



MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

**November 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

**Employee Resources Conference Room
Courthouse, Wausau, WI**

Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)

Environmental Resources Committee Mission Statement: Provide leadership for the implementation of the County Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to environmental resource initiatives of Marathon County. (Revised: 04/17/12)

Members: Sandi Cihlar; Chair, Jim Seefeldt, Vice Chairman, Jacob Langenhahn, Robert Wegner, Randy Fifrick, Allen Drabek, and Marilyn Bhend - Towns Association Representative

1. Call to Order and Silence Electronic Devices
2. Public Comment
3. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration and Possible Action:
 - A. Holtz Krause Consent Decree: Recommendation to Support Termination (Duncanson)
 - B. Resolution to Acquire Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant: Purchase of land in Town of Hewitt to expand County Forest (Lovlien)
4. Next Regular Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items:
 - A. Next meeting – **December 14, 2016** at 1:30 p.m.
7. Announcements and Requests
8. Adjourn

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

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Date: 11-10-16
 Time: 10:01 AM
 By: LJ Schultz
 Date/Time/By: _____

SIGNED Rebecca J. Fusch
 Presiding Officer or Designee

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:

Date: _____
 Time: _____ a.m. / p.m.
 By: County Clerk

HOLTZ AND KRAUSE LANDFILL AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this 25th day of September, 2012, by, between and among the County of Marathon, Wisconsin, the City of Wausau, Wisconsin and the Holtz and Krause Landfill Steering Committee sets forth the terms and conditions for the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a soccer complex on the former Holtz and Krause Landfill in the City of Wausau, County of Marathon, Wisconsin.

Background and Statement of Intent

For purposes of interpreting and understanding the background behind this Agreement, the parties state the following:

A. Parties

1. The Holtz and Krause Landfill Steering Committee (“Steering Committee”) was formed in 1993 as the group of companies responsible for the remediation of the Holtz and Krause Landfill. The Steering Committee operates through its Executive Committee and one chairperson of that committee.
2. Marathon County (“County”) is a Wisconsin county operating through its County Board.
3. The City of Wausau (“City”) is an incorporated Wisconsin municipality. The Holtz and Krause Landfill is located in the City limits.

B. Background

1. The Holtz and Krause Landfill (“Landfill”) operated from 1957 to 1980. The Landfill was owned by the Otto Holtz and William Krause.
2. In 1993, the Steering Committee was formed for the purpose of negotiating a cleanup of the Landfill. That negotiation resulted in that certain Consent Decree governing the remediation entered by the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, in the case styled *The State of Wisconsin v. Holtz and Krause, Inc.*, Case No. 95C 0675C (“Consent Decree”) by District Court Judge Barbara Crabb on August 26, 1994.
3. As part of the allocation of responsibility amongst the parties responsible for the remediation of the Landfill, the City entered into that certain separate agreement with the Steering Committee (styled *Agreement Concerning Allocation Of Remedial Design And Remedial Action Costs Among The City Of Wausau And Other Potentially Responsible Parties A The Holtz & Krause Landfill*) (“1993 Agreement”) to provide post-closure monitoring and operation and maintenance services at the Landfill, including the Landfill extraction system.
4. The original closure of the Landfill was designed so as to allow the Landfill to be used as a soccer complex as set forth in the formal *Record of Decision*, including *The Summary Of Remedial Alternative Selection Holtz And Krause Landfill Project* and the *Holtz and Krause*

Landfill Record of Decision Selected Remedial Alternative issued by the George E. Meyer as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (“WDNR”) on July 22, 1992 pursuant to the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. § 9607, *et seq.*

5. Since construction and implementation of the remedy at the Landfill, the City has performed its obligations under the 1993 Agreement with the Steering Committee. Specifically, the City has maintained the cap, performed ground water monitoring and operations, and performed monitoring and operations of the active gas extraction system, all as required by said 1993 Agreement.

6. Pursuant to that certain *Declaration For An Amendment To The Record of Decision* issued on June 22, 2011, by Mark Giesfeldt as Director of the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment of the WDNR, groundwater treatment was removed as part of the selected remedy based upon test results and was replaced by the remedy of natural attenuation.

7. On July 25, 2012, WDNR, relying on a recent amendment to Wis. Stat. § 292.15, as set forth in *2011 Wisconsin Act 103*, sections (7) and (8) thereof, agreed that the Landfill would be eligible for a Certificate of Completion (“COC”) under the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption Act (“VPLE”).

8. The Steering Committee, in exchange for the transfer of the Landfill from the current owners of the Landfill to the County, pledged to construct, as part of certain repairs to the cap, a soccer complex on the Landfill, fulfilling the original intent of the 1993 remedy selection.

9. The Steering Committee, City and County pledged funds totaling \$272,000 to allow the County to acquire the Landfill.

C. Intent

1. This Agreement addresses the acquisition of the Landfill property, construction of the soccer fields and long-term maintenance and operation.

2. Through this Agreement, the Steering Committee intends to fulfill its obligation for remediation of the Landfill by obtaining a COC under the VPLE program.

3. The County intends to acquire ownership of the Landfill so as to allow the Landfill to be converted into a soccer sports complex for benefit of the residents of Marathon County.

4. The City intends to continue to (a) maintain the landfill cap (except for the playing surface) and (b) operate and maintain the redesigned and reconstructed active gas extraction system providing monitoring and testing relating to the Landfill consistent with the 1993 Agreement. It is understood that the City’s obligation to monitor the groundwater will terminate upon issuance of the COC.

5. In order to achieve the above, the parties intend to cooperate with each other and interpret this Agreement to fulfill the intentions of the parties.

Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the consideration provided by each of the parties, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

I. Acquisition of Property

1. As among the parties, the City will be the point of contact with the owners of the Landfill for completing the acquisition of the Landfill property.

2. The acquisition of the Landfill will be completed using a commercial offer to purchase substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. The allocation of the \$272,000.00 purchase price in Exhibit A shall be allocated among the parties as follows: the Steering Committee, \$45,000.00; the City, \$100,000.00; and the County, \$127,000.00. In addition, the Steering Committee will pay for the closing transaction costs, such as deed recording, title insurance and other similar related fees and costs, estimated to be up to \$2,000, provided that the Steering Committee shall not be responsible for attorney fees.

3. The City will promptly secure appropriate public access on the north side of the Landfill for use as an exit/entry point to the Landfill. The exact location of the access point will be determined (whether by easement or acquisition) by the parties.

4. If the current owner fails to vacate the Landfill by the date set in Section 1.7 of Addendum A to Offer to Purchase Made by Marathon County ("Buyer") to Holtz & Krause Contractors, Inc. and Krause & Holtz Real Estate Development, inc. (collectively, "Seller") of Exhibit A hereto, the County will take all necessary and appropriate actions to remove the current owner as expeditiously as practicable, and the City will actively support any such action taken by the County.

II. Landfill Work/Soccer Field Construction

1. The Steering Committee will prepare and obtain WDNR approval of the design for (i) upgrading the Landfill and (ii) converting the Landfill into a soccer complex.

2. At a minimum, the Landfill upgrade design will cover repairs to address settlement and other required upgrades and repairs to the Landfill and the installation of a new active gas extraction system for aesthetic reasons (potential odor control) as an alternative to a passive system.

3. The design documents will be prepared so as to satisfy WDNR's requirements for obtaining a COC under the VPLE program.

4. After approval of the design and acknowledgment from WDNR that the design will satisfy the requirements of the VPLE program, the Steering Committee will promptly commence construction, taking into account weather conditions.

5. Construction will follow the WDNR approved design (as may be amended by WDNR during construction), which includes, at a minimum, the rebuilt active gas system and the soccer fields.

6. The Steering Committee will obtain WDNR approval of the construction as conforming to the approved design.

7. Upon completion of construction, the Steering Committee will request and obtain a COC for the Landfill under the VPLE program.

8. The Steering Committee will prepare any plans, procedures or reports required by WDNR to satisfy the building on abandoned landfill requirements as outlined in the WDNR letter dated July 25, 2012.

9. The Steering Committee will obtain from its primary contractor, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, a warranty for the construction work performed at the Landfill. The Steering Committee will make the County a beneficiary of the warranty.

III. Maintenance and Monitoring

1. The City will provide the following maintenance services at the Landfill:

- (a) gas monitoring as required by WDNR under the building on abandoned landfill approval;
- (b) maintenance of the active gas extraction system to be used for odor control (not remediation); and
- (c) maintenance of the cap, including control for settlement, burrowing animals and woody vegetation and preservation of vegetative cover, except areas where turf grass is necessary for surface of the soccer facility.

2. The 1993 Agreement is superseded and replaced by this Agreement upon the issuance of the COC.

3. The Steering Committee will pay to a special, segregated fund established by the City the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000) to provide for long-term capital costs related to the active gas extraction system, including major repairs, replacements or remodeling of the system. Capital costs shall be defined as those having a cost of at least \$5,000 as of the date of execution of this Agreement and as adjusted annually thereafter in accordance with the Consumer Price Index. The payment shall be made within thirty (30) days after WDNR issues the COC. Any disbursements from the fund will be only for the active gas extraction system (as specified above) and is subject to the approval of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

4. Except for the operation and maintenance of the active gas extraction system, including monitoring, reporting and record-keeping activities and the cap maintenance activities to be conducted by the City, the County will operate and maintain the soccer facility, including

turf grass, walkways, paths, parking areas, bathrooms, portable toilets or other appurtenances or amenities as may be installed. The County may assess fees on the users of the soccer facility to defray the cost of such soccer facility operation and maintenance. Any cap maintenance activities performed by or contracted by the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department will be charged to the City under the agreement between the City and the County.

IV. Covenant Not To Sue

1. The Steering Committee acknowledges that it retains responsibility for the environmental remediation of the Landfill under the Consent Decree. Until the COC is issued by WDNR under the VPLE program, the Steering Committee covenants not to sue the County for any environmental remediation liability that may attach to the County due to the County's status as owner of the Landfill.

V. Consent Decree Termination/Steering Committee Dissolution

1. After receipt of the COC for the Landfill, the Steering Committee will file papers with the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin to terminate the Consent Decree. The City and County agree to support the termination request and will file with the court, as appropriate, statements to that effect.

2. Subsequent to termination of the Consent Decree, the Steering Committee will proceed to dissolve. Prior to dissolving, the Steering Committee will provide thirty (30) days prior notice to the City and the County. Upon dissolution, the Steering Committee will have no further obligations under this Agreement.

VI. General Terms

1. The parties will cooperate with each other in good faith in fulfilling the intent and terms and conditions of this Agreement, including periodic meetings as appropriate and sharing of information and submittals. The Steering Committee will provide the County with all submittals relating to the COC for the Landfill.

2. In the event of any disputes, the parties agree to negotiate the issues for a minimum of sixty (60) days. If after 60 days, the issues cannot be resolved, the following persons will meet within thirty (30) days to attempt to resolve the open matters: David Eisenreich for the Steering Committee, the Mayor of the City of Wausau for the City, and the Marathon County Administrator for the County.

3. Upon dissolution of the Steering Committee, under Section V.2, above, this Agreement will become a two-party agreement between the County and the City and is to be interpreted as such.

4. This Agreement is to be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

5. No modification or amendment may be made to this Agreement except in writing signed by all of the parties, subject to Section V.2, above.

6. Each of the parties represents and warrants that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement and that all necessary procedures were followed to authorize the representatives to sign this Agreement.

7. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each of the signature pages when fully executed will constitute the binding consent of the signing party to all of this Agreement. This Agreement consists of the entirety of the agreement and all signature pages.

VII. Notices.

1. Notices under this Agreement shall be sent by First Class Mail or other arrangements agreed to by the parties to the persons or offices designated below. The parties may change their designated representatives by providing written notice consistent with this notice provision.

- (a) Notices to the City should be addressed to Mayor, City of Wausau, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.
- (b) Notices to the County should be addressed to County Administrator, County of Marathon, Marathon County Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.
- (c) Notices to the Steering Committee should be addressed to David L. Eisenreich, Chairman, Holtz & Krause Landfill Executive Committee, 5208 D J Lane, Weston, Wisconsin 54476.

[Signature Page Follows]

CITY OF WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

Dated: 9/25/12

By James E. Fijele
Its MAYOR

COUNTY OF MARATHON, WISCONSIN

Dated: 9-19-2012

By [Signature]
Its County Administrator

HOLTZ & KRAUSE LANDFILL STEERING
COMMITTEE

Dated: 9/25/12

By David E. Smith
Its Chair

September ____, 2016

[ADDRESSEE]

[ADDRESS]

Re: *CASE CAPTION*

Letter of Support for Termination of Consent Decree/Steering Committee Dissolution

Dear _____

This letter of support is written pursuant to Article V.1. of the *Holtz and Krause Landfill Agreement* entered September 25, 2012 among the City of Wausau, Marathon County, and the Holtz and Krause Landfill Steering Committee (“Agreement”). In brief summary, that three-way agreement has resulted in site closure being granted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption program pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 292.15. The site of the former Holtz Krause Landfill has been redeveloped into what we believe to be one of the premier soccer venues and general sports facilities (now known as the Eastbay Marathon County Sports Complex) in Wisconsin, and the certificate of completion under the VPLE program has been issued. The City of Wausau and Marathon County have continued to fulfill their respective obligations under the Agreement. This redevelopment project has been a major success for the environment and our residents.

We understand that the Holtz and Krause Steering Committee is moving the Court to terminate the consent decree and to dissolve the steering committee pursuant to Article V. of the Agreement. The initial purposes of the Agreement having been fulfilled, Marathon County fully supports that motion. Marathon County understands that the Agreement will survive the motion as a two-way agreement between the City of Wausau and Marathon County that governs their respective ongoing obligations.

Very truly yours,

Brad Karger, Administrator
Marathon County

RESOLUTION R- -16

APPROVING MARATHON COUNTY’S SUPPPORT FOR DISOLUTION OF HOLTZ AND KRAUSE LANDFILL STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Marathon County (County) has previously approved entry into a joint Agreement with the City of Wausau and Holtz and Krause Landfill Steering Committee (Steering Committee) to create a ~~field sports soeeer~~ field sports complex at the site of the former Holtz and Krause Landfill, now known as, Eastbay Soccer Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved said Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to R-55-12, dated 8-28-12; and

WHEREAS, the County has been asked to support the Steering Committee’s motion in federal court to terminate the consent decree which created the Steering Committee and to dissolve the Steering Committee, pursuant to Article V. of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) met on 11-15-16 and has determined that the initial purposes of the Agreement have been fulfilled and that the Agreement will survive the motion as a two-way agreement between the City of Wausau and Marathon County that governs their respective ongoing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the ERC approved the proposal of the Steering Committee and is ~~recommending~~ recommending that the County Administrator express support for the proposal by sending correspondence to the proper authority in a form similar to the draft letter attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for Marathon County hereby approves support for the Steering Committee’s motion to terminate the consent decree in federal court, which will result in the Steering Committee’s dissolution.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND RESOLVED that the appropriate Marathon County officials are hereby directed and authorized to execute the terms of this resolution.

Dated this _____ day of November, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Fiscal Impact: No budgetary impact.

MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

April 2015

Environmental Resources Committee Mission Statement:

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MARATHON COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX: TURNING AN ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD INTO A REGIONAL RECREATIONAL DESTINATION GRAND OPENING CEREMONY



Hurray! After 25 years of hard work, the Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is pleased to announce that it will hold a grand opening ceremony for the newly constructed Marathon County Sports Complex. The ceremony will open the tournament quality field sports complex and recognize the collaborative efforts over the past quarter century that have brought this project to fruition. The sports complex facilities that sit atop the 57 acre former Holtz-Krause landfill are a gift to the community by the Holtz-Krause Landfill Steering Committee which has worked since 1993 to remediate the landfill and create a beneficial reuse on the site.

Construction began on the Marathon County Sports Complex in May 2013. It contains 15 irrigated fields of varying sizes including a lit championship field, parking, concession building, restrooms, playground and tree plantings. A grant from Canadian National Railroad provided for additional tree plantings. Youth and adult competitive and recreational soccer leagues are already scheduled to play on the fields including two large statewide soccer tournaments the first of which will occur on May 2-3, 2015. In addition to soccer, the complex will host lacrosse and other field sports and special events. As well as supporting healthy lifestyles in our community, the sports complex will help expand Marathon County's sports tourism economy. For example, a single 72 team soccer tournament will generate as much as \$1.2 million of economic activity with much of that spending occurring in the Wausau metro area.

After two decades of reclamation the Department of Natural Resources has given a liability free bill of health to the site. This is the first time the DNR has issued a Certificate of Completion on the clean-up of a licensed, municipal landfill. Having this landmark action in place made it possible for the site to come into County ownership, the sports complex to be developed, and street and utility services provided through a cooperative agreement between the Steering Committee, the City of Wausau, and Marathon County.

GRAND OPENING DETAILS:

Location: 602 East Kent Street, Wausau.

Date and Time: April 30, 2015 at 4:30 pm

One Person With Determination Makes a Huge Difference

By Brad Karger

Dave Eisenreich, retired Marathon Electric President and CEO, describes himself as a persistent man. Much of the community's success in building 15 tournament quality soccer fields on the recovered Holtz-Krause landfill site is attributable to his determination and a willingness to address and overcome obstacles.

20 years ago, Dave Eisenreich and other corporate leaders envisioned an environmental cleanup of the landfill that re-purposed the site for recreation. At that time no one imagined that the site could become a community asset that combined a sports complex with the curling facility and a conservation area with hiking trails and kayak access to the Eau Pleine River.

In retrospect, all this seems to have been a pre-ordained, orderly progression of steps. But in reality there were many obstacles. Here is just a sample of some of the obstacles that at various points seemed to block the door to redevelopment of the site:

1. The first hurdle was convincing the community that a "voluntary" clean-up led by local leaders would be far less expensive than a clean-up project led by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This also included convincing the EPA and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow a volunteer led clean-up of the site. The community stepped up, sufficient funds were raised, and the work was completed at a reduced cost.
2. Another obstacle, which started 15 years ago, was the unfounded fear and perception by a few vocal people that the site was hazardous and presented a health risk to anyone using it. Many times these "hazardous to your health" arguments were presented without



Brad Karger and Dave Eisenreich

- any scientific foundation. Even though the vocal group's arguments lacked scientific evidence, it was difficult to overcome the subjective objections.
3. In the beginning, no governmental entity was willing to assume ownership of the site because of concerns about future pollution liability. This was a legitimate concern given the way the law was written. After about a year of discussions with the DNR, legislative representatives from both parties and other interested parties, we were able to address this by asking the legislature to modify the law to allow sites such as Holtz Krause to qualify under the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) provisions of the law. Essentially, the new legislation extended the state Brownfield laws to cover older, closed, licensed landfills so as to transfer any future environmental risk to the state. After extensive discussions with the representatives for the city and the county, it was decided that the county would take the lead and assume ownership of the property.
 4. Yet another challenge was the purchase of the land. Negotiations to purchase the site from it's owners was
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One Person With Determination Makes a Huge Difference

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problematic because the owners had a very inflated perception of the value of the landfill property. In the end, the issue was resolved through the combined efforts of the city, county, and the steering committee who combined resources to purchase the property so development could proceed.

5. Another issue was demonstrating to the DNR and others that the methane gas resulting from the decomposing waste was minimal and not an environmental concern. Fortunately, the DNR had about 20 years of data and agreed that the level of methane had significantly declined over the years. After lengthy discussions, the committee elected to install a new downsized flare system to control odor at the site.
6. The DNR had communicated the possibility that the groundwater would need to be treated at some point. Based on this, the committee held money in reserve in case this was needed. Fortunately, the data from 20 years of monitoring indicated the groundwater quality had significantly improved. Based on this data, the DNR agreed that it would not require groundwater treatment and natural attenuation was adequately addressing this concern. This was a major milestone because it meant that we could use the money held in reserve to build the soccer fields.
7. Reconstituting and re-energizing the Executive Committee after several years of inactivity was an additional challenge, but necessary to satisfy the group by-laws and so that decisions could be made going forward.
8. And finally, there were many hurdles from a construction perspective. The steel support beams that support the concession building and light towers had to be driven over 60 feet deep to bedrock. Each light tower has 4 beams and the concession building has 12 beams. In

addition, we experienced severe rains that stalled the project in the beginning by about a month.

Had Dave Eisenreich been something less than a very persistent man, the landfill site would be a barren, unused site for the next 100 years. Because he stuck to it and enrolled partners along the way, the athletic complex has become a reality and will be enjoyed by county residents and visitors for a long time.

If you want to see a digital representation of the soccer fields or the athletic complex [check here](#)

The new Marathon County Sports Complex is close to completion. The site will grow grass in 2014 and will officially open with much fanfare in 2015.

This is a case study of how one person with vision and determination can make a big difference in the lives of many and the success of a whole community!



APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE STATE FUNDING THROUGH THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee, Environmental Resources Committee and the Forestry/Recreation Committee recommends approving an application to acquire funding through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the landowner of 198 acres in the SE 1/4 and the SESW of Section 25, Township 30 North, Range 9 East, Town of Hewitt, Marathon County, Wisconsin has indicated they are interested in selling the property and is willing to work with the County on a transaction; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest land pursuant to SS. 28.10 Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, said Stewardship Grant Program may provide funding up to 50% of the acquisition price; and

WHEREAS, balance of funding is available from the Forestry Segregated Land Purchase and State Aid Accounts; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property 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, the leadership of the Town of Hewitt supports the County acquiring the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain and resolve that the County request grant funding available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant Program"

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the proper County officials to act on behalf of Marathon County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for land acquisition grant funding; negotiate, and secure an appraisal on the above described property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Marathon 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;

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

Dated this 20th day of December, 2016.

FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Hewitt-Harrison County Forest

County Forest

Mill Road

Acquisition Parcel

County Forest Road

Rocky Road

