

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• Committee on Administration •

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

6:45 p.m.

Courthouse - **Room #1278**
721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire, WI

1. Call to Order
2. Proposed Resolution #16-17/007 Beaver Creek Reserve Land Acquisition / Discussion – Action
(pgs. 2-3)
3. Adjourn

Post: 4/15/16 Media, Committee Members, Erik Keisler, and Keith Zehms

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FACT SHEET

File No. 16-17/007

Beaver Creek Reserve has successfully received three prior Knowles Nelson Stewardship grants in the last three years under the Federal Trails Act Grants. We have improved trail infrastructure, signage and now part of the Nature Center's remodel with these grants. Annually, \$40,000-\$45,000 has been awarded; \$130,000 has been received in matching funds that have been applied to these projects to date.

- Beaver Creek Reserve contractually receives Capital Repair and Replace funds to maintain buildings and grounds at our location.
- This year we are staged to update paved sections of walkways and sealcoat existing blacktop.
- We are working with Ayres Associates on a campus plan for BCR to help with the flow of people and activities. This plan has been paid for through donations
- Trails Act Grants allows improvements to infrastructure leading to Trailhead locations including parking lots and walkways.
- If successful we could leverage the \$45,000 dollars from the Capital Repair and Replace dollars to complete \$90,000 worth of infrastructure improvements
- Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve seek approval to apply for the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant.

Grant is due by May 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Keisler
Beaver Creek Reserve Director

4 -APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE WISCONSIN
5 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KNOWLES-
6 NELSON STEWARDSHIP LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM-

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8 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors, on February 6, 2007, adopted
9 Resolution 06-07/102 approving the Eau Claire County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan for
10 a period of 15 years; and

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12 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is eligible to participate and make application to the
13 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Development Grant program for development consistent with said
14 plan; and

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

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18 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Eau Claire County hereby authorizes Erik
19 Keisler, Executive Director of Beaver Creek Reserve to act on behalf of Eau Claire County to
20 submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any
21 financial aid that may be available for development of the trail and Nature Center.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eau Claire County recognizes and acknowledges
24 that, if financial assistance is made available by the Department of Natural Resources and the
25 county accepts the financial assistance, the county will comply with state rules for the program
26 and meet the financial obligations under the grant.

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

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