Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Liebaert.

Pledge of Allegiance to be recited.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Susan Sandvick.

Approval of the December 19, 2019, meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the 4th Quarter Award – Greg Heinbuch, Buildings and Grounds

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be allowed on action items listed on the agenda. All comments shall be limited to three minutes in length, unless otherwise directed by the board.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 5.06, Snowmobile Routes and Operation, presented by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

#1-20: Resolution by Supervisor Allen recommending land sale. (Exhibit A-1-20)

#2-20: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee adopting 2020 Douglas County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan. (Exhibit B-1-20)

#3-20: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee authorizing WDNR recreational trail grant program participation.

#4-20: Resolution by Forest, Parks and Recreation recommending approval of land purchase for county forest. (Exhibit C-1-20)
#5-20: Resolution by Supervisor Liebaert recommending approval of WDNR dam removal grant.

#6-20: Resolution by Supervisors on the Land Conservation Committee authorizing Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources surface water grants for aquatic invasive species (AIS) application.

#7-20: Resolution by Supervisor Jaques approving budgetary transfers.  (Exhibit D-1-20)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT

APPOINTMENTS:
By County Board Chair
2020 Douglas County Emergency Fire Warden Organization List: Four Corners Gas Station, Superior – Tracy Murray; Solon Springs Mercantile, Solon Springs – Ken Thorson; Douglas County Forestry Office, Solon Springs – Jon Harris; Stop-a-Sec, Wascott – Katrina Copeland

By County Administrator

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (on iPad paperless drive)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk

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Posted: Courthouse, Government Center, www.douglascountywi.org
E-mailed: Superior Telegram, Superior Public Library

Kaci Jo Lundgren 1-10-2020
Date
ORDINANCE #5.06
SNOWMOBILE ROUTES AND OPERATION
PRESENTED BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. INTENT

Following due consideration of the recreational and economic value to connect trail opportunities and weighted against possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density and history of automobile traffic, this ordinance has been created pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 83 and Wisconsin Statute Section 350.18 whereas in addition to the provisions set forth herein the Douglas County Board adopts Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 350 pertaining to snowmobiles in its entirety. This ordinance is subject to any and all other applicable statutes or laws.

SECTION II. SNOWMOBILE ROUTES

County trunk highways designated as snowmobile routes shall be established and approved by the Douglas County Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Douglas County Board of Supervisors. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee shall develop policies and procedures for designation of snowmobile routes including appropriate criteria for making a designation. Any modification to a designated snowmobile route shall be approved by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Douglas County Board of Supervisors. A copy of snowmobile routes, along with a map showing their location, shall be kept on file at the Highway Department. The Douglas County Highway Department shall have the authority to close or terminate any snowmobile route on the County Trunk Highway System, subject to approval by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Douglas County Board of Supervisors.

The following routes are established:

A. Business 53 (CTH A to 375 feet north)
B. CTH Y (East Mail Road to Barron Drive, 0.25 miles)
SECTION III. SNOWMOBILE ROUTES ONLY ON ROADWAY

All snowmobiles shall operate only on the paved portion of the roadway. Operation on the gravel shoulders, slopes or ditches, or other highway right-of-way is prohibited and illegal.

SECTION IV. OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS

A. All snowmobile operators shall observe posted roadway speed limits for snowmobile operation.

B. All snowmobile operators shall ride in single file on the right hand side of the paved portion of the highway.

C. All snowmobile operators shall display their headlight and taillight while operating on a county highway.

D. All snowmobile operators shall slow the vehicle to a speed not to exceed 10 miles per hour and yield the right-of-way when traveling within 100 feet of a person who is not on a snowmobile, or in a vehicle.

E. All snowmobile operators who are born after January 1, 1988 and operating on a county highway are required to have a Snowmobile Safety Certificate. No one under 12 years of age is allowed to operate a snowmobile on a county highway.

SECTION V. SIGNAGE OF SNOWMOBILE ROUTES

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 350.13, the routes shall be marked with uniform snowmobile route signs of a type approved by the department of natural resources and the department of transportation.

The Douglas County Highway Department has sole responsibility for snowmobile signage on county highways and pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 350.135 as established by the Wisconsin department of Natural Resources, no person may do any of the following in regard to signs marking snowmobile routes:

1. Intentionally remove, damage, deface, move or obstruct any uniform snowmobile route or trail sign or standard or intentionally interfere with the effective operation of any uniform snowmobile vehicle route or trail sign.
2. Possess any uniform snowmobile vehicle route or trail sign or standard of the type established by the department for the warning, instruction or information of the public, unless he or she obtained the uniform snowmobile vehicle route or trail sign standard in a lawful manner. Possession of a uniform snowmobile vehicle route or trail sign or standard creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession.

SECTION VI. ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance shall be enforced by any officer employed by the Douglas County Sheriff’s Department or any other law enforcement official as set forth in Wisconsin Statute Section 350.17.

SECTION VII. VIOLATIONS/PENALTY

The penalty for operating a snowmobile off the roadway of a designated snowmobile route (i.e., the gravel shoulder, grassy in slope, ditch, or other highway right-of-way) or violating any other provision of this ordinance shall result in a forfeiture of not less than $25.00 or more than $500.00, plus court costs, law enforcement training penalties, jail assessments or other applicable costs.

SECTION VIII. SEVERABILITY

Should any subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by the Court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the section as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION IX. MAINTENANCE

Designation of segments of the Douglas County Highway System as snowmobile routes does not impose upon the Douglas County Highway Department a greater duty of care or responsibility for maintenance of those segments than for any other segment of county highway. Operators of snowmobiles on county highways assume all the usual and normal risks of snowmobile operation.

SECTION X. FILING OF ORDINANCE

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 350.047, a copy of this ordinance shall be sent by the County Clerk to the Department of Natural Recourses and to the Douglas County Sheriff’s Department.
SECTION XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage by the County Board of Supervisors and publication.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)
RESOLUTION #1-20
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR ALLEN

Subject: Land Sale

WHEREAS, the following parcel of land was advertised on March 1, 8, 15, 2019, and December 6, 13, 20, 2019, in accordance with Section 76.59, Wisconsin Statutes, and the highest bid received is as follows:

$26,250.00 Parcel 1-19: The SE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 14-47-12, Town of Amnicon (also a non-exclusive easement #865003), from Michael Needham. Intended use: Recreational.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, in regular meeting assembled, authorizes the County Clerk to execute quit claim deed on the above named property.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

(Fiscal Note: Increase “Profit and Loss on Land Sales Account” by $26,250.00)
EXHIBIT A-1-20

RESOLUTION #1-20
Land Sale – Map

Presented by Land & Development Committee
PARCEL #1-19 - $26,250.00
MICHAEL NEEDHAM
APPROX. 40 ACRES
RESOLUTION #2-20
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Forestry Department Annual Work Plan - 2020

WHEREAS, Douglas County has lands enrolled in the County Forest Law program, pursuant to Section 28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, commonly referred to as the Douglas County Forest, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2008, adopted Resolution #18-08 approving the Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan for a period encompassing 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan is prepared annually and submitted as an official amendment to Chapter 2000 of the Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby accepts and approves the 2020 Douglas County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan as set forth in Exhibit B-1-20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chapter 2000 of the Comprehensive Land Use-Plan 2006-2020 be amended as set forth herein.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)
EXHIBIT B-1-20

RESOLUTION #2-20
Forestry Department Annual Work Plan - 2020

Presented by Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 16, 2020
DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST
COMPREHENSIVE LAND-USE
PLAN 2006-2020

CHAPTER 2000
Annual planning 2020
CHAPTER 2000 AMENDMENT
DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND-USE PLAN 2006-2020

ANNUAL PLANNING

2175 DOUGLAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL WORK PLAN (2020)

The mission of the Douglas County Forestry Department (DCFD) is to enhance the quality of life in the County by ensuring the long-term health, viability, and productivity of County Forest lands and providing many diverse recreational opportunities to our residents and visitors that meet the needs of current and future generations. This 2020 work plan defines and supplements Chapter 2000 of the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020 and emphasizes and adjusts for the current annual needs of the Forest Management and Outdoor Recreation Programs.

2175.1 General Administration

DCFD will continue its professional management of the County Forest and outdoor recreational resources to best protect the balance between the environmental needs of the Forest and the forest products, and of equal importance, the intangible social values necessary to enhance quality of life in the County.

Sustainable management of all intrinsic Forest values will be emphasized to maintain the overall health of forest resources and maximize the economic, social, and biological benefits provided. Balancing all the competing public interests, including those derived from forest certification, amongst the mandates of managing the forest for high-productivity, will continue to present significant challenges to Department operations.

2175.1.1 Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006 - 2020

2020 will be the fifteenth and final year of the fifteen year Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020.

2020 will officially kick off the development of the 2021 – 2035 Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan. The updated plan will spell out how the Douglas County Forest will be managed, used and developed, how it will look, and the benefits it will provide over the course of the next 15 year planning cycle. It will define the current and future recreational uses, forestry and other land management needs, and other aspects of the Forest’s future use and development. The planning process will include numerous opportunities for public comment.

2175.1.2 Douglas County Access Management Plan

The DCFD will continue its commitment to the Access Management Plan by continuing to implement goals and objectives of the plan throughout 2020. On-going road and trail use assessments along with signage and road blockage installation projects (berms and gates) will continue. Integrated resource management unit road density measures will be reviewed along with recent history trends.
COMPREHENSIVE LAND-USE PLAN 2006-2020

An in-depth plan review will be incorporated into the development process of the 2021 – 2035 Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan.

2175.1.3 Outdoor Recreation Plan 2019 - 2023

2020 will be the second year that DCFD commits to the objectives and recommendations prescribed by the 2019 – 2023 Outdoor Recreation Plan developed in 2018. Amendments and modifications to information contained in the Plan will be completed on an on-going basis as needs arise.

2175.1.4 Forest Certification

DCFD will continue its on-going commitment to the standards of the SFI and FSC certification programs by continuing to implement forestry and land management practices that promote sustainability and multiple use of the Forest. Areas of County Forest programs identified as needing corrective actions or areas of improvement as a result of annual audit findings of participating Counties will be addressed in cooperation with the WDNR.

Since Douglas County was selected for the 2019 full re-certification audit receiving excellent results, we will in all likelihood not be selected in 2020.

2175.2 Forest Management Program

Wisconsin law requires County Forest land to be “productive” through active management to reach economic, social, and environmental goals. The most common form of active management in the Forest is timber harvesting – regularly planned treatments of thinning or clear cuts. The revenue derived from the sale of stumpage should continue to contribute significant income to Douglas County and help offset the tax levy. Furthermore, the revenue should offset and fund many Department programs and support other investments that provide environmental and social benefits, such as recreation, wildlife habitat improvement, road and trail maintenance, and environmental monitoring.

The Department’s direct levy-offsetting transfer to the general fund line item in the 2020 County Budget was increased by $3,500.00 from $1,646,500.00 in 2019 to $1,650,000.00 in 2020. This figure includes a $858,000.00 base levy-offset and an additional one-time $792,000.00 levy-offset as a separate line item. Any additional 2020 excess revenue beyond this amount is planned to be transferred back to the general fund.

The non-lapsing timber sales revenue reserve fund established in 2016 ($1M cap) as a contingency fund for any unanticipated declines in future timber sale revenue reached its cap limit of $1M in 2019 and is currently in reserve. The purpose of this reserve fund is to assist the Department in the event it is unable to meet its direct levy-offsetting transfer commitment for any given year.

Managing the difficult balance between the demand for forest products with the complex issues of social interests, economic viability, and environmental protection will continue to be a priority objective throughout 2020 and beyond.
2175.2.1 Timber Harvest

Timber harvests are important for the health, vigor, and diversity of the forest environment as well as for the economic well-being of Douglas County and the State of Wisconsin. Timber harvesting will continue to be the primary method utilized by the DCFD to maintain the environmental health of the forest including biodiversity, stand structure, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, air quality, recreation, aesthetics, and many other non-commercial and intrinsic resource values.

Updated forest inventory databases, Geographic Information System (GIS) data, and computer generated growth and yield models will continue to be utilized for determining sustainable annual harvest level planning. The DCFD plans to offer for sale approximately 4,500 acres of timber in the following forest cover types throughout 2020:

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[1] 2019 inventory data, includes non-managed stands
[2] derived from only managed stands

Although not included in the above figures, upon request of the Douglas County Land and Development Committee (DCLDC), the DCFD will consider performing requested forest management services on County-owned land that is not enrolled under the County Forest Law program on a case-by-case basis. Such work will be directed by the Memorandum of Agreement between the DCFD and DCLDC.

Further information about planned forest-management harvesting activities may be obtained by contacting the Douglas County Forestry Department, P.O. Box 211, Solon Springs, WI 54873, phone: 715-378-2219 or www.douglascountywi.org
2175.2.2 Forest Inventory

To meet Department needs and answer important questions on the sustainable management of the Forest, the DCFD will continue to further develop and enhance its forest inventory program throughout 2020. The overall goal of the program is to deliver current, consistent, and credible information about the status and condition of the Douglas County Forest on an average 15-year continuous cycle for commercially managed stands. The Department plans to continue utilizing the latest technologies to acquire data through field collection and remote sensing activities. Methods and techniques of the program will continue to be reevaluated and revised as necessary to better meet ever evolving program objectives.

(1) The Douglas County Forestry Department plans to re-inventory approximately 10,000 acres (5.2%) of managed commercial timber stands (191,851 acres) in 2020, this is in addition to the 4,360 acres of sale establishment. The 2020 inventory goals will be addressed as a collective effort between Department staff, seasonal employees, and WDNR time standard commitment assistance.

(2) The Department will continue to cooperatively work with the WDNR and its WisFIRS program for inventory data storage and management.

Further information about the forest inventory program may be obtained by contacting the Douglas County Forestry Department, P.O. Box 211, Solon Springs, WI 54873, phone: 715-378-2219 or www.douglascountywi.org

2175.2.3 Desired Future Forest Conditions

The long-term management goals for the commercial timber types occurring on the Douglas County Forest are to perpetuate healthy and high-quality stands on species specific suitable sites and bring the current acreages closer to a regulated condition. A primary long-term goal of forest management is to evenly distribute species acreages throughout all age classes and aggressively manage stands for health and vigor. Depending on site conditions and existing species composition, some stands will be moved towards conversion to other better suited species types to maximize growth and yield. Other types that are in long-term decline such as northern red oak and paper birch will be expanded as opportunities allow. Overall, a diverse and well-balanced species component will be managed for across the Forest at the landscape level promoting health and vigor.

2175.2.4 Reforestation

The following reforestation goals are proposed for 2020. These figures were current at time of plan development and may increase or decrease depending on harvest progression and subsequent site preparation and treatment accomplishments.

(1) Pre-harvest Scarification – Approximately 50 acres will be scarified by mechanical treatment to expose mineral soil to create a seed bed for intolerant species unable to regenerate without disturbance.

(2) Site Preparation – Approximately 573 acres will be treated by mechanical site preparation methods
to establish either seeded or planted stands of red pine, jack pine, white pine, spruce, and/or white birch. Methods will be as follows:

- Mechanical Chaining – 150 acres
- Roller Chopping – 174 acres
- Disk Trenching – No acres
- Tractor Furrowing – 249 acres

(3) Natural Regeneration – Approximately 3,500 to 4,000 acres of commercial timber species including aspen, white birch, northern hardwoods, red maple, northern red oak, scrub oak, jack pine, balsam fir, and black spruce will be naturally regenerated by timber harvests in 2020 through root suckers, stump sprouts, and/or by natural seeding. Regeneration will be closely monitored and on these sites and where regeneration results are less than desired, alternate reforestation methods will be considered.

(4) Plantings – Contract tree planters will plant approximately 37 acres of Douglas County lands with 28,400 total seedlings. Containerized seedling stock will be used to the greatest extent possible. Total seedlings by species will be as follows:

- Red Pine (11 acres) – 11,000 seedlings (411B 1+0 containerized stock)
- Red Pine (16 acres) – 14,400 seedlings (1+0 bare root stock)
- White Spruce (10 acres) – 3,000 seedlings (411B 1+0 containerized stock)

(5) Direct Seeding – The Department will coordinate with the WDNR to seed approximately 294 acres of Douglas County lands with 82 pounds of jack pine seed through the aerial broadcast method.

2175.2.5 Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)

(1) Release - Approximately 150 acres of established pine plantations and/or desired hardwood regeneration (i.e. red oak, paper birch) will be released from competing woody vegetation by mechanical and hand release methods in an attempt to improve stand survival, growth, and quality. This figure may be adjusted depending on available 2020 budget.

2175.3 Recreation Program

2175.3.1 Parks and Campgrounds

The Douglas County Parks system will continue to be maintained by DCFD personnel and equipment. Throughout 2020, a continued emphasis will be applied to the development and improvement of the recreational facilities and amenities of Douglas County.

The 2019-2023 Outdoor Recreation Plan recommends long-term goals, developments, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerns to be implemented in 2020, contingent upon available funding.

Completion of construction for the new pavilion structure at Anna-Gene County Park along with
installation of a new play area and sidewalks is planned for 2020.

Continued tree planting in various parks is planned for 2020.

Continued hazard tree and stump removal in various parks is planned for 2020.

Installation of concrete aprons for Gordon Dam and Mooney Dam County Park restrooms is planned for 2020.

Launching County Campground campsite reservation software program is planned for 2020.

Staining of the amphitheater structure at Lucius Woods County Park is scheduled for 2020.

Construction of maintenance storage buildings at Lucius Woods and Gordon Dam County Parks is planned for 2020.

Funding options will continue to be explored for asphalt surface replacement in Lucius Woods County Park Campground for the (1) entrance and main driveway, (2) campground loop, (3) lower parking lot by amphitheater, (4) driveway to beach and play area, (5) RV parking lot, and (6) upper restroom and shower house parking lot. Extent of project to be determined by available funding.

Capital project funding will again be requested as part of the 2020 Capital Improvement Project request process for the construction phase of the Lucius Woods Shower House Building Replacement Project and the Lucius Woods Lower Restroom Building Replacement Project.

Updating and revising Department recreational brochure and publication materials will continue as needed throughout 2020.

Funding for additional recreational project needs may be explored during the 2020 capital improvement project request process.

2175.3.2 Recreational Trails

The DCFD will continue coordinating with local ATV, snowmobile, and other user groups to provide quality recreational trail opportunities across the Forest.

The 10.3 miles of cross-country ski trails will continue to be maintained using DCFD personnel and equipment.

5 miles of Off-Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Trails designated as the Straight Arrow OHM Trail in the Town of Summit will continue to be maintained by the Straight Arrow OHM Club under the direction of the DCFD.

The DCFD will continue contracting with the Northwest Trails Association whose members maintain the current State-funded Douglas County winter snowmobile and summer ATV trail network.
Additional monies will be applied for from the State of Wisconsin Recreational Trails Aids Program as needs for further trail repair, development, and enhancement projects arise throughout 2020. 2020 Northwest Trails Association members include:

(1) Amnicon Drift Dodgers  
(2) Brule River Riders  
(3) Cozy Corner Trails  
(4) 4 Seasons Recreational  
(5) Get-er-Done Club  
(6) Jack Pine Riders  
(7) Superior Storm Riders  
(8) Superior Wisconsin Off-Road Drivers (SWORDS ATV Club)  
(9) Thirstday Riders  
(10) Waino Riders

A culvert is scheduled to replace a bridge on Trail 24 in the Village of Poplar. Funded by Trail Aids grant program.

2175.3.3 Boat Launches

DCFD personnel will continue maintaining all boat landings at the following locations in 2020: Gordon Dam, North Flowage, Lyman Lake, Minnesuing Lake, Amnicon Lake (County Highway L), and Lower Eau Claire Lake. General repairs and maintenance will be addressed in 2020 as needs arise and completed within existing budget or additional funding may requested.

Completion of the concrete ramp repair projects at Mooney Dam Launch, Gordon Dam Launch, Lake Minnesuing Launch, and North Flowage Launch is planned for 2020.

2175.3.4 Impoundment Structures

DCFD personnel will continue maintaining and operating impoundment structures at the following sites throughout 2020: Gordon Dam, Mooney Dam, Olsen Meadows, Cranberry Creek Flowage (currently non-functional), Park Creek Pond, Jackson Box Flowage, and State Line Flowage.

State mandated inspections for Mooney Dam and Olson Meadows Dam are scheduled for 2020. Any maintenance or repair needs identified in the inspection reports will be prioritized and funding requests explored in the future.

Continuation of the 2018 dam removal project for the Cranberry Creek Flowage Dam is planned for 2020. Project planning and WDNR permitting was completed in 2019. Project bidding and construction phase of dam removal is planned for 2020. Grant funding options will be explored.

General impoundment structure repairs and maintenance will be addressed in 2020 as needs arise and completed within existing budget or additional funding may requested.
2175.4 Access Management Program

2175.4.1 County Forest Roads

DCFD personnel will continue maintaining 97.23 miles of the County Forest Road system. These State-funded roads will continue to be important for forest resource management activities and for the recreational use of the County Forest. The entire system is under continual re-evaluation and any new 2020 additions or deletions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Needed maintenance and improvements to this road system will be prioritized and completed as scheduled throughout the spring, summer, and fall of 2020. Priority will be given to continued surface grading, shoulder vegetation management, roadbed rock removal, surface graveling, and culvert maintenance. The Department’s road maintenance tracking and reporting system will continue to be utilized throughout 2020.

2175.4.2 Timber Access Trails

Timber access trails are primary and secondary roads utilized to access blocks of timber for the transport of forest products. Many such roads on the Forest have been abandoned or motorized access is restricted after use is no longer needed. Some of these roads remain open and will continue to be maintained for other purposes such as public access, recreational trails, or future forest access.

The Douglas County Access Management Plan (AMP) provides direction for both motorized and non-motorized recreational uses of these timber access trails. Plan objectives such as signage, closures, public education, and enforcement efforts will continue throughout 2020.

New road construction, improvements of existing roads, access road infrastructure planning and development, and recreational motorized use designations will all continue to be implemented based on guidelines and standards prescribed by the Plan.

WDNR equipment and time standard commitment assistance is again planned to be utilized in 2020 to perform various types of maintenance activities on specifically identified primary access roads.

2175.5 Wildlife Management Program

As part of the State’s 2019 – 2021 biennial budget, the WDNR’s Wildlife Habitat Improvement Grant program provides 5 cents per acre of County Forest land to be used on wildlife related projects. 2020 funding is anticipated to be used for the following types of projects, but not limited to:

(1) Wildlife opening maintenance.
(2) Jack pine regeneration.
(3) White pine regeneration.
(4) Prescribed oak/jack pine/DCWA burns.
(5) Wildlife surveys.
(6) Assistance towards implementing portions of the Access Management Plan to control access (signage, road blockages, and/or public education materials).
(7) Wildlife/Sportsman and other publication development.
(8) Flowage maintenance.
(9) Road/landing rehabilitation.
(10) Nuisance beaver control.
(11) Dike maintenance.

### 2175.6 Forest Protection Program

Fire, insect damage, and extraordinary weather events are the most visible potential problems to be encountered in 2020. The Department will coordinate a response to any such event with the overall goal of best protecting the resource assets of the County for the future and minimizing any potential economic losses.

Land encroachment and property trespass issues will continue to be addressed as needs arise. The Department will assess each such instance on a case-by-case basis and explore options for resolution with the overall goal of best protecting the public land base of the County.

In 2020, the DCFD will continue to provide assistance and support to the WDNR wildland fire protection program as outlined in the most current version of the “Douglas County/DNR Memorandum of Understanding for Fire Suppression Services” agreement.

With the 2013 discovery of Emerald Ash Border in Douglas County, the DCFD will continue monitoring forest stands for presence of this invasive pest. In the event EAB is discovered within the County Forest or within 5 miles of County Forest holdings, Department staff will implement the “Douglas County Forestry Department – Emerald Ash Borer Management Guidelines” in an attempt to reduce the risk of EAB impacts.

With the ever increasing occurrence and spread of invasive plant species, control methods and Pesticide Ordinance 1.17 exemption requests will continue to be addressed in 2020 as needs arise. Necessary treatments will be completed within existing budget or additional funding may explored.

### 2175.7 Land Acquisition Program

Land acquisition for County Forest purposes and access easements will continue to be actively pursued in the best interest of the County as opportunities present themselves. Any lands purchased will be for the purpose of expanding Forest holdings, blocking ownership, protecting special resources, securing access, timber production, return on investment potential, conservation purposes, or improving recreational opportunities. The funding will be obtained through the Department’s land acquisition reserve fund and/or annual budget with State and/or Federal grant programs explored for larger
projects. Non-profit Conservation Organizations (NCO’s) may be partnered with to assist and facilitate larger acquisitions as opportunities present themselves.

2175.8 Information Technology Program

Throughout 2020, the DCFD will continue to enhance and expand the quality and content of information served on the Department’s website and FaceBook page in an attempt to further improve day-to-day operational effectiveness and efficiency.

2175.9 Buildings and Equipment

2175.9.1 Facilities and Infrastructure

In order to provide quality customer service and fulfill our mission, the facilities that the Department operates will continue to be maintained, updated and outfitted with equipment necessary to operate in the most efficient and effective manner. Continued general building and facility maintenance will be on-going as needs arise throughout 2020.

2175.9.2 Equipment

Cooperative maintenance and heavy equipment and vehicle sharing with the Douglas County Highway Department will continue. Equipment will continue to be repaired/improved/replaced on an as-needed basis.

Two to three new pickup fleet vehicles are planned for 2020.

A new commercial blower and zero turn mower are planned to be acquired in 2020.

An on-going assessment of Department vehicle and equipment needs will continue throughout the year.
RESOLUTION #3-20
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: WDNR Grant Programs Participation Authorized
(Snowmobile and ATV Trails)

WHEREAS, Douglas County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring, or developing lands for public outdoor motorized trail use, and

WHEREAS, said public motorized trails are eligible for funds under Section 23.09(26) (snowmobile) or Section 23.33 (all-terrain vehicle) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby authorizes Douglas County’s application for funds under Section 23.09(26) or Section 23.33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for such eligible maintenance, acquisition, insurance, rehabilitation, and/or development costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Douglas County Forestry Department, or designee, be hereby authorized to act on behalf of Douglas County as signatory on all grant applications and related documents submitted to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available, and to take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete any approved projects.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)
RESOLUTION #4-20
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Land Purchase for County Forest

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends purchasing approximately 80.0 acres from Therese H. Vaughn to meet objectives of the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020; and

WHEREAS, the property is described as follows:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW¼ of NW¼) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE¼ of NW¼), Section Eight (8), Township Forty-Five (45) North, Range Twelve (12) West, Town of Solon Springs, Douglas County, Wisconsin, containing approximately 80.0 acres more or less (PIN’s #SO-026-00788-00 and #SO-026-00789-00); and

WHEREAS, said property is further described in Exhibit C-1-20, and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide opportunities to supply the local economy with forest products, provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, protect approximately 600 feet of frontage along the East Fork of the Moose River, conserve ecological and biological attributes, and enhance blocking of and access to lands open to public use; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to Section 59.52(6) and 28.10, Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves the purchase of approximately 80.0 acres from Therese H. Vaughn at a purchase price not to exceed Forty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($48,000.00), in addition to all associated title work and closing expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchased property herein described be applied for regular lands entry under the Wisconsin County Forest Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said application for
entry to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Forestry and Natural Resources for Douglas County, be hereby authorized to act on behalf of Douglas County as sole signatory on all real estate documents and other related instruments necessary to successfully complete the acquisition, including but not limited to deeds, transfers, assignments, agreements, contracts, obligations, closing statements, and/or County Forest Law entry applications.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Increase Forestry Fixed Assets – Land $48,000; Decrease Land Acquisition - $40,000 (See budgetary transfer); Remaining $8,000 to come from Forestry Department operating budget)
EXHIBIT C-1-20

RESOLUTION #4-20
Land Purchase for County Forest

Presented by Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee
LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT (approx. 80 acres)
SWNW and SENW Section 8, T45N - R12W, Town of Solon Springs, Douglas County, Wisconsin
RESOLUTION #5-20
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR LIEBAERT

Subject: Municipal Dam Grant Program 2020 Participation Authorized

WHEREAS, Douglas County owns Cranberry Creek Dam and requests financial assistance under Section 31.385 and Section 227.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter NR 335, of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, for the purpose of dam removal, and

WHEREAS, the state share for such a project is 100 percent (100%) of the total eligible project cost up to a maximum $400,000 grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby authorizes Douglas County’s application for funds under Chapter NR 335, of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, for such eligible removal expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Forestry & Natural Resources, Douglas County Forestry Department, or designee, be hereby authorized to act on behalf of Douglas County to: (1) Submit said application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; (2) Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation; and (3) Act as signatory on application and all related documents, and to take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if necessary, Douglas County agrees to pay a share of the eligible project costs, equal to the total project cost minus the state share.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)
RESOLUTION #6-20
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ON THE LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Grant Authorized

WHEREAS, Douglas County inland lakes and streams are important resources used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty, and

WHEREAS, public use and enjoyment of Douglas County inland lakes and streams is best served by protection of these natural resources from introductions of aquatic invasive species, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County recognizes the need to provide information and education about aquatic invasive species, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Department is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of an aquatic invasive species control project, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Department is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of AIS education, prevention and planning and the Clean Boat Clean Waters program, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Department attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application, and

WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Douglas Land and Water Conservation Department to meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the Douglas County Land Conservationist or alternatively the Land Services Director (Zach.DeVoe@douglascountywi.org 715-395-1386) to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

- Sign and submit a grant application
- Enter into a grant agreement with the DNR
- Submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate
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- Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement
- Sign and submit any other documents relating the DNR Surface Water Grants

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Department will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Department will meet the obligations of the AIS control project including timely publication of the results, and financial requirements including a 25% commitment to AIS control project costs.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: 25% match to be provided by in-kind services)
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RESOLUTION #7-20
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR JAQUES

Subject: Budgetary Transfer

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of Supervisor Jaques and approves the budgetary transfer as set forth in Exhibit D-1-20.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2020.

(Fiscal Note: Included in Exhibit D-1-20)
(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)
EXHIBIT D-1-20

RESOLUTION #7-20
Budgetary Transfer

Presented by Supervisor Jaques
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