

LANGLADE COUNTY



RESOLUTION #15-2023

INTRODUCED BY: FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

INTENT: OBJECT TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN PURCHASING LANDS OR INTEREST IN LANDS (SUCH AS THE PELICAN RIVER FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT) WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF AFFECTED COUNTY AND TOWN GOVERNMENTS.

WHEREAS, related to a proposed Conservation Easement Purchase by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on Phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest, the affected Towns and only two of three affected counties were given 30 days to respond with a resolution in support of or in opposition to the purchase of the easement; and

WHEREAS, related to a proposed Conservation Easement Purchase by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest, two of the affected Towns delivered to the DNR a resolution opposing the purchase of the easement within the 30 days requirement and to the person the DNR designated to respond to; and

WHEREAS, related to a proposed Conservation Easement Purchase by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest, no affected Towns and none of three affected counties sent in a resolution in support of the purchase of the easement by the date as set by the DNR in their notice to the affected Towns and counties; and

WHEREAS, related to a proposed Conservation Easement Purchase by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on the phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest, the DNR never followed up to see if any of the affected Towns or counties had sent in a resolution in favor of the purchase of the easement or opposing it as outlined in the notice that the DNR sent to the affected Towns and two of the affected counties; and

WHEREAS, in order to make informed decisions regarding the future planning and development of the County, the Langlade County Board requires information on how each land or easement acquisition by the State of Wisconsin will affect the future tax base, future population and development potential, economic impacts based on various industries and business sectors, future land use and planning restrictions, utility installation restrictions, and trail and access limitations for motorized vehicles and motorized recreational vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors objects to the proposed purchase of a conservation easement by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest due to lack of communication of essential information to Langlade County by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Langlade County would support local ATV/UTV and Snowmobile clubs working within with the affected counties and the current landowner of the Pelican River Forest to lay out permanent trails throughout Phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest; and

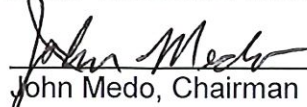
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Langlade County would support the State of Wisconsin utilizing Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funding to purchase a 33' wide motorized trail accesses throughout Phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest as identified by the Counties thereby deeding those easements to the affected counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Langlade County would support the State of Wisconsin utilizing Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funding to purchase a 66' wide right of way over the existing woods roads within Phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest for permanent motor vehicle accesses into the Pelican River Forest thereby deeding those easements to the affected counties; and

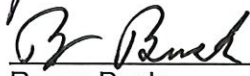
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Langlade County would support the Wisconsin DNR providing endowment funds from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund to the affected Counties for maintenance and rehabilitation of roadways and trails for public accesses as granted through easements within Phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Langlade County request that no additional lands or interest in lands be acquired by the State of Wisconsin within Langlade County under any program without affirmative approval of affected County and Towns through an enacted resolution supporting the land or land interest acquisition.

LANGLADE COUNTY FORESTRY & RECREATION COMMITTEE:



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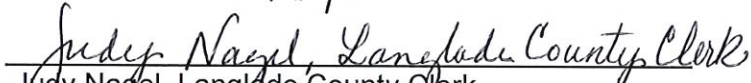


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FISCAL NOTE:

The acquisition of land interest and lands by the State and Federal Government or utilizing State and Federal Money have the potential of restricting future property tax base to that of undevelopable land and limit population growth on those lands into perpetuity and may negatively affect the future of Langlade County without County review and approval. Negotiation of the agreement by the owner of the property is required to ensure County and local needs are met.

Adopted by the County Board of Langlade County,
this 22nd day of May, 2023.



Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk

