

RESOLUTION No. 39 -2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SUPPORTING THE WISCONSIN FORESTRY REVITALIZATION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the forestry industry is a cornerstone of Wisconsin's economy, supporting over 100,000 jobs statewide and generating billions of dollars annually in economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, Sawyer County is home to vast public and private forest lands that are essential to our economy, environment, recreation, and way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainable forestry practices preserve clean water, clean air, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Forestry Revitalization Act has been introduced by Senator Mary Felzkowski and Representative Chanz Green to strengthen the forestry sector by investing in workforce development, modernizing infrastructure, improving forest health and wildfire resilience, and expanding markets for forest products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act includes a major project: a proposed woody-biomass facility in Hayward, Wisconsin, to turn forestry residue (bark, branches, cutter shavings, tree tops, etc.) into sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and naphtha. This facility is projected to involve approximately \$1.5 billion in private investment.

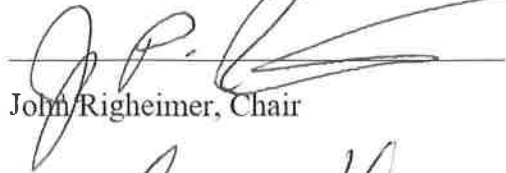
**WHEREAS**, in support of this facility, the State of Wisconsin will commit \$210 million in incentives and bonding, specifically including \$60 million in WEDC Enterprise Zone Tax Credits and \$150 million in state bonding (via the forestry account).

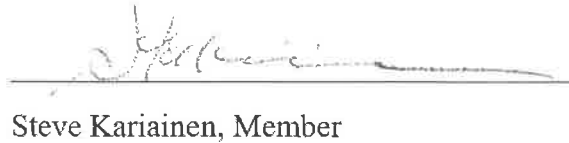
**WHEREAS**, the facility is expected to create high-paying, local jobs (estimate up to 150 jobs at the plant and another 200 jobs in surrounding industries) and generate significant annual economic impact for northern Wisconsin, especially benefiting loggers, truckers, forest-based landowners, and related sectors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its strong support for the Wisconsin Forestry Revitalization Act, including the state's investment of \$210 million in incentives and bonding, and urges the Governor and members of the Wisconsin State Legislature to enact this legislation as presented;

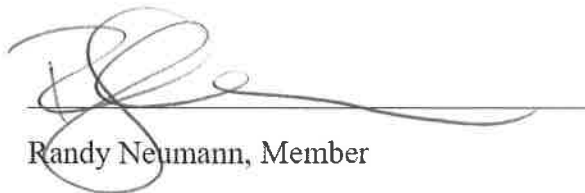
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Wisconsin, the members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing Sawyer County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and other stakeholders supportive of revitalizing Wisconsin's forestry industry.

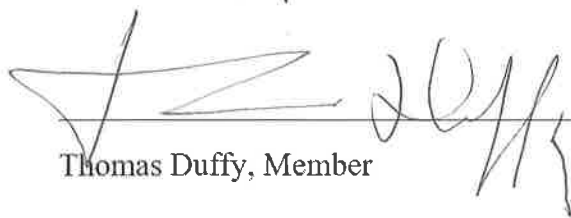
This Resolution is recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on October 16, 2025, by this Sawyer County Economic Development & UW-Extension Committee this 6th Day of October, 2025

  
John Righeimer, Chair

  
Steve Kariainen, Member

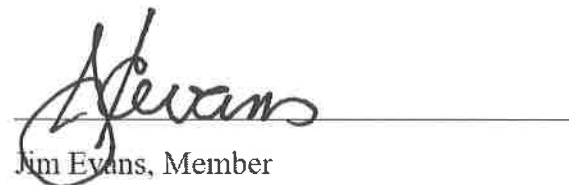
  
Stacey Hessel, Vice Chair

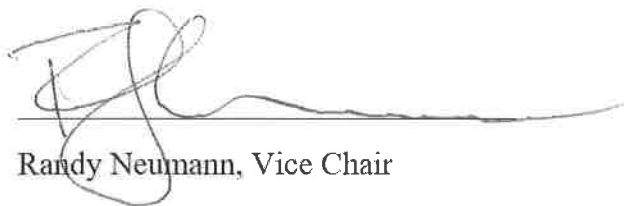
  
Randy Neumann, Member

  
Thomas Duffy, Member

and by this Sawyer County Land, Water & Forestry Resources Committee this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2025.

  
Steve Kariainen, Chair

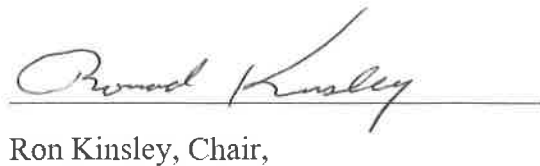
  
Jim Evans, Member

  
Randy Neumann, Vice Chair

Dale Magnuson, Member

  
Kay Wilson, Member

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

  
Ron Kinsley, Chair,

  
Liz Klein, County Clerk

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors