



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution 2023-47

PROVIDE \$18.7 MILLION IN STABLE, CORE FUNDING SUPPORT FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT STAFFING

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD			
BEARDSLEY			
BULTMAN			
CHOMEAU			
D. ENGLEBERT			
R. ENGLEBERT			
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FISHER			
GAUGER			
GUNNLAUGSSON			
HEIM PETER			
KALMS			
LIENAU			
MILLER			
MORKIN			
NORTON			
ROBILLARD			
RUSNAK			
THAYSE			
VOGEL			
ZETTEL			

1 WHEREAS, Wis. Stats. 92.06 and 92.07 create and define the powers of Land Conservation
 2 Committees (LCCs) and Wis. Stat. 92.09 empowers Soil and Water Conservation Departments
 3 (SWCDs) to administer county soil and water conservation programs and may exercise the powers
 4 granted to the land conservation committee; and

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 6 WHEREAS, county SWCDs are the local delivery mechanism for a wide range of Wisconsin's natural
 7 soil and water and other resource management programs including non-point pollution control, farmland
 8 preservation, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes
 9 protection, and more; and

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 11 WHEREAS, SWCD professionals work as trusted, technical advisors to support producer-led
 12 watershed groups, assist waterfront property owners, help farmers develop and implement nutrient
 13 management plans, respond to natural disasters like floods, and spend years building the trust to be
 14 able to successfully do so; and,

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

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 21 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin 2023 Joint Allocation Plan establishes the current need for county
 22 SWCD staffing at \$18.7 million, per the core funding goal established in Wis. Stat. 92.14(6)(b); and

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 24 WHEREAS, the return on investment in county SWCDs is high, leveraging federal and private grant
 25 dollars into more conservation on the land and more dollars into local economies, and multiplying several
 26 times over the state's existing investment; and

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 28 WHEREAS, support of county SWCD funding is a bipartisan issue, supported by farm, conservation,
 29 environmental and local government groups alike, and was a top priority voiced by Wisconsinites at
 30 statewide Water Quality Task Force hearings in 2019; and

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 32 WHEREAS, providing state funding for core county SWCD staffing needs will result in more
 33 conservation on the landscape and better protection of water quality.

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 35 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Door County Board of Supervisors hereby supports
 36 and urges the Wisconsin Legislature and the Joint Committee on Finance to provide \$18.7 million in
 37 stable, base funding for county conservation staffing, in fulfillment of the state's core funding goal and in
 38 recognition that county SWCD professionals are among the best and most cost-effective solutions we
 39 have to improving water quality, achieving clean and safe drinking water, and supporting a viable
 40 agricultural industry at the same time.

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 42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County Clerk
 43 to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the members of the Joint Committee on Finance, and the
 44 state senators and state representatives representing Door County.

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BOARD ACTION
 Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted Defeated

1st Fisher Defeated

2nd Bultman

Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: [Signature], Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: [Signature], Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no additional fiscal implication with the adoption of this resolution.
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Certification:
 I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 23rd day of May, 2023 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature]
 Jill M. Lau
 County Clerk, Door County

SUBMITTED BY: LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

[Signature]
 Ken Fisher, Chairperson

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 Bob Bultman

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 Vinni Chomeau

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 Claire Morkin

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