



AGENDA

Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 7 pm
Eau Claire County Government Center
County Board Room 1277

For those wishing to make public *written* comment must fill out your information on the following link and click “Submit” **at least 60 minutes prior** to the start of the meeting. Link: <https://bit.ly/3CEnwe2>

- (1) Indicates 1st Reading
- (2) Indicates 2nd Reading

1. Call to Order
2. Honoring of the Flag and Moment of Reflection by: Supervisor Sandra McKinney
3. Call of the Roll
4. Approval of the Journal of Proceedings from March 15, 2022 *Pages 1-3*

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **REPORTS TO THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER 2.04.320**

Oral Reports

- EDI Update from Dr. Jeneise Briggs, EDI Coordinator *Pages 4-11*

Written Reports

7. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- National Counties Week Proclamation April 2022 *Page 12*
- Letter from Bolton Refuge House Inc. RE: Funding Thank You *Page 13*

8. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES BY COMMITTEES**

9. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY MEMBERS**

10. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER 2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

Committee on Administration

File No.

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| 21-22/109 (1) | Resolution: Authorizing legislation in matters referred to be carried over to the next legislative session (<i>being acted on by the Committee on Administration prior to the County Board Meeting.</i>) <i>Pages 14-15</i> |
| 21-22/110 (1) | Resolution: Recognizing service of County Board Supervisors who have filed a notification of noncandidacy (<i>being acted on by the Committee on Administration</i>) |

prior to the County Board Meeting. Copy of resolution will be provided April 6, 2022)

Committee on Parks and Forest

File No.

21-22/097 (1)

Resolution: Authorizing the Parks and Forest Director to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available for maintaining, acquiring, insuring, or developing lands for public outdoor motorized trails ***Pages 16-17***

21-22/098 (1)

Resolution: Authorizing submittal of outdoor recreation grant application and agreement with the Wisconsin DNR; directing the Parks and Forest Director to take all steps necessary to comply with grant requirements ***Pages 18-19***

11. APPOINTMENTS

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire convened at the Courthouse in the City of Eau Claire on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, and was called to order by Chair Nick Smiar at 7:00 p.m.

The Board honored the flag with the pledge of allegiance.
Moment of reflection by Supervisor Katherine Schneider.

Roll Call: 29 present: Supervisors Gary G. Gibson, Sandra McKinney, Joe Knight, Stella Pagonis, Carl Anton, Dane Zook, Steve Chilson, Kevin Stelljes, Donald D. Mowry, Nancy Coffey, Nathan Otto, Colleen A. Bates, Connie Russell, Judy Gatlin, Nick Smiar, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Martha Nieman, James A. Dunning, Gerald L. Wilkie, Nathan Anderson, Mark Beckfield, Katherine Schneider, Robin J. Leary, Heather DeLuka, Melissa Janssen, Tami Schraufnagel, Zoe Roberts, Kimberly A. Cronk, Missy Christopherson
0 absent

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS (March 1, 2022)

On a motion by Supervisor Hambuch-Boyle, seconded by Supervisor Wilkie, the Journal of Proceedings was approved via voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dori Pulse spoke in regards to the board returning to in person meetings.

REPORTS TO THE COUNTY BOARD UNDER 2.04.320

The following oral reports were presented:

- Sale report for the 2022A bond issued by Norb Kirk, Finance Director
- StormReady presentation by Bill Borghoff, National Weather Service-Twin Cities

The following written reports were presented:

- Reports from the Finance Department
- February 2022 vouchers over \$10,000

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A Letter to the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors was received from Mike Peterson, Chairperson of the Town of Washington Board
- Proclamation proclaiming, April 4 through April 8, 2022 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in the County of Eau Claire
- On a motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Supervisor Gatlin, the proclamation was approved via voice vote.
- Proclamation proclaiming March 27 through April 2, 2022 as "Fair Housing Week" in the County of Eau Claire
- On a motion by Supervisor Schneider, seconded by Supervisor Bates, the proclamation was approved via voice vote.
- A report regarding a rezoning request in the Town of Pleasant Valley was received from owners and applicants Doug and Lynette Knuth
- A report regarding a rezoning request in the Town of Clear Creek was received from Dana and Sheryl Turner, owners and Real Land Surveying, applicant

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES BY COMMITTEES

Committee on Human Resources

Ordinance 21-22/103 TO REPEAL AND RECREATE SECTION 3.20.005 D. AND SECTION 3.20.005 E. OF THE CODE; SECTION 3.20.005 F. AND 3.20.005 G. CREATED; SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Motion by Supervisor Chilson, seconded by Supervisor Gatlin to consider file 21-22/103.

Motion by Supervisor Bates, seconded by Supervisor Anderson to suspend the rules and act on said ordinance was approved via voice vote.

The ordinance was enacted via roll call vote as follows:

28 ayes: Supervisors Gibson, McKinney, Knight, Pagonis, Anton, Zook, Chilson, Stelljes, Mowry, Coffey, Otto, Bates, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Hambuch-Boyle, Nieman, Dunning, Wilkie, Anderson, Beckfield, Schneider, Leary, DeLuka, Janssen, Schraufnagel, Roberts, Christopherson

1 no: Supervisor Cronk

0 absent

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER 2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Committee on Human Resources/Judiciary & Law Enforcement

Resolution 21-22/096 AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE (1.0) COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

On a motion by Supervisor Wilkie, seconded by Supervisor Chilson, the resolution was adopted via voice vote.

Resolution 21-22/107 AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE (1.0) PRETRIAL SCREENING SPECIALIST IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

On a motion by Supervisor Gatlin, seconded by Supervisor Russell, the resolution was adopted via voice vote.

Resolution 21-22/105 ABOLISHING ONE (1.0 FTE) OFFICE MANAGER III AND CREATING ONE (1.0 FTE) OPERATIONS MANAGER IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

On a motion by Supervisor Chilson, seconded by Supervisor Wilkie, the resolution was adopted via voice vote.

Resolution 21-22/106 AUTHORIZING RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE (1.0 FTE) VICTIM WITNESS COORDINATOR IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

On a motion by Supervisor Gatlin, seconded by Supervisor Wilkie, the resolution was adopted via voice vote.

Highway Committee

Resolution 21-22/108 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11TH THROUGH APRIL 15TH "WORKZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY"

On a motion by Supervisor Schraufnagel, seconded by Supervisor Janssen, the resolution was adopted via voice vote.

Committee on Finance & Budget

Resolution 21-22/104 RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF \$5,570,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION HIGHWAY FACILITY BONDS, SERIES 2022A

On a motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Supervisor Bates, the resolution was adopted unanimously via roll call vote.

Resolution 21-22/091 DISALLOWING THE CLAIM OF JACINDA WEST FILED ON JANUARY 27, 2022 BY ATTORNEY DEAN R. ROHDE AGAINST EAU CLAIRE COUNTY; DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK TO NOTIFY THE CLAIMANT OF SAID DISALLOWANCE

On a motion by Supervisor Beckfield, seconded by Supervisor Chilson, the resolution was adopted via voice vote.

Resolution 21-22/100 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CHECKS THAT ARE OVER TWO YEARS OLD; DIRECTING THAT SAID TOTAL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE UNCLAIMED TRUST ACCOUNT AND CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND

On a motion by Supervisor Dunning, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the resolution was adopted via roll call vote as follows:

28 ayes: Supervisors Gibson, McKinney, Knight, Pagonis, Anton, Zook, Chilson, Stelljes, Mowry, Coffey, Otto, Bates, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Hambuch-Boyle, Nieman, Dunning, Wilkie, Anderson, Beckfield, Schneider, Leary, DeLuka, Janssen, Schraufnagel, Roberts, Christopherson

1 no: Supervisor Cronk

The Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue McDonald".

Sue McDonald
County Clerk



EDI Update...

April 6, 2022

Dr. Jeneise Briggs

Goal 1. Organizational Culture (Vision, leadership and business impact)

Goal 2. Workforce Development (Attract and Retain)

Goal 3. Community Engagement (Listen to and Serve Society)

Goal 4. Education, Training and Awareness

The EDI Strategic Plan

Overall View

JEDI Team

A Glimpse in the rearview

What happened in 2021?



ECC - EDI Dashboard 2021 - 2022

Eau Claire County's vision for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is embedded in the approach of examining the organizations efficiency and effectiveness through a lens of equity. This approach is aligned with the strategic plans and priorities of the County, in ensuring that equity is at the forefront of our daily operations.

Strategic Priorities	Key Activity Areas	Measure of Success	Benchmarks for Excellence
Completed in 2021	Complete 3-4 month 1:1/groups meetings with internal and external stakeholders	<p>Baseline information gathered from employees and community groups/individuals perceptions, experiences and suggestions regarding EDI</p> <p>1:1 meeting were held with all department directors/supervisors</p> <p>A written report was compiled and shared with internal staff</p>	EDI structure and implementation
	Creation of internal EDI team	JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) team has been formed with a representative from all departments in the organization	EDI structure and implementation
	Meetings with internal and external stakeholders to create or strengthen existing partnerships	179 meetings	EDI structure and implementation
	ECC EDI strategic draft sent to all department directors/supervisors to seek input from their teams	All input shared were incorporated in the EDI plan to enhance collective learning and growth	EDI structure and implementation
	Presentations/ trainings/partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wisconsin County Human Services Fall Conference Stand in the Light Memory Choir EDI presentation to County Board of Supervisors - EDI journey and next steps Youth and Law Day Government and Law Day ACLU Board 	Community, government relations, and philanthropy
	EDI Corner in monthly newsletter	First newsletter published in December of 2021	

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	Community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea Lounge Panelist - unhoused population • Panelist - American Association of University women • ARPA Listening sessions • Health Equity Group • Eau Claire Chamber Equity Group • Leadership Eau Claire • Toward One WI Conference • Conversations in color filming - EDI in the Chippewa Valley • Town of Washington Village Meeting - EDI and our rural partners 	Community, government relations, and philanthropy

What's on the horizon?



Eau Claire
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Anchoring the Work...

Establishing Workgroups

Education Workgroup

Purpose – To collaboratively work across departments in making recommendations to enhance educational opportunities to promote equity.

Objective:

1. Identify project based on workgroup purpose
2. Budget needed to accomplish project
3. Identify training that will benefit all staff in bringing project to fruition

Organization Culture Workgroup

- **Purpose:** To work cross-divisional in cultivating a culture of belonging that embraces continuous improvement

Objective:

1. Identify project based on workgroup purpose
2. Budget needed to accomplish project
3. Identify training that will benefit all staff in bringing project to fruition

Establishing Workgroups

Policy Workgroup

- **Purpose** – To foster a collegial, inclusive, respectful and engaging policy-making environment

Objective:

1. Identify project based on workgroup purpose
2. Budget needed to accomplish project
3. Identify training that will benefit all staff in bringing project to fruition

City/County Engagement and Outreach Workgroup

Purpose – To collaboratively plan and execute a community project aimed at promoting social justice and civic engagement.

EDI Strategic Goal:

- Community Engagement (Listen to and serve society)

- Projects to choose:

United Way of Chippewa Day of Giving

Partnership with Chippewa Valley Equality Initiative - Community Stories

Partnership with Eau Claire Area School District Teaching & Learning Curriculum

National County Government Month - April 2022
"Counties THRIVE"

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs serving more than 315 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties provide public health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of National Association of Counties President Larry Johnson, NACo is demonstrating how “Counties THRIVE,” especially in supporting residents and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County THRIVES through partnerships and collaborations with local and state governments, business and not-for-profit partners; and

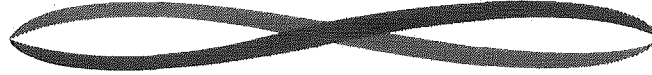
WHEREAS, Through these partnerships the County assists in services such as the expansion of broadband and broadband access, preventative services and programming for mental health, services for interventions to incarceration such as the Stepping Up initiative, and works to ensure that our water and natural resources are protected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Nick Smiar, Chairperson of the Eau Claire County Board, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Dated this _____ day of April, 2022

Nick Smiar
Board Chairperson

Bolton Refuge House Inc.



*Working to empower survivors of
domestic violence and sexual assault*

*Bolton Refuge House Inc. creates safe space through programs and services for all persons
impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault, and advocates for social change.*

P.O. Box 482 Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702-0482

(715) 834-0628

SHELTER & SUPPORT SERVICES for victims of domestic violence, abuse & sexual assault

Toll Free: 855-5BOLTON FAX: (715) 834-9634

State of Wisconsin
721 Oxford Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54703

02/17/2022

Dear County of Eau Claire,

Thank you so very much!

We offer you our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your donation of \$34,000.00. Your contribution enables us to assist abused persons and children in the community.

Bolton Refuge House provides safe shelter, support groups, economic and legal advocacy, children's programs, a transitional living program, and other services that would not be possible without the kindness and generosity of people like you.

No goods or services were received for the donation.

The Board Members, Staff and Volunteers of Bolton Refuge House wish to thank you, too!

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Stein
Executive Director

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FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 21-22/109

Section 2.04.160 E. of the county code requires that all matters referred to a committee and not reported to the board by the end of a county board session year are to be placed on file unless the board orders them to be carried over. Resolution File No. 21-22/089 and 21-22/101 are the resolutions requested to be carried over. Resolution File No. 21-22/089 is the proposed ordinance amending the 1982 Zoning District Boundary Map for Town of Washington has been forwarded to the board and is not ready for consideration by the board, Resolution File No. 21-22/089 is a rezoning request that has been communicated to the board, however, is not ready for consideration by the board. Resolution File No. 21-22/101 is a request to amend the 1982 Zoning District Boundary Map for Town of Clear Creek to rezone 35 acres +/- of land from A-P (Agricultural Preservation) District to A-1 (Exclusive Agriculture) District to allow the applicant to construct a single-family residence without the agricultural income restrictions associated with the A-P District. This matter was originally scheduled for the Committee on Planning and Development on March 29, 2022, and the committee moved the matter to be considered on April 12, 2022. This matter needs to be carried over as the Committee on Planning and Development will not be able to refer this matter to the county board, if that is their decision, before the end of the current board legislative session.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon L.G. McIlquham
Corporation Counsel

1 Enrolled No.

RESOLUTION

File No. 21-22/109

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4 AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION IN MATTERS REFERRED TO BE CARRIED OVER TO
5 THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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7 WHEREAS, Section 2.04.160 E. of the code provides that all matters referred to
8 committee and not acted on by the end of the session year shall be placed on file unless ordered
9 by the board.

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11 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of
12 Supervisorsthat the following matters previously referred or introduced be carried over to the
13 2022-2023 legislative session:

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29 Committee on Administration

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33 Dated this 6 day of April, 2022

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Reviewed by Finance Dept.
for Fiscal Impact

APPROVED BY
CORPORATION COUNSEL
AS TO FORM

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 21-22/097

The county maintains approximately 20 miles of ATV/UTV trails and 181 miles of funded snowmobile trails throughout the county. The county is eligible to apply for maintenance funding annually for each of these programs from the Wisconsin DNR. This resolution will allow for the Parks and Forest Director to submit applications for maintenance funding, as well as capital improvement projects, for these motorized trail aids. The state ATV/UTV and snowmobile programs are funded at 100% reimbursement rate.

This resolution will also allow for the county to apply for motorized stewardship funding for motorized trails. This level of funding requires a 20% county or club match.

Fiscal Impact: Currently, our annual ATV/UTV trail maintenance funding level is around \$22,960. Our snowmobile maintenance is \$300 per mile, or \$54,360 annually. Together, maintenance funding alone is a \$77,320 positive impact.

Respectfully Submitted,



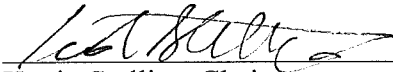
Josh Pedersen
Parks and Forest Director

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4 AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND FOREST DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
5 TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR ANY
6 FINANCIAL AID THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR MAINTAINING, ACQUIRING,
7 INSURING OR DEVELOPING LANDS FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR MOTORIZED TRAILS
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9 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring, or
10 developing lands for public outdoor motorized trails are eligible for snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle
11 and/or motorized stewardship grant funds; and
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13 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
14 authorizes the Parks and Forest Director of the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department to
15 act on behalf of Eau Claire County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department
16 of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; sign documents; and take
17 necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.
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20 I hereby certify that the foregoing
21 correctly represents the action of the
22 Committee on Parks and Forest Committee on
23 March 14, 2022, by a vote of
24 5 for, and 0 against.

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28 Kevin Stelljes, Chair
29 Committee on Parks and Forest
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for Fiscal Impact**

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 21-22/098

This resolution allows the county to apply for matching funding for up to 50% of our costs for maintaining the Tower Ridge Recreation Area trail system. This funding source, available from Wisconsin DNR, is one that the county has utilized in the past for reimbursement for trail maintenance.

This grant would cover 50% of our costs associated with any trail maintenance including: mowing, cross country ski trail grooming, parking lot maintenance, brushing and tree removal, etc.

If awarded the grant, the grant cycle would cover maintenance for a 2-year period of time beginning in July of 2022.

Fiscal Impact: Grant reimbursement would provide approximately \$25,000 in revenue back to the county upon completion of the grant cycle. All county matching funds would be in the form of force account equipment and employee hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Josh Pedersen
Parks and Forest Director

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4 AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION
5 AND AGREEMENT WITH THE WISCONSIN DNR; DIRECTING THE PARKS AND
6 FOREST DIRECTOR TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH GRANT
7 REQUIREMENTS

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9 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is interested in acquiring or developing lands for public
10 outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and,


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12 WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out he project.

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14 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
15 hereby authorizes the Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Director to act on its behalf to:

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17 • sign and submit the application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural
18 Resources for any financial aid that may be available,
19 • sign and submit reimbursement claim along with necessary supporting
20 documentation within 6 month of project completion date,
21 • sign a grant agreement with WI-DNR and
22 • take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Eau Claire County will comply with state or federal
25 rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in
26 an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during
27 reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin
28 Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any
29 change is made in the use of the project site.
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32 I hereby certify that the foregoing
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34 Committee on Parks and Forest Committee on
35 March 14, 2022, by a vote of
36 5 for, and 0 against.

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39 Kevin Stelljes, Chair
40 Committee on Parks and Forest
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