WOOD COUNTY

ITEM# 4- 1

DATE December 15, 2020

RESOLUTION# 20-12-10 Effective Date December 15, 2020

Introduced by Conservation, Education & Economic Development

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Motion:	Adopted: X
1st Zurfluh	Lost:
2nd Fischer	Tabled:
No: 1 Yes: 18	Absent: 0

Number of votes required:

[X] Majority [ ] Two-thirds

Reviewed by: PAK , Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: _____ , Finance Dir.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D		X	
2	Rozar, D	X		
3	Feirer, M		X	
4	Wagner, E		X	
5	Fischer, A		X	
6	Breu, A		X	
7	Ashbeck, R		X	
8	Hahn, J		X	
9	Winch, W		X	
10	Thao, L		X	
11	Curry, K		X	
12	Valenstein, L		X	
13	Hokamp, J		X	
14	Polach, D		X	
15	Clendenning, B		X	
16	Pliml, L		X	
17	Zurfluh, J		X	
18	Hamilton, B		X	
19	Leichtnam, B		X	

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To place on the Wood County April 2021 ballot a referendum question on Clean Water.

FISCAL NOTE: Minimal cost to the County depending on the size of the ballot.

WHEREAS, a cheap plentiful supply of drinking water is necessary for the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of pollutants, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, benefits not only citizens but also Wisconsin's tourism industry as well as rural economic development; and

WHEREAS, Governor Evers declared 2019 to be the "Year of Clean Water"; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought to the attention of state legislators and the state's residents, as a whole, the immensity of this problem; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly took a step in addressing the problem by passing 13 "Water Bills" on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "Water Bills" when its last scheduled session on March 24, 2020, was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin voters can encourage continued legislative attention to the issue of water quality by speaking out.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES, in legal session assembled, to hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April 6, 2021, ballot as an advisory referendum question: "Question: Should the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin? YES ___ NO ___"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Wood County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Wood County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the April 6, 2021, election at which the question will appear on the ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the State Legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.

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KEN CURRY (Chair)

BILL LEICHTNAM Bill Leichtnam

ROBERT ASHBECK

JAKE HAHN

DAVE LAFONTAINE

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 15th day of December 20 20.

County Clerk

County Board Chairman