       Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2020. The program has supported  
5       land acquisition and capital development by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR),  
6       local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural  
7       areas, wildlife habitat, water quality and outdoor recreation for public benefit around the  
8       state. Outagamie County has utilized Stewardship grant funds to develop trails and other  
9       public outdoor recreation opportunities. This resolution supports the continuation of the  
10      Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

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12      NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Property, Airport, Recreation and  
13      Economic Development Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

14      BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors considers the Knowles-  
15      Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and  
16      water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities  
17      that promote economic development and enhance quality of life, and

18      BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does support  
19      funding renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, and

20      BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy  
21      of this resolution to the Outagamie County Executive, the Outagamie County Development and Land  
22      Services Director, the Outagamie County Parks Director, the Outagamie County Greenway  
23      Implementation Committee, all Outagamie County Municipalities, all Wisconsin Counties, the  
24      Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the Legislature and the Governor, and the Wisconsin  
25      Department of Natural Resources Secretary, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53702.

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Dated this 15th day of February 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

PROPERTY, AIRPORT, RECREATION AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: February 13, 2019

Signed:

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Board Chairperson

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County Clerk

Approved:

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2-14-19

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:

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County Executive