

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, January 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Liebaert.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Susan Sandvick. There were 18 Present, 3 Absent. Absent – Borgeson, Hendrickson (remote), Ryan.

Motion by Pomush, second Allen, to approve the December 15, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Connie Morehouse, Social Worker, Health & Human Services, presented with Employee of the 4th Quarter Award; supervisor Dave Longsdorf accepted on her behalf.

Susan T. Sandvick, Douglas County Clerk, recognized for her 38 years of service and presented with plaque. County Board Chair, County Board Supervisors, and Mayor Jim Paine spoke in appreciation of her talents and efforts and congratulated her on retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ORDINANCES

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #8.0
ZONING ORDINANCE
PRESENTED BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Zoning Committee held a public hearing on January 11, 2023, on the following petition for amendments of the county zoning district ordinance map:

Pt Gov't lot 2, Section 25, T43N-R13W, as Desc'd in #750431 Bng Pcl D & E, (Pos by Fred Zietlow), Ex CSM 1470 Vol 11 Pages 139-140; (WA- 032-01872-00; 16139 S Chipmunk Hollow Rd), Town of Wascott – RR-1: Residential Recreational zone district to the RRC-1: Residential Recreational/Recreational Commercial zone district. Intended use: Campground expansion.

WHEREAS, public hearing notice, affidavit of publication, notice given to town clerk of the hearing, and letter of town approval, are as shown in Exhibit A-1-23.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and approves the petition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk notify the town clerk of this action.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Luostari, to adopt. Staube abstained. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #1-23
RESOLUTION BY THE LAND AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Subject: Land and Development Policies and Procedures Amended

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Land and Development Committee and approves the Land and Development Committee Policies and Procedures amendments set forth below:

MINIMUM LAND APPRAISAL FORMULA

CITY OF SUPERIOR LAND

(1) Minimum lot values:

(a) ~~\$500.00~~ \$400.00 for less than a 25 foot lot.

(2) Minimum acre value:

(a) ~~\$800.00~~ \$600.00 per acre.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Allen, second Jaques, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #2-23
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISORS ON THE LAND
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND ZONING
COMMITTEE**

Subject: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Surface Water Grants

WHEREAS, Douglas County Land Conservation Department is interested in obtaining cost-share grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of surface water education and planning, lake monitoring and protection, aquatic invasive species prevention and management and the Clean Boat Clean Waters program, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Land 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Douglas County Land 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
- 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 that the Douglas County Land 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 that the Douglas County Land Conservation Department will meet the obligations of the grants including timely publication of the results, and financial

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requirements including grant match commitment to project costs.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Slay, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #3-23
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: WDNR Grant Programs Participation Authorized

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), Section 23.33 (all-terrain vehicle), and/or Section 23.335 (off-highway motorcycle) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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 2023 application for funds under Section 23.09(26), Section 23.33, and/or Section 23.335 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 staff, 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 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Moen, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #4-23
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Forestry Department Annual Work Plan - 2023

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

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on October 21, 2021, adopted resolution #43-21 approving the Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan for a period encompassing 2021-2035, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan is prepared annually and is appended to Chapter 3000 of the Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends accepting and approving the 2023 Douglas County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby accepts and approves the 2023 Douglas County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan as set forth in Exhibit B-1-23.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this 2023 Annual Work Plan be appended to Chapter 3000 of the 2021-2035 Comprehensive Land-Use Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said 2023 Annual Work Plan to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Bergman, to adopt. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #5-23
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Forestry Department Land Acquisition for County Forest

WHEREAS, The Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends purchasing approximately 40.0 acres from Daniel and Lori K. Rankila to meet objectives of the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035, and

WHEREAS, the property is described as follows:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW¼ of SE¼) in Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township Forty-Four (44) North, Range Twelve (12) West, Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin, containing approximately 40.0 acres more or less (PIN #GO0120156000); and

WHEREAS, said property is further described in Exhibit C-1-23, and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will protect approximately 1,525 feet of undeveloped shoreline frontage along the St. Croix/Gordon Flowage, preserve exceptional ecological attributes, conserve outstanding historical and aesthetic values, enhance blocking of and access to lands open to public use, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to SS59.52(6) and 28.10, Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves the purchase of approximately 40.0 acres from Daniel and Lori K. Rankila at a purchase price not to exceed Eleven Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$11,000.00); said price includes value of the land (\$10,000) and estimated real estate transaction closing expenses not to exceed (\$1,000).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchased property herein described be applied for special use entry under the Wisconsin County Forest Law for purposes of the St. Croix/Gordon Flowage.

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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 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Fixed Assets – Land \$11,000; Decrease Land Acquisition Account \$11,000; no effect on levy)

ACTION: Motion by Baker, second Moen, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #6-23
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: County Forest Lands Withdrawal, Conveyance and Entry

WHEREAS, Douglas County owns 6 parcels in the Towns of Solon Springs and Gordon as described in Exhibits D-1-23, E-1-23, and F-1-23, and

WHEREAS, said Douglas County owned parcels are all entered as County Forest lands under the Wisconsin County Forest Law (s. 28.11 Wis. Stats.), and

WHEREAS, all said parcels are further described in Exhibit G-1-23, and

WHEREAS, Michael D. and James Chmielecki own the parcel described as:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄ of SW¹/₄) in Section Seven (7), Township Forty-Four (44) North, Range Twelve (12) West, Town of Solon Springs, Douglas County, Wisconsin, containing approximately 36.89 acres more or less (PIN #SO0260012400), and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey D. and Andrea S. Hulett own the parcel described as:

The North Quarter (N¹/₄) of the North Half (N¹/₂) of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE¹/₄ of NW¹/₄) in Section Eighteen (18), Township Forty-Four (44) North, Range Twelve (12) West, Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin, containing approximately 10.00 acres more or less (PIN #GO0120140800), and

WHEREAS, Link International Investments, LLC, owns the following 3 parcels described as:

- (1) The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄) in Section Eighteen (18), Township Forty-Four (44) North, Range Twelve (12) West, Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin, containing approximately 40.00 acres more or less (PIN #GO0120140500), and
- (2) The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄) in Section Eighteen (18), Township Forty-Four (44) North, Range Twelve (12) West, Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin, containing approximately 40.00 acres more or less (PIN #GO0120140600), and

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(3) The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW¼ of SE¼) in Section Eighteen (18), Township Forty-Four (44) North, Range Twelve (12) West, Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin, containing approximately 37.00 acres more or less (PIN #GO0120141700), and

WHEREAS, all said parcels are further described in Exhibit G-1-23, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee recommends conveying ownership of the 6 Douglas County owned parcels totaling 11.98 acres in the Towns of Solon Springs and Gordon herein described, as follows:

- (1) 2.065 acres from PIN #SO0260012300 to Michael D. and James Chmielecki as described in Exhibit D-1-23;
- (2) 1.18 acres from PIN #SO0260012500 to Jeffrey D. and Andrea S. Hulett as described in Exhibit E-1-23;
- (3) 0.16 acres from PIN #SO0260012600 to Link International Investments, LLC as described in Exhibit F-1-23;
- (4) 4.84 acres from PIN #GO0120140400 to Link International Investments, LLC as described in Exhibit F-1-23;
- (5) 2.67 acres from PIN #GO0120140700 to Link International Investments, LLC as described in Exhibit F-1-23; and
- (6) 1.07 acres from PIN #GO0120141600 to Link International Investments, LLC as described in Exhibit F-1-23.

WHEREAS, conveyance of the said properties will provide resolution to multiple long standing encroachment issues on County Forest land owned by Douglas County involving historical fence lines and land uses, and

WHEREAS, Douglas County owns the following parcel in the Town of Summit described as:

(1) The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE¼ of SW¼) in Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Forty-Five (45) North, Range Fourteen (14) West, Town of Summit, Douglas County, Wisconsin, containing approximately 40.00 acres more or less (PIN #SU0280025100), and

WHEREAS, said parcel is further described in Exhibit H-1-23, and

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WHEREAS, entering said Douglas County owned parcel as County Forest land under the Wisconsin County Forest Law (s. 28.11 Wis. Stats.) would serve to replace the 11.98 acres recommended for withdraw and conveyance herein and substantially offset any loss of public benefit and further enhance the same, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to withdrawal, convey, acquire, and enter said properties herein pursuant to SS59.52(6), s. 28.10, s. 28.11 Wis. 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 withdrawing and conveying ownership as herein described of the 6 Douglas County owned parcels totaling 11.98 acres in the Towns of Solon Springs and Gordon, and entering 40.00 acres of County owned land in the Town of Summit under the Wisconsin County Forest Law to substantially replace the 11.98 acre loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a request for the withdrawal of the 6 Douglas County owned parcels herein described from the Wisconsin County Forest Law be submitted to the Wisconsin DNR and that these land conveyances be specifically contingent upon said withdrawal request being approved by the Wisconsin DNR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approximate 40.00 acres of Douglas County owned property in the Town of Summit 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 applications for withdrawal and entry to the Wisconsin DNR 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 withdrawal, conveyance, and entry, including but not limited to deeds, transfers, assignments, agreements, contracts, obligations, closing statements, and/or applications for County Forest Law withdrawal and entry.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)

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ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Baker, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #7-23
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR JAQUES AND
SUPERVISORS ON THE HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES BOARD**

Subject: Health and Human Services Department
Respite Care Rate Increase

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of Supervisor Jaques and Supervisors on the Health and Human Services Board and approves an increase in the respite care rates as set forth below:

Level of Need	Previous Rate	New Rate
1 or 2	\$25	\$35
3	\$25	\$45
4	\$25	\$55
5 or 6	\$25	\$65

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Within budget)

ACTION: Motion by Jaques, second Peterson, to adopt. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION #8-23
RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR JAQUES AND
SUPERVISORS ON THE HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES BOARD**

Subject: Health and Human Services Department
Emergency Foster Care Placement Rate Established

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of Supervisor Jaques and Supervisors on the Health and Human Services Board and approves the Foster Care Placement and Change of Placement Procedure amendment, with implementation of \$50 emergency placement payment, as set forth below:

PRACTIC TITLE: Foster Care Placement and Change of Placement Procedure

8. A one-time \$50 payment will be given for emergency placements with licensed foster care providers. If the placement is completed on an emergency basis (being needed on the same day or during typical non-awake hours) the Case Worker will consult with a Supervisor for approval of the rate. If approved by a Supervisor, the Case Worker will complete the authorization form and submit it to bookkeeping.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: Within budget)

ACTION: Motion by Peterson, second Raunio, to adopt. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Written report reviewed.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT: Liebaert reported on various county activity.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Pomush, second Slay, to approve the following appointments: By County Board Chair: Courtney Dietsche – Northern Waters Library Services Board; Mark E. Liebaert – Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association; Kaci Lundgren – Nonprofit Funding Policy Work Group (replacing Sue Sandvick); Ashley Vande Voort, Carissa Skifstad, Catherine Schmisek, Kate Reitzel – Employee Relations Committee (replacing Brian DeMar, Holly Mortenson, Emily Tribby, Heidi Meyer). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hendrickson – Extension, Education and Recycling; Lear – Public Safety.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS: Motion by Allen, second Jaques, to approve. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Pomush, second Allen, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting – March 16, 2023.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Douglas County Clerk