

**ROLL CALL
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE April 20, 2021 RESOLUTION # 12--2021-22

Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning and Land Conservation Committee. Urge the Wisconsin Legislature and the Joint Committee on Finance to provide \$13.0 million in base funding for county conservation staffing, in fulfillment of the state’s base funding goal and in recognition that county Land Conservation Department professionals are among the best and most cost-effective solutions we have to improving water quality, achieving clean and safe drinking water, and supporting a viable agricultural industry at the same time; and urge the Wisconsin Legislature to support the legislative efforts to enhance county authority, funding for county-level action planning, mitigation, adaptation and resilience to confront the impacts of climate change.

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MADE BY: O’Connor-Schevers

SECONDED BY: Melchert

DST	NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	PRES	ABSENT
1	Thompson	x				
2	Miller	x				
3	Renteria	x				
4	Patience	x				
5	Gabrielson	x				
6	Konetzke	x				
7	Hammen	x				
8	Nicholas Thyssen	x				
9	Krueger					x
10	Lamers	x				
11	Fallona	x				
12	McCabe	x				
13	Wegand	x				
14	Jeremy Thyssen	x				
15	Peterson					x
16	Schroeder					x
17	Croatt	x				
18	Spears	x				

DST	NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	PRES	ABSENT
19	Marcks	x				
20	Thomas	x				
21	Travis Thyssen	x				
22	Hagen	x				
23	Klemp	x				
24	Iverson	x				
25	Nooyen	x				
26	Davidson	x				
27	Culbertson	x				
28	Monfils	x				
29	Buchman	x				
30	Wuebben	x				
31	Clegg	x				
32	VanderHeiden	x				
33	O’Connor-Schevers	x				
34	Rettler					x
35	Melchert	x				
36	Suprise	x				

AYE	<u>32</u>
NAY	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
PRESENT	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	<u>36</u>

APPROVED	<u>x</u>
DEFEATED	<u> </u>

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 The powers of county Land Conservation Committees (LCCs) are created and defined by
2 Wis. Stats. §92.06 and §92.07, and Wis. Stat. §92.09 empowers county Land Conservation
3 Departments (LCDs) to administer county soil and water conservation programs and may
4 exercise the powers granted to the land conservation committee. The county LCDs are the
5 local delivery mechanism for a wide range of Wisconsin's natural soil and water and other
6 resource management programs including non-point pollution control, farmland
7 preservation, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland
8 management, lakes protection, and more.

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10 The LCD professionals work as trusted, technical advisors to support producer-led
11 watershed groups, assist waterfront property owners, help farmers develop and implement
12 nutrient management plans, respond to natural disasters like floods, and spend years
13 building trust to be successful.

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15 The conservation practices that LCD professionals help landowners apply to farm fields,
16 forests, and shorelines have numerous water quality benefits, including: preventing soil
17 erosion and promoting soil health, increasing infiltration into groundwater aquifers,
18 protecting drinking water supply, reducing surface runoff, flood severity, and more.

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20 The State of Wisconsin establishes in Wis. Stat. §92.14(6)(b), a base funding goal for
21 county conservation staffing at an average of three positions at 100, 70, and 50 percent
22 support, respectively, for each LCD. The return on investment in county LCDs is high;
23 leveraging federal and private grant dollars into more conservation on the land and more
24 dollars into local economies, and multiplying several times over the state's existing
25 investment. The support of county LCD funding is a bipartisan issue, supported by farm,
26 conservation, environmental and local government groups, and was a top priority voiced
27 by Wisconsinites at statewide Water Quality Task Force hearings in 2019. An increase of
28 base state funding for county conservation staffing will result in more conservation on the
29 landscape, and better protection of water quality.

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31 In addition, the effects of climate change are becoming clear across rural America that is
32 increasing awareness to support the legislative efforts to enhance county authority, funding
33 for county-level action planning, mitigation, adaptation and resilience to confront the
34 impacts of climate change.
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1 NOW THEREFORE, the following resolution is presented by the Agriculture, Extension
2 Education, Zoning and Land Conservation Committee to the County Board.

3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the
4 Wisconsin Legislature and the Joint Committee on Finance to provide \$13.0 million in base funding for
5 county conservation staffing, in fulfillment of the state’s base funding goal and in recognition that county
6 LCD professionals are among the best and most cost-effective solutions we have to improving water
7 quality, achieving clean and safe drinking water, and supporting a viable agricultural industry at the same
8 time, and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does hereby
10 urge the Wisconsin Legislature to support the legislative efforts to enhance county authority, funding for
11 county-level action planning, mitigation, adaptation and resilience to confront the impacts of climate
12 change, and

13 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of
14 this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution
15 to the State Senators and State Representatives representing Outagamie County and the Governor.

16 Dated this 20th day of April 2021

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18 Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: April 20, 2021

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21 Signed:  
22 Board Chairperson County Clerk

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25 Approved: 4.23.21 Vetoed: _____

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28 Signed: 
29 County Executive