

**VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 15, 2014**

County Clerk, Ron Hoff called the April 15, 2014 meeting of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 A.M. in the County Boardroom of the Courthouse Annex. Pastor Bob Streeter, Mt. Pisgah Wesleyan Church of Ontario gave the invocation. Board members and others present gave the Pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk, Ron Hoff, affirmed there had been proper public notice of the meeting. Circuit Court Judge Michael Rosborough administered the Oath of Office to the elected County Board members as follows: District 1: Will Beitlich; District 2: Kevin Gobel; District 3: JoAnn Nickelatti; District 4: Ralph L. Hicks; District 5: Jim Servais; District 6: Lorn Goede; District 7: Mary Bringe; District 8: Herb Cornell; District 9: A. Richard Brose; District 10: Jerry Johnson; District 11: Sherman V. Erlandson; District 12: Eric Evenstad; District 13: Dennis Brault; District 14: Kevin Larson; District 15: Cade Cary; District 16: Brian Turben; District 17: Karen M. Dahl; District 18: Gary Davig; District 19: Jerry Cade; District 20: Adrian Amelse; District 21: Frank J. McCoy; District 22: Frank Easterday; District 23: Ole Yttri; District 24: Glenda J. Sullivan; District 25: Gail J. Muller; District 26: Donald P. Subera; District 27: John Mitchell; District 28: Brian Richardson; District 29: Shawn Redington. County Clerk, Ron Hoff, called roll call with all 29 Supervisors present.

Hoff moved on to the election of officers and elected committees. Hoff stated in the past years the Board voted by written ballot, with the first ballot a nominating ballot, the second ballot an informal elective ballot, and the third ballot a formal elective ballot. Balloting would continue until a candidate received a 15 vote majority. Frequently, when a candidate receives a clear majority on the second informal elective ballot, a motion is made to declare that ballot formal and a third ballot is not cast. Hoff introduced and welcomed the four new board members-Lorn Goede, Cade Cary, Adrian Amelse, and Gail Muller. Hoff stated (1) No more initial ballots as of 2012. (2) After the 2012 confusion, it was decided for committee top 5 qualifying (15 votes) candidates are elected. If two lowest candidates are tied, the second vote would be on those two candidates. (2a) If more than 5, top 5 qualifying elected. (3) **Motion by Davig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cade to follow this procedure. Motion carried by all.** Phil Hewitt and Greg Lunde were designated as ballot clerks/tellers. Hoff stated the County Board will now proceed with election of the Board Chair.

Hoff asked for anyone interested in running for the County Board Chair to stand up and introduce themselves. Interested members were Herb Cornell, Kevin Gobel, and Ole Yttri. **Motion by Brault, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dahl to close the nomination. Motion carried by all on a voice vote.** On the first nomination ballot, the vote was Cornell-15 votes, Gobel-7 votes, and Yttri-7 votes. **Motion by Cade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brose to make it a formal ballot. Motion carried on a voice vote.** Hoff announced that Herb Cornell was elected Board Chair of the County Board for a term of two years. Chair Cornell thanked the County Board members for electing him as Chair. Chair Cornell said the next order of business would be selection of a Vice-Chair. Chair Cornell asked if anyone was interested in running for Vice-Chair to please stand up and introduce themselves. Will Beitlich was nominated by Frank Easterday, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Davig. Gobel was nominated by Subera, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Turben. Erlandson was nominated by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Redington. There were no other nominations. On the first nominating secret ballot, the vote was: Beitlich-12 votes, Gobel-13 votes, and Erlandson-4 votes. A runoff was required. Revote on Beitlich or Gobel. Beitlich-14 votes and Gobel-15 votes. **Motion by Dahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Turben to elect Gobel as Vice-Chair. Motion carried on a voice vote.** Chair Cornell congratulated Gobel on being elected Vice-Chairman of the County Board for a two year term.

Chair Cornell said the Board would now proceed to the election of five members to the Highway Committee. There will be one each from the Western, Central and Eastern Districts of the county, plus two "at large" members. Previous members were JoAnn Nickelatti, Jerry Cade, Glenda Sullivan A. Richard Brose, and Gary Davig. Beitlich made a motion to nominate the committee as a whole for re-election, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hicks. Erlandson nominated Amelse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Subera. Withdrawn. Hicks nominated Amelse "at large", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Servais. Subera nominated Muller "at large", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brault. **Cade made a motion to close nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dahl. Motion carried by all. Motion by Dahl to close nominations and cast**

**unanimous ballot for Western, Central, and Eastern District seats for Nickelatti, Cade, and Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hicks. Motion carried by all.** Cornell then moved on to the Highway Committee “at large” members. Vote for 2 of 4. Muller-8 votes, Amelse-13 votes, Davig-16 votes, and Brose-19 votes. Brose and Davig, with the highest number of votes, are elected to the “at large” seats.

Chair Cornell said the Board would proceed to elect five members on the Agriculture-Extension and Land Conservation Committee. Previous members were Larson, Mitchell, Johnson, Beitlich, and Easterday. Gobel made a motion to nominate all 5 members of the committee for re-election, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brose. Erlandson nominated Amelse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Subera. There were no other nominations. Chairman Cornell explained the voting procedures. Amelse introduced himself and stated why he wanted to be on the committee. Supervisors will vote for five people on the first ballot. Larson-27 votes, Mitchell-22 votes, Johnson-25 votes, Beitlich-24 votes, Easterday-23 votes, and Amelse-14 votes. The committee remains unchanged with Larson, Mitchell, Johnson, Beitlich, and Easterday having the highest number of votes.

Chair Cornell said the Board would proceed with the election of two County Board members for a 3-year term on the Human Services Committee. Previous members were Starks, Richardson, and one community member held by Jay Vossseteig. First, the election of two board members. McCoy nominates Amelse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dahl. Hicks nominates Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Redington. Larson nominates Bringe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cary. There were no other nominations. Vote for 2. Chairman Cornell read the results of the first vote; Amelse-18 votes, Richardson-22 votes, and Bringe-18 votes. Richardson wins with 22 votes and there will be another vote to break the tie between Amelse and Bringe. Next vote, vote for one. Amelse-13 votes and Bringe-16 votes. Bringe wins. Chairman Cornell asked for nominations for one community member for a three year term. Motion by Erlandson to nominate Vossseteig for re-election, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amelse. There were no other nominations. **Motion was made by Subera, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dahl to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried on a voice vote.** Vossseteig wins seat.

Chair Cornell asked for nominations of one board member to the Vernon Manor Committee for a three year term, previous held by Servais, and also one community member seat, previously held by Barb McNeal. First, the election on one board member. Yttri nominated Servais, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitchell. There were no other nominations. **Motion was made by Subera, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dahl to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried on a voice vote.** Servais wins seat. Chairman Cornell asked for nominations for one community member for a three year term. Motion by Dahl to nominate Barb McNeal for another term, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hicks. **Motion was made by Dahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yttri to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried on a voice vote.** McNeal wins seat.

Chairman Cornell moved to the minutes of the last meeting. **Motion by Cade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Davig to dispense with reading of the January 21, 2014 proceedings and approve the minutes as printed.** Dahl made two corrections. She stated that De Soto is two words, not one; Yes’s should be yeses or ayes. **Motion by Hicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beitlich to approve the corrected minutes. Motion carried.**

Chairman Cornell moved to the announcements on the agenda. Servais announced the June Dairy Breakfast will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Steve Nickelatti farm located on Curti Road, just off Hwy 56, driving east from Genoa. Larson is the chair. They are in need of 12 members to work. Servais stated he had attended the ITBEC meeting and left a brochure for review. He feels ITBEC is very good for the community and hoped the supervisors would support. Dahl stated partisan nomination papers are now out for fall offices. Dahl stated that campaigning or circulating papers in government offices or property is not allowed. Hoff stated there will be a County Officials Workshop and encouraged attendance. There are brochures on the desks. Hoff offered a tour of county offices and training session for new board members and others interested. Easterday announced Bluegrass music at Vernon Memorial on Good Friday at 2:00 p.m. Ladies of La Farge Free Methodist Church making cookies for service. April 26<sup>th</sup> Sheriff Department will collect unused drugs with several local law and fire departments.

Chairman Cornell called for a ten minute recess at 10:45 a.m. Chairman reconvened the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Chairman Cornell moved to **Special Order of Business. Pam Eitland, Director of Human Services-Authorization of payment for state mental health institute expenses.** Eitland stated cost is not budgeted for and she brings requests to board meetings as cost is always unknown. In 2014, the county has had financial responsibility for 25 individuals who needed treatment in psychiatric units. Winnebago is now where emergency cases go instead of Mendota. There will be a financial impact to law enforcement to transport patients and also to Human Services for staff that must travel for interview visits. January costs were \$107,514.00; February-\$138,893.00; projected for March-\$125,942.00; projected for April-\$87,945.00; projected costs for two individuals with unknown release dates for May-\$65,069.00; for a projected year-to-date total of \$525,363.00. Occasionally, there is a reversal, as funds may come back from Medicare or BadgerCare. At the January meeting \$144,200.00 was approved. There are two options, authorize January to April costs of \$299,200.00 or authorize the clerk to transfer funds of \$364,300.00 for January to May projected costs, as there will not be another board meeting until June. Subera asked how many officers transport patients. Eitland said sometimes there are two personnel that transport, especially if female patient or aggressive patient. Dahl asked for clarification on the total that is needed and restated the two options Eitland gave the board. Eitland stated Dahl was correct. Gobel asked what percentages of cases come from drug abuse. Eitland stated it was a small percentage; the people who end up at these institutions are actively psychotic, not necessarily because of drug issues. Brault asked Eitland to discuss preventative programs that she is using to save the county money and feels without these programs, the costs would be double or triple. Eitland stated yes, they are used a lot and crisis team is doing an amazing job. Evenstad asked about state money coming back, are we sure we get all. Eitland said the state does a thorough audit. Bringe asked about group homes, problems with individuals from other counties, and the first 72 hours of confinement. Eitland explained financial responsibility related to the counties. **Motion by Beitlich to authorize payment of \$299,200.00 for costs through April, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Davig. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all 29 supervisors voting yes.**

Chairman Cornell moved to **Regular Order of Business** and requested petitions. There were none. Chairman Cornell continued under the Regular Order of Business by reviewing the following resolutions.

**RESOLUTION: #2014-11/B**

**Title: Vernon County Computer Systems Technician – Change in Status**

**WHEREAS,** workload in the Computer Resource Department has increased with the addition of the public and private wireless network for all county buildings and other items including central scanning and implementation of a new timekeeping system, and the current staff can only maintain computer systems, and;

**WHEREAS,** the Computer Department is currently falling behind on projects that could result in financial liability to the County if not corrected in a timely manner, and;

**WHEREAS,** the Computer Resource Department can upgrade the part-time position to a full time position at a minimal cost to assist with the computer maintenance and repair, helpdesk support and troubleshooting computer hardware, and;

**WHEREAS,** the department heads were required to come in, at, or under their 2013 budget for 2014 budget tax levy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approves increasing the hours of the Computer Systems Technician position from part-time to full-time effective immediately and funds for this position be taken from the General Fund.

Fiscal impact attached.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: April 10, 2014; Submitted by the IT Committee

Kevin Larson, Chair      3 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Absent/Abstain

	<b>Currently</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Brian</b>			
Hourly Rate	21.44	21.44	0
Hours Per Year	1144	1950	806
Annual Wages	24,527.36	41,808.00	17,280.64
FICA	1,876.34	3,198.31	1,321.97
WRS	1,716.92	2,926.56	1,209.64
Health Insurance	0	7,160.40	7,160.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,120.62</b>	<b>55,093.27</b>	<b>26,972.65</b>

**Motion by Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evenstad to approve the resolution.** Larson explained growing workload in the IT department and the need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> full time position. Chairman called for a roll call vote. **Resolution passed with all 29 supervisors voting yes.**

**RESOLUTION: #2014-12**

**Title: Designation of Official County Publication and Financial Institutions**

**Whereas,** Wisconsin Statutes 59.61 (2) provides for designation of official county financial institutions and Wisconsin Statutes 59.14 (2) provides for designation of an official county publication, now

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the Viroqua Bank and the Citizens Bank – Viroqua be designated the official depositories for purposes of checking and investment accounts, and the following county financial institutions be designated official depositories for purposes of deposit and investment:

- La Farge State Bank
- Anchor Bank – Viroqua Branch
- Associated Bank – Viroqua Branch
- River Bank – Stoddard, Westby, and Coon Valley Branches
- Genoa State Bank
- Bank of Ontario
- Farmers State Bank - Hillsboro
- F&M Bank-Tomah
- Westby Coop Credit Union
- Royal Bank – Hillsboro Branch
- People’s State Bank-Prairie du Chien
- Marine Credit Union-Prairie du Chien
- State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Fund
- Banks in counties whose borders touch Vernon County

and **Be it further resolved,** that the Vernon County Broadcaster be designated the official Vernon County newspaper for publication of County Board proceedings, ordinances and other documents, though such designation shall not preclude publication of county notices in other county newspapers where deemed appropriate.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board  
Dated: March 20, 2014, Submitted by the Finance Committee

Ole Yttri, Chair 5 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Absent/Abstain

**Motion by Cade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brose to approve the resolution.** Dahl asked if there was any place in a public document that shows what amounts are in different banks, etc. Yttri answered it is presented by the Treasurer at the Finance meetings every month. **Motion carried by all on a voice vote.**

**RESOLUTION: #2014-13**

**Title: RESOLUTION ADOPTING VERNON COUNTY 2014-2018 OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Vernon County, has participated in a county-wide Outdoor Recreation Planning Program covering unincorporated areas of Vernon County, and

WHEREAS, said planning program has been conducted by Vernon County through the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission in conjunction with the Vernon County Land & Water Conservation Committee, and

WHEREAS, said planning document reflects county recreation needs in light of goals, objectives, and generally accepted recreation planning standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Vernon County does hereby adopt the Vernon County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014-2018 as its guide to future recreation facility improvements in the County of Vernon.

County Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Submitted by: Land and Water Conservation Committee

Will Beitlich, Chair 6 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Absent/Abstain

**Motion by Amelse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitchell to approve the resolution.** Rod Engh, Vernon County Parks Administrator, stated this is an outdoor recreation plan that is completed every 5 years by the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission and then approved by the LCC Committee. It is a guide for the outdoor recreation program and not a mandate, but it is needed for grant programs to fund improvements. **Motion carried by all on a voice vote.**

**RESOLUTION: #2014-14**

**Title: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VERNON COUNTY TO SEEK WISCONSIN DNR STEWARDSHIP GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING PARK AND CAMPGROUND FACILITIES AT ESOFEA/RENTZ MEMORIAL PARK**

WHEREAS, Vernon County is interested in developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the ADLP (Aid for the Development of Local Parks) Stewardship Grant Application for the Facility Upgrade of Esofea/Rentz Memorial Park; and,

WHEREAS, funding is required to carry out the project; and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County has budgeted parks revenue and expense funds sufficient to complete the development project over a three year period of time from 2015 to 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

this resolution hereby authorizes Paul Krahn, County Conservationist for the Land & Water Conservation Department, to act on behalf of Vernon County to:

1. Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that might be available;
2. Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting

- documentation within six months of project completion date;
- 3. Submit signed documents; and
- 4. Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that Vernon County will comply with state and federal program rules regarding public recreation opportunities during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

County Fiscal Impact:     Approx. \$10,000 per year over 3 years.  
Submitted by: Land and Water Conservation Committee  
Will Beitlich, Chair        6 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Absent/Abstain

**Motion by Erlandson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dahl to approve the resolution.** Rod Engh stated this is a list of practices they would like to do to update park with restrooms and shower building, add more electrical hook-ups to sites, and also a sand volleyball pit. They feel that the restroom and shower building is key to improving revenue. There are only 12 electrical hook-ups now. This is a 50/50 grant, so Vernon County is responsible for half of the cost. Fiscal impact is \$30,000.00 over three year period from budget, there will be no tax levy increase, no extra budgeting needed. Subera asked if a disc golf course was installed at Esofea. Engh answered no, neighboring business did it already and it was found that it was no longer needed at this time. Subera asked if it impacted the park usage or number of campers. Engh answered it's too early to tell, more importantly we need to get this restroom and shower building in and get some improvements done at Esofea. Dahl feels people are staying closer to home and using the state and county parks with cost of vacationing increasing. Mitchell pointed out that there are online reservations now. Amelse stated citizens enjoy our parks. **Cade called the question. Chairman called for a roll call vote. Resolution passed with all 29 supervisors voting yes.**

**RESOLUTION: #2014-15**

**Title: APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KNOWLES-NELSON LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Vernon County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11 of the Wisconsin statutes, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2006, adopted resolution # 2007-1 approving the Vernon County Forest Comprehensive land Use Plan for a period of 15 years, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire properties for the purpose of establishing County Forest land pursuant to ss. 28.10, Wis. Stats and as outlined in Chapter 400 of the Vernon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of said properties would perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve property administration on the County Forest; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County is eligible to participate and make application to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant program for land acquisition consistent with said Plan; and

WHEREAS, grant funding may provide funding up to 50% of the acquisition price; and

WHEREAS, participation in the grant program requires a county to enter into a Memorandum of

Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry (as required by NR 51.963 Wis. Adm. Code) to define the criteria for participating in the grant program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approves the MOA with the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any potential County Forest land acquisitions eligible for Knowles-Nelson Land Acquisition Stewardship grant funding will be brought before the Vernon County Board for approval prior to making application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors grants the authority to sign amendments to this MOA to the County Board Chair, County Land and Water Conservation Committee Chair, County Clerk, and County Forest Administrator;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vernon County Land and Water Conservation Committee is directed to forward this signed MOA to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Vernon County recognizes and acknowledges that if financial assistance is made available by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the County accepts the financial assistance, the County will comply with State rules for the program and meet the financial obligations under the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board will be notified if grant funding becomes available and then will consider authorization for the acquisition.

Fiscal impact for 2014 is \$0

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014. Submitted by: Land and Water Conservation Committee

Will Beitlich, Chair        6 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Absent/Abstain

**Motion by Dahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hicks to approve the resolution.** Krahn introduced the new County Forester, Andy LaChance. LaChance explained state agreement land purchase. Grant funding is up to 50%. Subera asked about MOA. LaChance answered there are 7 changes from past MOA. This is basically housekeeping for Land Acquisition Sub Program and allows future application to the funds if needed. State has approved. Subera asked what improved property administration is. LaChance stated it just restates the purpose of the county forest law to provide better forest products at a larger scale while monitoring more closely for better forest health. Subera feels the county has land and has not been able to take proper care of, like fences and beaver dams at Kooyumjian Farm. Subera opposes this resolution and feels land should be left in private hands. LaChance stated they are finding some difficulty monitoring the Kooyumjian Farm property because of distance and the young age of the forest. There will be more activity this summer. Goede also does not endorse any government owning land and asked how much that property brings in tax revenue. LaChance answered \$0.30 per acre a year to township and 10% of timber sales, but no property tax. **Hicks called the question, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson. Motion carried. Chairman called for a voice vote. Resolution passed on a voice vote with some nays heard.**

**RESOLUTION: #2014-16**

**Title: Resolution in Opposition to SB 349, Preempting Municipal Authority to Regulate Water Quality and Quantity, Air Quality, Use of Explosives, Borrow Pits Associated with DOT Construction Projects, and Nonmetallic Mining**

**WHEREAS**, since the 1920's the state has granted towns, cities, and villages broad general powers to regulate for the health, safety, and public welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, a municipality may use its home rule powers to address local issues of concern unless the state has specifically prohibited such regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 349, which was introduced on October 22, 2013, eliminated the ability of a municipality to rely on its home rule authority to regulate air quality, water quality, and quantity, the use of explosives by quarry operators; and borrow pits and material disposal sites related to DOT construction projects; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 349 also reduces local government authority to enter into contracts with highway users requiring reimbursement for highway damage; and

**WHEREAS**, SB349 also eliminates the ability of municipalities to regulate nonmetallic mining in ways other than through zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, SB349 is unnecessarily broad and eliminates local control in areas well beyond frac sand mining; and

**WHEREAS**, by taking away statutory home rule powers, SB 349 removes from municipalities the ability to address unique local concerns and problems that might apply to denser, more populated areas, or areas with unusual topography, such as local drainage or flooding concerns, which the legislature hasn't anticipated and therefore has not specifically authorized municipalities to regulate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors **opposes** SB349 as an unnecessary and overly broad attack on local control and urges Representative **Lee Nerison**, Representative **Edward Brooks** and Senator **Jennifer Shilling** to vote against the bill.

Dated: December 10, 2013. Submitted by: Land and Water Conservation Committee  
Will Beitlich, Chair        6 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, 0 Absent/Abstain

**Motion by Gobel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Subera to approve the resolution. Redington made a motion to amend and add Senate District 17 for Town of Greenwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Subera. Motion carried on a voice vote.** Krahn stated it is not necessary to take action at this time as things have changed and will be received probably next year in a rewritten version. **Motion by Brault, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cary to indefinitely postpone at this time. Motion carried by all on a voice vote.**

**RESOLUTION: #2014-17**  
**Title: Resolution to apply for Project Loan Funding -**  
**For acquisition of Jersey Valley and Sidie Hollow Parks**

WHEREAS, s. 28.11(8) (b) 2, Wis. Stats. Project Loans, and s. NR 47.60, Wis. Adm. Code. authorizes Vernon County to apply for County Forest Project Loan funding by which to acquire additional forest acres; and,

WHEREAS, Acquisition policy and acquisition boundaries for the Vernon County Forest are outlined and defined in Chapter 400 of the Vernon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan approved by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, a project loan in the amount of approximately \$730,000 would be available in April 2014, after approval of this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County suffers no penalty for turning down Project Loan funding once awarded; and,

WHEREAS, the project loan is a 0% interest loan and will be paid back through a 20% severance share on future county forest timber sale revenues; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Vernon County Land & Water Conservation Committee be authorized to submit application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Forest Project Loan Funding in the amount of \$730,000.00.

