

**2024 WCA CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**  
**Final Action**  
**September 22, 2024**

**2024 Conference Resolution 1**

Langlade County

Providing \$18.7 Million in Stable, Core Funding Support for County Conservation Department Staffing

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support and urge the Wisconsin Legislature to provide \$20.2 million in stable, base funding for county conservation staffing, in fulfillment of the state's core funding goal and in recognition that county LWCD professionals are among the best and most cost-effective solutions to improving water quality, achieving clean and safe drinking water, and supporting a viable agricultural industry at the same time.

**2024 Conference Resolution 2**

Bayfield County

Supporting the Continued Protection of Water

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support efforts to protect Wisconsin Counties' water.

**2024 Conference Resolution 3**

Bayfield County

Enhanced Wake Regulations

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Captions: Urge the State Legislature to engage in meaningful discussion to pass standards that protect our aquatic natural resources and balance the rights of everyone to recreate on Wisconsin waters.

Provide counties with local control to set their own wake regulation standards beyond state minimum, of at least 700 feet from shore, and to prohibit enhanced wake creation in waters shallower than at least 30 feet in depth.

#### **2024 Conference Resolution 4**

Bayfield County

Supporting Local Control Over Concentrated Animal Feeding Facilities' Operations

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: Motion by Washburn County, second by Buffalo County, to indefinitely postpone. Motion by Bayfield County, second by Douglas County, to refer to the Board of Directors. Motion failed. Motion to indefinitely postpone carried.

#### **2024 Conference Resolution 5**

Bayfield County

Enacting Stronger Regulations to Limit the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Urge the State Legislature to make the following changes to state statutes and concordant administrative rules related to chronic wasting disease:

- Change ATCP 10.56(1) to eliminate the exceptions that allow the transport of live cervids without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- Enact new rules to require the disposal of harvested cervid carcasses in landfills, rendering, or composting facilities capable of managing carcasses safely.
- Enact new rules to prohibit the export of live cervids from areas within 10 miles of a known positive CWD detection within the last 5 years.
- Enact new rules to require all captive cervid operations to install either solid perimeter or double fencing.
- Once a reliable live animal CWD test has been developed, enact rules to prohibit the transport of live cervids unless the animal tests negative of CWD.

#### **2024 Conference Resolution 6**

Bayfield County

Per- and Poly- Fluoroalkyl Testing for Biosolids

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as amended by the Resolutions Committee.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support legislative, policy and regulatory action requiring:

- That all biosolids applied to land or processed for retail sale in Wisconsin be tested for PFAS prior to application and meet all standards for safe land application according to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy “Biosolids and Sludge PFAS Sampling Guidance” published April 2022.
- That test results above acceptable PFAS limits must be submitted to the county’s Land Conservation Department and the property owner where the biosolids will be applied at least five days prior to the biosolids application.

**2024 Conference Resolution 7**

Washburn County

Requesting a Moratorium on Refugee Resettlement Under the Refugee Act of 1980 (8 U.S.C. 1522) Within Washburn County

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

**2024 Conference Resolution 8**

Langlade County

Opposing COVID-19 Mandates

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

**2024 Conference Resolution 9**

Langlade County

Supporting Legislation to Require a Person Convicted of Homicide by Intoxicated Use of a Vehicle to Pay Child Support for Each Child of the Victim Until the Child Turns 18 Years of Age (or 19 if Still Enrolled in School)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

**2024 Conference Resolution 10**

Brown County

Requesting that the Wisconsin Legislature Provide Additional Judges, Assistant District Attorneys and Public Defenders to Address the Current Historical Backlog of Court Cases in Counties Across Wisconsin

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Request that the State of Wisconsin conduct a thorough review of the Statewide Court System, and adequately fund additional Judges, Assistant District Attorneys and Public Defenders in Counties where per capita data clearly shows such additional positions are needed.

**2024 Conference Resolution 11**

Jackson County

Requesting State Legislature Action to Stop Unfunded Mandates from the State Department of Corrections, or Incorporate and Fund Their Implementation

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Captions: Oppose the imposition of modifications to jail facilities and jail programming by Department of Corrections inspectors that are not supported by state statute unless fully state funded.

Support state legislative oversight of the Department of Corrections to investigate unfunded mandates being imposed by the Department of Corrections' Office of Detention Facilities to adopt DOC mandates into state statute and fund their implementation, and/or to restrain the department's mandates, as appropriate.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 12**

La Crosse County

Supporting the Need for Statewide Efforts for Enhanced Regulation and Enforcement Prohibiting Puppy Mills

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Encourage the State of Wisconsin to enhance its animal welfare laws related to the regulation of dog breeders, sellers, and facility operators; to significantly increase its enforcement efforts and resources to stop puppy mills in the State of Wisconsin and to stop the inflow of puppies into Wisconsin from puppy mills outside of Wisconsin; and to create a consistent, uniform, statewide approach for curtailing puppy mills, protecting consumers, and preventing animal abuse and mistreatment related to puppy mills.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 13**

Barron County

Requesting Changes to Wisconsin State Statutes - Per Diem Payment Authority for County Board Members Serving on Municipal Library Boards and Number of County Board Members to Serve

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support modifications to state statutes governing libraries to:

1. Allow per diem payments from county appropriations as deemed allowable and necessary by the County Board of Supervisors absent any permission(s) from the municipal library board or municipal governing body.
2. Allow County Board Supervisor appointments to the municipal library board in proportion to the amount of Act 150 and Act 420 payments remitted to the total expenditures of that specific municipal library.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 14**

Walworth County

Removing Statutory Obstacles to the Formation of a Joint Library

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: Motion by Burnett County, second by Marathon County, to

indefinitely postpone. Motion by Walworth County to refer to the Board of Directors. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion to indefinitely postpone carried.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 15**

Washburn County

Supporting Wisconsin Senate Bill 102 Relating to the Eligibility Threshold for Property Tax Credit for an Eligible Veteran, the Spouse of an Eligible Veteran, and the Unremarried Surviving Spouse of an Eligible Veteran

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support legislation that increases the eligibility for the Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit to veterans with a service-connected disability of at least 70% under 38 USC 1114 or 1134, or a 100% disability rating based on individual unemployability.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 16**

Monroe County

Supporting Housing for Homeless Veterans

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support programs and services that will reduce the number of homeless veterans in Wisconsin.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 17**

Bayfield County

Supporting the CARE Act and the RIDE Act

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support federal legislation that:

- Clarifies an existing category of visas for foreign workers, the P Visa, which covers the entertainment industry.
- Solves the mobile amusement industry's most pressing issue – having enough reliable workers to operate safely at full capacity.
- Frees up about 10,000 H2B visas for the many other industries (fishery, landscaping, resorts) that also need reliable foreign labor.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 18**

Bayfield County

Creating New State Funding for Demolition of Blighted Property for the Purpose of New Housing Construction

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support new state funding to facilitate the demolition of blighted properties for the subsequent repurposing of these lots for housing development.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 19**

Bayfield County

Advocating for Continued State Support to Impacted Counties with Loss of Tax Base Due to State and Federal Legal Decisions

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Urge the State of Wisconsin to make Payments in Lieu of Taxes to counties for tribal properties removed from the tax roll due to the *LCO v Evers* decision.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 20**

Bayfield County

Redistributing .5% State Sales Tax to Counties

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Indefinitely postpone.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: Motion by Burnett County, second by Dodge County, to indefinitely postpone. Motion carried.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 21**

Price County

Supporting a Realistic Federal Definition of “Rural”

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Refer to the Board of Directors.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 22**

Sauk County

Supporting Two-Year Campuses

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Request that the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor develop a grant program to assist in the retooling of the remaining two-year campuses for educational uses and diversifying the use of buildings that are presently not needed by the university system. The grant program could be used for the development of educational, recreational, governmental uses, or attracting private entities that serve the city, county, university, staff, and/or students (such as a daycare center as one example), or other purposes the Legislature may deem fit for the campus.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 23**

Bayfield County

Conducting Additional Research on Chronic Wasting Disease to Improve Testing, Treatment, and Management Options

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Urge the State Legislature to direct state agencies, and provide funding, to conduct the following research and development in order to better manage chronic wasting disease (CWD):

- Develop a reliable, rapid, and easy to administer CWD test that can be conducted on live cervids.
- Develop a reliable, rapid, and easy to administer CWD test that can be implemented in the field on harvested cervids that will provide immediate test results.
- Develop a cervid vaccine for CWD.
- Develop a cure for CWD infected cervids.
- Breed inheritable resistance to CWD in captive cervids such that the cervids do not carry or shed CWD prions.
- Determine CWD prion longevity and virulence in contaminated soil, feed, and crops under a wide range of environmental conditions.
- Develop a better understanding of CWD prion movement in the environment once outside of cervids.
- Expand monitoring of wild cervids in CWD endemic zones to better understand the effect of CWD on cervid populations.
- Conduct epidemiological assessment of CWD prions on human health including whether humans are already carriers of CWD prions, the likelihood of CWD prions infecting humans and causing disease, and the impact of eating CWD positive cervids.
- Conduct additional research to determine the viability and methodology for composting CWD infected cervids.

### **2024 Conference Resolution 24**

Langlade County

Objecting 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

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Captions: Oppose state acquisition of lands under any program without affirmative approval of the affected county and municipality through an enacted resolution supporting the land or land interest acquisition.

Support the use of stewardship funds for payments to counties for maintenance and rehabilitation of roadways and trails for public accesses granted through easements.

**2024 Conference Resolution 25**

Langlade County

Modernizing and Improving the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support and urge the Wisconsin Legislature to pass legislation to modernize and improve the Farmland Preservation Program to increase the allowable tax credits; amend the program eligibility to allow landowners who have Agricultural Conservation Easements the ability to participate in the FPP, if they meet the financial and conservation criteria; establish a new tax credit level for Agricultural Conservation Easements; increase the frequency of review of the Farmland Preservation Program allowable tax credits to assure they are meeting the basic costs associated with program participation; and expand eligibility of the FPP planning grant funds to support program implementation to be utilized by counties, local municipalities, planning commissions, and tribal governments for their FPP implementation efforts.

**2024 Conference Resolution 26**

Monroe County

Supporting Funding for County Child Support IT Modernization Project

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support funding for child support system modernization.

**2024 Conference Resolution 27**

Langlade County

Requesting the State of Wisconsin Use a Portion of the 2023 Budgetary Surplus for the Maintenance, Repair and Replacement of County Trunk Highway System

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Captions: Increase General Transportation Aid payments to counties in an amount equal to 30% share of costs to maintain the county trunk highway system.

Extend the supplemental appropriation to local governments for local road repairs and reclamation of the county trunk highway system that was approved in the 2021-23 state budget.

**2024 Conference Resolution 28**

Racine County

Urging the Wisconsin State Legislature to Increase the Local Road Maintenance Budget

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt.

2024 CONFERENCE ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Resolutions Committee recommendation was adopted on Resolutions 1-3, 5-13, 15-19, and 21-28.

Caption: Support sufficient funding to counties for state highway maintenance contracts to



facilitate a safe and effective transportation infrastructure.