

# LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday February 20, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

Via Teleconference and In-Person Attendance

**Electronic Attendance:** Persons wishing to attend the meeting electronically may enter the meeting beginning approximately ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number or address:

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Access Code (PIN): 492 467 134#

Meeting ID: <https://meet.google.com/vqr-xbnr-ijj>

**Attendance Policy:** The teleconference cannot start until the host (county clerk) dials in and enters the host password. In the event there is an unforeseen technical difficulty that prevents all or a part of the meeting from being available electronically, the meeting will continue in person and those wishing to attend can appear in person at the location indicated on this agenda. All public participants' phones, microphones and chat dialog boxes must be muted or disabled during the meeting.

**All Public Comment is Limited to Current Agenda Items:** citizens attending by teleconference may have floor privileges to speak on agenda items without signing-in at the meeting location. Before the meeting is called to order, the Clerk will ask teleconference attendees whether any public comment is being offered. When called upon by the Board Chair, any persons offering public comment should state his/her name and express in good order his/her comments upon the topic under consideration for no more than 5 minutes.

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
  - A. Announcements – None
  - B. Service Recognitions – February  
10 Years: Gina Olson, Chief Deputy Clerk – Clerk of Courts
  - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments
    1. Committee Assignments
    2. Social Services Committee Election
    3. Appointment of Angela Cummings to the North Central Health Care – Community Service Program Board (Term ending 4/15/24)
    4. Appointment of Dora Gorski to the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin Advisory Committee. (Term ending 12/31/25)
    5. Appointment of James S. Torgerson, Sr. to the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin Advisory Committee. (Term ending 12/31/25)
5. Approval of the Journal – January 17, 2023
6. Letters, Petitions and Memorials
  - A. Letters - None
  - B. Memorials: David Jackson (1992-2000)
8. Reports of Standing & Special Committees
  - A. Administrative & Legislative Committee: Introduction of the North Central Health Care Managing Directors – Executive Director (Gary Olson)
  - B. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2022 Year-to-Date Budget Report – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske)
9. Public Comment
10. Resolutions and Ordinances
  - A. Res 1) Resolution 2023-02-06 Resolution Accepting Infant Clothes with an approximate value of \$74.00
  - 2) Resolution 2023-02-07 Resolution in Support of Telecommuting Opportunities and Telecommuter Forward! Certification

- 3) Resolution 2023-02-08 Resolution of support for the Charter Communications, Inc., Application for a Wisconsin Public Service Commission Fiscal Year 2023 State Broadband Expansion Grant to increase broadband service and availability in Lincoln County
- 4) Resolution 2023-02-09 Resolution Authorizing Lincoln County to Submit a Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Local Planning Grant Program Letter of Intent
- 5) Resolution 2023-02-10 Approve the 2022 Lincoln County Forest Annual Report and add to Chapter 2000 of the 15-Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- 6) Resolution 2023-02-11 Approving Enrollment of the Lincoln County Forest in the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan
- 7) Resolution 2023-02-12 Approving Conveyance of Real Estate
- B. Ord 1) Ordinance 2023-02-733 An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln – Chapter 17, 17.2.03, Zoning Ordinance as a result of a Rezoning Petition by Thomas and Patricia Cadwallader for property in the Town of Schley
- 2) Ordinance 2023-02-734 An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln – Chapter 17, 17.2.03, Zoning Ordinance as a result of a Rezoning Petition by Bo Bennis for property in the Town of Merrill
- 3) Ordinance 2023-02-735 An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln – Chapter 17, 17.2.03, Zoning Ordinance as a result of a Rezoning Petition by Stanley Janowiak for property in the Town of Merrill

11. Report of Claims – None

12. Approval for Mileage and Per Diem for Board Meeting

13. Next County Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M. Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

14. Adjourn

Posted: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

*Request for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of this meeting. You may contact the County Clerk at 715.539.1019. Please do so as early as possible so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.*

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

#### NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

#### MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place, and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to give notice to the public.

#### TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is a good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.

#### EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES AND SUB-UNITS:

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful meeting to act or deliberate upon a subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place, and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

#### PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded, and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

#### STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Deliberation of judicial or quasi-judicial matters. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion, or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b).
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Sec. 19.85(1)(c).
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d).
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e).
6. Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public would likely have an adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f).
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g).
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h).

#### CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session with twelve (12) hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.

#### BALLOTS, VOTES, AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

#### USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

#### LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

#### PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.

## Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

Meeting: January 17, 2023

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI in session assembled pursuant to law.

1. Chair Friske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance followed.
3. Clerk Marlowe called Roll - Members Present: Anderson-Malm, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Boyd, Cummings, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hartwig, Loka, McCrank, Osness, Rusch, Simon, Thiel, Wickham, and Wendorf. Members attending virtually: Allen, Hafeman, and Lemke (20). Excused: Callahan (1).
4. Appointment of James Meunier to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors – District 17 (City of Tomahawk Wards 5 & 6, Town of Bradley Ward 3) Chair Friske announced his appointment of James Meunier to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors – District 17 (City of Tomahawk Wards 5 & 6, Town of Bradley Ward 3).
  - A. County Clerk Marlowe administered the oath of office.
  - B. Ratify appointment(s) to Appointive Committee(s) vacancies (Highway) Chair Friske explained that this committee position had been held by the previous District 17 Supervisor, but he and the board had elected a replacement prior to making the district 17 appointment. This was inadvertently missed while drafting the agenda. Committee appointments for Supervisor Meunier will be made at the February Meeting.
5. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
  - A. Announcements - None
  - B. Service Recognitions – January
 

10 Years:	Chris Marlowe, County Clerk – Clerk’s Office
20 Years:	Marla Reimann, Public Health Nurse – Health Department
25 Years:	Jason Lemmer, Highway Superintendent – Highway Department
  - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments: None
6. Approval of Journal – December 20, 2022: M/S DePasse/Bialecki to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
7. Letters, Petitions and Memorials
  - A. Letters – Chair Friske submitted a letter that all members had received and asked that Clerk Marlowe place the letter on record.
  - B. Memorials - None
8. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
  - A. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2022 Year-to-date Budget Report – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske) Director Fenske gave her report referencing line items that are currently over or close to being over budget. Fenske then offered to answer questions, which there were none.
  - B. Ad-Hoc Committees: Updates and Timelines - Committee Chair (Ken Wickham)
    - 1) Broadband Committee – Committee Chair Wickham gave his report and fielded questions.
    - 2) Committee on Pine Crest - Committee Chair Wickham gave his report and fielded questions.
9. Public Comment – None was offered.
10. Resolutions and Ordinances

## A. 1) Resolution 2023-01-01

Resolution to Apply and Accept if awarded, State Opioid Response Grant

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Health Department, in collaboration the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County, brings the community together to empower people through education and resources to support healthy choices regarding substances and social and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Community Health Improvement Plan identifies Substance Use and Mental Health as a top health priority for Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County, with leadership from the Lincoln County Health Department, is eligible to receive up to \$10,000 from the Northwood's Coalition through their State Opioid Response Plan Grant. Acceptance of Award will include the following:

- Receive Prescription Drug Deactivation Units (400 Units)
- Receive Prescription Drop Lock Boxes (150 lock boxes)
- Receive \$500 for Public Awareness Campaign: Promoting Real Talks Campaign

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approve the application, and if awarded the acceptance, of the State Opioid Response Grant funding period to end on September 1, 2023.

Dated: January 17, 2023

Authored by: Mike Loka

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, Laurie Thiel, Michael Clark, MD, Julie Allen, Brenda Mueller

Committee: Board of Health

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: 12/28/2022

Fiscal Impact: Funding from State Grant

M/S Loka/McCrank to adopt Resolution 2023-01-01. Motion carried by a voice vote.

#### 2) Resolution 2023-01-02

Accepting donation of personnel protection equipment with an approximate value of \$5308

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Health Department is a leader of emergency response for communicable disease outbreaks in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, personnel protection equipment is essential to disease outbreaks as it assures our staff, partners and volunteers are protected and able to respond; and

WHEREAS, Packaging Corporation of America (PCA), Tomahawk WI, have the following personnel protective equipment available to donate at a value of \$5308.

628 Isolation Gowns

50 Goggles

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lincoln County Board of Supervisors recognizes and accepts PCA's thoughtful and generous donation in support of Lincoln County response to communicable disease outbreaks in Lincoln County.

Dated: January 17, 2023

Authored by: Mike Loka

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, Laurie Thiel, Michael Clark, MD, Julie Allen, Brenda Mueller

Committee: Board of Health

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: 12/28/2022

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Ashbeck/Loka to adopt Resolution 2023-01-02. Motion carried by a voice vote.

#### 3) Resolution 2023-01-03

Increasing public health support for advancing Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards

Whereas, Lincoln County Health Department has the role and responsibility to advance program standards in an effort to reduce the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors and implement and attain conformance with the Retail Program Standards.

Whereas, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have partnered to offer local health departments ample financial support to advance conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS or Retail Program Standards) through mentorship and training.

Whereas, grant funds goals are as follows 1. Support strategies that reduce the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors; 2. Promote uniformity and a national Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) by enabling jurisdictions to move toward full compliance with the Retail Program Standards; and 3. Fully leverage the expertise and capacity of retail food protection at Lincoln County Health Department.

Whereas, the activities funded by the grant would not exceed the funding or terms of the grant and be limited to the grant timeline of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Board approves the acceptance of the NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Grant of \$19,551.

Dated: January 17, 2023

Authored by: Mike Loka

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, Laurie Thiel, Michael Clark, MD, Julie Allen, Brenda Mueller

Committee: Board of Health

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: 12/28/2022

Fiscal Impact: Funded by Federal Grant

M/S Cummings/Detert to adopt Resolution 2023-01-03. Motion carried on a voice vote.

4) Resolution 2023-01-44

#### APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2023 that the following conveyance of real estate be made by the County Clerk on behalf of Lincoln County, be and same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Anthony J. Culbert		\$3,000.00

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW¼ SE¼), Section 2, Township 33 North, Range 6 East, Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

P.I.N. 018-3306-024-9998

Dated: January 17, 2023

Authored by: Greg Hartwig

Co-Sponsored by: Ken Wickham

Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks

Committee Vote: All Ayes

Date Passed: December 12, 2022

Fiscal Impact: \$3,000.00

M/S Boyd/Hartwig to adopt Resolution 2023-01-04. Motion carried by a voice vote.

5) Resolution 2023-01-05

#### Resolution to Provide Funding to the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation

WHEREAS, the population of Lincoln County declined over the last census period; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Associations county by county sales tax projections show Lincoln County as one of four counties with zero growth or a reduction in sales tax revenue for 2023; and

WHEREAS, if Lincoln County is to continue to provide services at a level meeting the expectations of the citizens of the County, one area the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors must focus on is revenue growth without raising taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation was created by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors to assist in that effort.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors orders the Director of Finances to provide funding of \$45,000 for the year 2023 and \$45,000 for the year 2024 to the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Dated: January 17, 2023

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Julie DePasse, District 12 and Greg Hartwig, District 22

Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: January 4, 2023

Fiscal Impact: \$45,000 in 2023 and \$45,000 in 2024

Supervisor Bialecki recused himself from the discussion. Chair Friske then passed the gavel to Vice-chair Boyd so, as the author of the resolution, he could enter the discussion. M/S Friske/Hartwig to adopt Resolution 2023-01-05. Discussion took place where roll was called before everyone was given an opportunity to speak. After a brief pause, Chair Boyd asked if there was further discussion. Once discussion had been reopened, Supervisor Simon called for Point of Order specifying that roll had been called and that we are in the midst of our vote. After consideration, Boyd determined to deny the call for Point of Order and allow further discussion explaining that the vote had not yet begun. Further discussion occurred, and roll was called. Ayes: Anderson-Malm, McCrank, Osness, Wendorf, Ashbeck, Rusch, Thiel, Friske, Boyd, DePasse, Hafeman, Lemke, Loka, Meunier, Wickham, Allen, Cummings, Simon (18) Nays: Detert (1), Abstaining: Bialecki and Simon (2) Motion carried 18-1. Vice-chair Boyd then passed the gavel back to Chair Friske.

11. Report of Claims - None.
12. M/S Osness/Ashbeck to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.
13. Next County Board Meeting: Discussion took place explaining the original date was February 21 which conflicted with many of our supervisors who are also election workers. February 14<sup>th</sup> conflicts with Town Meetings. Next meeting will take place at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452 and with no objection will be held on the call of the chair.
14. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)  
 ) SS  
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk in and for said Lincoln County, Wisconsin do hereby certify the within and foregoing is a true and accurate recital of all proceedings by and before the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting, January 17, 2023

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk

# ***In Memoriam***

**RESOLVED**

**BY**

**The County Board of Supervisors**

**of**

**LINCOLN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS, The Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst by death, one of our most esteemed and respected members.**

**DAVID JACKSON**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we as members of Lincoln County Board of Supervisors deplore this untimely death and consequent absence from our community.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to David's bereaved family our sincere sympathy.**



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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
<hr/> 0010 GENERAL FUND							
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,331,514	1,331,514	587,873.12	587,873.12	.00	743,640.88	44.2%
10 COUNTY BOARD	2,424,559	2,424,559	63,269.50	63,269.50	.00	2,361,289.50	2.6%
20 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL	234,585	234,585	6,906.86	6,906.86	.00	227,678.14	2.9%
21 CORPORATION COUNSEL	203,595	203,595	8,713.60	8,713.60	.00	194,881.40	4.3%
22 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	535,111	535,111	48,596.62	48,596.62	.00	486,514.38	9.1%
23 COUNTY CLERK	208,795	208,795	10,191.16	10,191.16	.00	198,603.84	4.9%
24 TREASURERS DEPARTMENT	178,580	178,580	10,504.07	10,504.07	.00	168,075.93	5.9%
25 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	874,001	874,001	36,553.45	36,553.45	.00	837,447.55	4.2%
26 MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT	1,800,683	1,800,683	71,811.55	71,811.55	.00	1,728,871.45	4.0%
27 VETERANS DEPARTMENT	172,946	172,946	9,383.59	9,383.59	.00	163,562.41	5.4%
30 CLERK OF COURTS	563,697	563,697	31,604.21	31,604.21	.00	532,092.79	5.6%
31 CIRCUIT COURT (PROBATE)	354,806	354,806	20,067.76	20,067.76	.00	334,738.24	5.7%
32 FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER	47,050	47,050	150.00	150.00	.00	46,900.00	.3%
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE	334,702	334,702	20,834.65	20,834.65	.00	313,867.35	6.2%
41 LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT	1,221,575	1,221,575	83,052.35	83,052.35	.00	1,138,522.65	6.8%
43 REGISTER OF DEEDS	257,301	257,301	14,548.52	14,548.52	.00	242,752.48	5.7%
44 UW EXTENSION	45,000	45,000	615.00	615.00	.00	44,385.00	1.4%
50 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	8,217,413	8,217,413	461,705.10	461,705.10	.00	7,755,707.90	5.6%
51 CORONERS DEPARTMENT	135,390	135,390	2,358.25	2,358.25	.00	133,031.75	1.7%
52 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	67,807	67,807	3,773.18	3,773.18	.00	64,033.82	5.6%
60 CHILD SUPPORT	300,391	300,391	17,605.57	17,605.57	.00	282,785.43	5.9%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	19,509,501	19,509,501	1,510,118.11	1,510,118.11	.00	17,999,382.89	7.7%
<hr/> 0020 COUNTY ROADS FUND							
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	4,233,331	4,233,331	.00	.00	.00	4,233,331.00	.0%
TOTAL COUNTY ROADS FUND	4,233,331	4,233,331	.00	.00	.00	4,233,331.00	.0%
<hr/> 0021 JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND							
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	35,000	35,000	.00	.00	.00	35,000.00	.0%
TOTAL JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND	35,000	35,000	.00	.00	.00	35,000.00	.0%
<hr/> 0022 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND							

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0022	EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,241,919	2,241,919	6,525.58	6,525.58	.00	2,235,393.42	.3%
	TOTAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND	2,241,919	2,241,919	6,525.58	6,525.58	.00	2,235,393.42	.3%
0023 HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,203,177	1,203,177	56,921.45	56,921.45	.00	1,146,255.55	4.7%
	TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND	1,203,177	1,203,177	56,921.45	56,921.45	.00	1,146,255.55	4.7%
0024 SOCIAL SERVICES FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	3,513,236	3,513,236	147,470.51	147,470.51	.00	3,365,765.49	4.2%
	TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	3,513,236	3,513,236	147,470.51	147,470.51	.00	3,365,765.49	4.2%
0029 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	45,000.00	45,000.00	.00	-45,000.00	100.0%
	TOTAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND	0	0	45,000.00	45,000.00	.00	-45,000.00	100.0%
0030 DEBT SERVICE FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,637,860	1,637,860	.00	.00	.00	1,637,860.00	.0%
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,637,860	1,637,860	.00	.00	.00	1,637,860.00	.0%
0050 DOG LICENSE FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	29,500	29,500	.00	.00	.00	29,500.00	.0%
	TOTAL DOG LICENSE FUND	29,500	29,500	.00	.00	.00	29,500.00	.0%
0060 SOLID WASTE FUND								

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0060	SOLID WASTE FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,086,955	2,086,955	21,651.43	21,651.43	.00	2,065,303.57	1.0%
	TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND	2,086,955	2,086,955	21,651.43	21,651.43	.00	2,065,303.57	1.0%
0062 FORESTRY								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,510,601	1,510,601	101,797.20	101,797.20	.00	1,408,803.80	6.7%
	TOTAL FORESTRY	1,510,601	1,510,601	101,797.20	101,797.20	.00	1,408,803.80	6.7%
0070 HIGHWAY FUND								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	9,709,275	9,709,275	283,561.53	283,561.53	.00	9,425,713.47	2.9%
	TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	9,709,275	9,709,275	283,561.53	283,561.53	.00	9,425,713.47	2.9%
0071 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE								
00	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	42,260.91	42,260.91	.00	-42,260.91	100.0%
	TOTAL SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANC	0	0	42,260.91	42,260.91	.00	-42,260.91	100.0%
	GRAND TOTAL	45,710,355	45,710,355	2,215,306.72	2,215,306.72	.00	43,495,048.28	4.8%

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Resolution 2023-02-06

**Motion By:**  
**Second By:**

Resolution Accepting Infant Clothes with an approximate value of \$74.00

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Anderson-Malm			
3	McCrank			
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Voice vote				
Roll call				

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Department of Social Services works with children experiencing abuse and/or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Lau donated new baby clothing for children going into foster care or relative placements in Lincoln County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lincoln County Board of Supervisors recognizes and accepts Ms. Lau’s thoughtful and generous donation in support of children in Lincoln County.

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
                                  ) SS  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

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Christopher J. Marlowe  
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: February 20, 2023  
 Authored by: Supervisor Thiel  
 Co-Sponsored by: Supervisor Cummings, Supervisor Lemke, Supervisor Rusch  
 Committee: Social Services  
 Committee Vote: 4-0  
 Date Passed: January 23, 2023  
 Fiscal Impact: Estimate Value of \$74.00  
 Drafted by: Renee Krueger

RESOLUTION 2023-02-07

Resolution in Support of Telecommuting Opportunities and Telecommuter Forward! Certification

Motion By:  
Second By:

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1	Bialecki			
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**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors supports and commits to promote the availability of telecommuting options;

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints the Lincoln County Broadband Committee as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities within Lincoln County government including the following responsibilities:

1. Coordination and partnership with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
2. Collaboration with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.
3. Communication and partnership with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
4. Promotion of telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces, if such a workspace has been established in the political subdivision at the time the political subdivision adopts the resolution.
5. Familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
6. Maintaining regular communication with the state broadband office.
7. Making regular reports to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors supports telecommuting opportunities throughout Lincoln County and authorizes the Lincoln County Broadband Committee to submit an application for Telecommuter Forward! Community certification to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

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Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: January 20, 2023

Authored by: Kenneth L. Wickham, Supervisor, District 18  
Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor  
Committee: Broadband Committee

Committee Vote: 3-0  
Fiscal Impact: None.

Date Passed: January 16, 2023

Drafted by: Kenneth L. Wickham, Supervisor, District 18/Broadband Committee Chair

Motion By:  
Second By:

Resolution 2023-02-08

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1	Bialecki			
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Voice vote				
Roll call				

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., APPLICATION FOR A WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2023 STATE BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT TO INCREASE BROADBAND SERVICE AND AVAILABILITY IN LINCOLN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, much of Lincoln County is unserved or underserved by Broadband telecommunications service; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Lincoln County’s full- and part-time population resides in rural areas of the County that are unserved or underserved by Broadband telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, Broadband telecommunications service is essential for economic development; business; entrepreneurship; commerce; education; medicine; health care; recreation; tourism; delivery of private, public, and government services; enhanced productivity and efficiency; and improving quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors has adopted Lincoln County Ordinance 2023-02-XX, BROADBAND FORWARD! ORDINANCE, and is in the process of applying to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for certification as a Broadband Forward! Community under Wis. Stat.196.504(4); and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors has adopted Lincoln County Resolution 2023-02-XX, IN SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TELECOMMUTER FORWARD! CERTIFICATION, and is in the process of applying to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for Telecommuter Forward! Certification under Wis. Stat. 196.5045; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is committed to making broadband available for every residence, business, and address, in the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors order:

1. The Director of Finance to allocate \$200,000 from the County’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation as matching funds to support the Charter Communications, Inc., Application for a Wisconsin Public Service Commission Fiscal Year 2023 State Broadband Expansion Grant project in Lincoln County; and
2. The Lincoln County Broadband Committee to serve as the County’s primary point of contact for the Charter Communications, Inc., Application for a Wisconsin Public Service Commission Fiscal Year 2023 State Broadband Expansion Grant and any resulting Broadband Expansion Grant Award; and

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Lincoln County Clerk

3. Lincoln County department heads to collaborate with the Lincoln County Broadband Committee, as reasonable and feasible, to provide in-kind contributions in support of the Charter Communications, Inc., grant application and/or grant award. In-kind contributions may include but are not limited to: expediting permit application processes and approvals; coordinating with local units of government to gather and share information about zoning, permitting, and other construction requirements; coordinating and collaborating with local stakeholders; and assisting with media outreach and public involvement activities.

Dated: February 20, 2023

Authored by: Ken Wickham, Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor, Randy Detert, Supervisor, Laurie Thiel, Supervisor

Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee Vote: 6-0 Date Passed: February 1, 2023

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000 in FY2023

Drafted by: Ken Wickham, Lincoln County Supervisor, District 18

**Motion By:**  
**Second By:**

Resolution 2023-02-09

Resolution Authorizing Lincoln County to Submit a Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Local Planning Grant Program Letter of Intent

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
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5	Wendorf			
6	Ashbeck			
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Voice vote				
Roll call				

**WHEREAS**, The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is committed to making high-speed internet accessible and affordable for all Lincoln County residents and businesses.

**WHEREAS**, The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors desires to take advantage of financial and other resources to help define the need, vision, and strategy for deployment of broadband in Lincoln County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Public Service Commission has announced that Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Local Planning Grants are available in the form of formula funding of \$1.5 million under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to Wisconsin counties and federally recognized Tribes to generate locally informed analysis of broadband needs and develop each community’s vision for broadband development; and

**WHEREAS**, Counties that elect to participate in the program may opt to (1) collaborate regionally through their respective Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) or (2) participate independently; and

**WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Public Service Commission requires that each Wisconsin county and federally recognized Tribe that desires to participate to complete, sign, and submit a BEAD Local Planning Grant Program Letter of Intent certifying their intent to participate in the program, including complying with related grant requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Signature and submission of aforementioned form does not constitute an obligation of Lincoln County to comply with any terms or conditions of the grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, Following the Wisconsin Public Commission’s announcement of formula grant awards, those counties and Tribes that elected to participate individually and participating collaboratives will complete a brief application in the Commission’s Online Grants System that describes planned activities and the intended use of funding among cost categories.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors that Lincoln County declares its intent to participate in Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Local Planning Grants.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Lincoln County opts to collaborate regionally through Grow North, Lincoln County’s Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO), to define the need, vision, and strategy for deployment of broadband in Lincoln County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lincoln County Board Chairman is authorized to complete, sign, and submit the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program Letter of Intent certifying Lincoln County’s intent to participate in the Wisconsin Public Service BEAD and Local Planning Grants program, including complying with related grant requirements.

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Christopher J. Marlowe  
Lincoln County Clerk



Dated: February 20, 2023

Authored by: Kenneth L. Wickham, Supervisor, District 18

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, Supervisor; Randy Detert, Supervisor

Committee: Broadband Committee

Committee Vote: 3-0

Date Passed: February 13, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None.

Drafted by: Kenneth L. Wickham, Supervisor, District 18/Broadband Committee Chair

Resolution 2023-02-10

Motion By:
Second By:

APPROVE THE 2022 LINCOLN COUNTY FOREST ANNUAL REPORT AND ADD TO CHAPTER 2000 OF THE 15-YEAR LINCOLN COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Table with columns: Dist., Supervisor, Y, N, Abs. Rows list supervisors from 1 to 22.

WHEREAS, The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approved the 2021-2035 Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan on December 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, This 15-year plan is a working dynamic document, subject to amendments and additions by the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee and the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Forest Annual Report is routinely added to Chapter 2000 of the Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan as a way to summarize its main accomplishments over the past year for historical record and to evaluate progress on short and long-term goals of the County Forest and Recreational System; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee has reviewed and approved the 2022 County Forest Annual Report to supplement the Fifteen-Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain and resolve to approve and adopt the 2022 Lincoln County Forest Annual Report.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022 Lincoln County Forest Annual Report will be included as an amendment to Chapter 2000 of the Fifteen-Year Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

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Amended
Voice vote
Roll call

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

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Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: February 20, 2023

Authored by: Kenneth Wickham
Co-Sponsored by: Norbert Ashbeck
Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks
Committee Vote: All Ayes
Fiscal Impact: None.

Date Passed: February 13, 2023

Drafted by: Dean Bowe, Forest Administrator

# LINCOLN COUNTY FORESTRY, LAND AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Lincoln County, Wisconsin

The following is a report of the various activities of the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

OUR 2022 COUNTY FOREST consists of 100,843.05 acres.

TIMBER SALE REVENUE: Timber harvesting generated \$ 1,955,340.53 This revenue is distributed as follows: \$ 195,534.12 to Townships with County Forest Lands; \$391,067.91 to the County General Fund; and \$ 1,368,738.50 to the County Forestry Fund. Any unused budgeted funds and surplus revenues are transferred to the County CIP Program after the annual audit is completed. 2022 saw a decrease in timber sale revenue over the 2021 total. With the paper mill in Wisconsin Rapids potentially closed permanently, the demand for hardwood pulp has declined and stumpage prices have reflected that.

TIMBER SALES SOLD: Twenty-seven timber sales with an estimated value of \$2,181,429.35 sold in 2022. Contractors returned three uncompleted timber sales to Lincoln County that they were unable to harvest. These sales required re-establishment work prior to re-selling but did not receive any bids along with four other timber sales.

PERMITS ISSUED: Thirteen balsam bough-cutting permits issued for \$100.00 per permit totaled \$1,300.00. Two Christmas tree permits issued for \$5.00 each. Three new land access permits issued for \$100.00 each. Ten disabled, motorized access permits issued.

GRANT MONIES: Grants administered by the Forestry, Land & Parks Department during 2022 totaled \$429,771.24. Of this amount, \$18,719.81 was required in cost sharing by Lincoln County.

REVENUE FROM WOOD SALES, BIOMASS AND FIREWOOD PERMITS: The Forestry Department handles firewood sales on closed timber sales, marked wood sales, and occasionally biomass from timber sales. Six wood sales (\$647.20), twenty-two 30-day firewood permits (\$330.00) issued and nine firewood permits (\$135.00) extended for a total of \$1,112.20.

TREE PLANTING/SITE PREP:  
Approximately 3000 two year old white spruce were planted in an 11 acre site in Section 6 of the Township of Harrison(S) by the Lincoln County Forestry Crew. We hired a contractor to power trench and spray herbicide on sixty-three acres to prepare several sites for planting in spring 2023. DNR bulldozer operators scarified approximately 95 acres to promote pre-harvest oak regeneration establishment. Lincoln County received a two-year Sustainable Forestry grant of \$54,750.00 by the Department of Natural Resources to clear 40 acres of dying jack pine, site prep and herbicide the site for replanting. The removal of trees and clearing the site for this project was completed in 2021, power trenching and herbicide spraying (included in 63 acre total) to prep the site for planting occurred in 2022.

Approximately 49 acres of black spruce site prep was completed in black spruce regeneration areas by logging contractors as a requirement of their timber sale contract.

Approximately 26 acres of tamarack site prep was completed in tamarack regeneration areas by logging contractors as a requirement of their timber sale contract.

TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT (TSI):

Approximately 866 acres of aspen release was completed in aspen regeneration areas by logging contractors as a requirement of their timber sale contract.

Approximately 107 acres of red maple release was completed in red maple regeneration areas by logging contractors as a requirement of their timber sale contract.

SURVEYING: All of the surveying done in 2022 was in conjunction with the Lincoln County Surveyor.

In Section 28 of T34N R4E, T-style fence posts were placed at various points along County Forest property boundary for the east line of the SW1/4 SW1/4; the north line of the SW1/4 SW1/4 and the west line of the NW1/4 SW1/4 totaling approximately 3/4 mile of boundary.

In Section 9 of T32N R7E, T-style fence posts were placed at various points along County Forest property boundary for the north line of the SE1/4 SE1/4 and the SW1/4 SE1/4 totaling approximately 1/2 mile of boundary.

In Section 13 of T35N R8E, T-style fence posts were placed at various points along County Forest property boundary for the east line of the SE1/4 SW1/4 and the north line of the NW1/4 SW1/4 totaling approximately 1/2 mile of boundary.

In Section 27 of T34N R8E, T-style fence posts were placed at various points along County Forest property boundary for the east line of the E1/2 SW1/4 & S1/2 NE1/4 totaling approximately 1 mile of boundary.

In Section 32 of T33N R7E, T-style fence posts were placed at various points along County Forest property boundary for the west line of the E1/2 SE1/4 & south line of the SE1/4 SE1/4 totaling approximately 3/4 mile of boundary.

In Section 13 of T32N R7E, Prairie Dells Park property line was established totaling approximately 1.12 mile of boundary.

In Section 10 T34N R4E, T-style fence posts were placed at various points along the County Forest property boundary for the west line of SE1/4 and a monument was established CS1/16.

COUNTY FOREST ROAD AIDS PROGRAM: We continued our County Forest road maintenance program including graveling, installing culverts, improving drainage, right-of-way brushing, regular grading and snowplowing of roads. In 2022, we received approximately \$351.00/mile for maintaining 27.25 miles of roads for a total of \$9,564.75. A GIS layer was developed several years

ago identifying the locations of culverts on our gas tax roads. Culverts are identified by type, material, diameter and length, and priority for replacement. As culverts are replaced, information is updated in the database. We are now focusing our efforts on roadside brushing, ditching and monitoring the culverts for replacement needs. In 2021, a small borrow pit was opened along Armstrong Creek Road to reduce travel time for hauling material. Staff hauled and spread screened material on Armstrong Creek Road, Camp Ave. and Swamp Rd. in 2022.

COUNTY CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE HABITAT FUNDS FOR 2022: County Conservation Aids and Wildlife Habitat Funds are grant monies available to county forest programs. Staff completed the County Conservation Aids project on a forest road west of Mail Route Rd. in northeastern Lincoln County. This project improved public access in a Grouse Management Area on the county forest and included installing culverts, repairing ongoing erosion problems, ditching and crowning a segment of road the road and hauling gravel. Wildlife Habitat funds were used to improve drainage and gravel a hunter access parking area on Camp Ave., level off and re-seed a gated forest road east of New Wood Road.

ORGANIZED AND/OR COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES: The Distance Riders of Wisconsin, Badger State Games and Central Wisconsin off Road Cycling Association all hosted events on the County Forest in the Underdown Recreation Area. The Iron Bull Red Granite Grinder bike race included a segment through the New Wood area of the County Forest. The Iron Bull organization also hosted an adventure race, with 78 contestants, in the Underdown area in 2022.

THE UNDERDOWN RECREATION AREA is available for a variety of uses year round. Groomed and tracked X-C ski trails, snowshoe trails, horse trails, single track bike trails, fat tire bike trails, hiking trails, and a snowmobile/winter ATV trail are all mapped and signed in the Underdown. The purchase of trail passes by users is required and helps to offset the cost of maintaining the ski and horse trails. The annual Free Trail Pass Weekend was held in February. The horse and bike club members volunteer time to help maintain the trail systems they use. A three-year Recreational Trails Program grant was obtained in 2019 for improvement work and maintenance of non-motorized trails in the Underdown. The total grant amount was \$32,562.48 with Lincoln County providing a 50% match. The grant period ended in June 2022 and Lincoln County received reimbursement of \$16,281.24.

COUNTY PARKS ACTIVITIES: Total parks revenue from 2022 was \$24,473.82. Forestry staff mowed lawns and performed other maintenance of County parks and facilities during 2022. A temporary fence was erected to keep geese off the beach at Tug Lake County Park, it seemed to work well. Wood chips were added to the playground equipment areas at both Tug Lake and New Wood Park. Staff removed trees and brush along Tug Lake Road to improve the appearance of Tug Lake Park. Steel 55-gallon drum parks garbage cans were replaced with plastic containers and bags. Staff removed wellhead structures from Hay Meadow and Larson Lake Parks to allow proper abandonment of the wells. A grant application to replace restrooms and make other improvements at the New Wood Campground was denied again this year. We will apply again in 2023. New Wood Park and Campground are being included as a point of interest on the developing Great Pinery Heritage Waterway.

INVASIVE SPECIES: In 2007, a significant garlic mustard infestation was discovered in the Underdown Block of the County Forest and on adjacent private land. Our department took immediate action to try to control the spread of this invasive plant by conducting a search to find new infestations and applying herbicide where the plant was known to occur. Since then, many other colonies of this

invasive plant have been discovered in other locations of the Underdown, Harrison, New Wood and Wildwood areas. In addition to garlic mustard, other invasive species are present on County Forest property. Glossy buckthorn, Japanese barberry, crown vetch, leafy spurge and Japanese knotweed are present in areas of Underdown and Harrison. Garlic mustard and glossy buckthorn are present along the Hiawatha Trail by Tomahawk. We close the section of trail for the recommended period during treatment of the garlic mustard. Glossy buckthorn is so prevalent along the trail it is not treated. A GIS Layer exists to identify known location of invasive plant species on the county forest. Steps to control or eradicate these species occur when discovered. Spraying with herbicide is the most efficient, cost effective way for us to control these species in the quantity they exist. Spraying garlic mustard consumes many weeks of time and workload continues to increase as we discover new infestations. The Forestry Department has provided training and publications to user groups of the County Forest and to townships within the county on how to identify invasive plant species so that they can assist our department with early detection and treatment. We will continue to monitor make every effort to control invasive plants while being observant for new species and infestations on the County Forest. We worked with Land Conservation to erect informational signs on invasive species at several trail heads on the county forest.

LINCOLN COUNTY ACCESS PLAN and FOREST ROADS: Lincoln County has many miles of non-gas tax forest roads used for logging and public access purposes. Motorized travel is allowed on some of these roads while some are blocked to prevent damage to the road itself or hunter walking trails, snowmobile trails, etc. A GIS layer exists for these forest roads along with a culvert inventory, which is updated as necessary. Limited maintenance is performed by the county on the majority of these forest roads, unless necessary. Road construction and maintenance activities fall under Best Management Practices for Water Quality guidelines. Many older, metal culverts on these roads are in need of replacement.

In 2022, Lincoln County used Sustainable Forestry Grant money to replace a bridge with a large culvert on a forest road to improve accessibility for logging contractors and the public. Culverts installed on forest roads at three locations will improve accessibility for logging contractors. Gates installed on forest roads at various locations will protect the snowmobile trail from rutting damage while allowing ATV access at appropriate times. Continued work on issuing permits for private individuals that access their lands through the County Forest. Recreation Officer continued working on the County Forest, following up with complaints of illegal dumping, contacting non-paying campers, helping to reduce vandalism and maintain order to our public lands and recreational facilities.

LINCOLN COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN: Updated in 2021 with the assistance of North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning, the City of Tomahawk, The City of Merrill, local townships and special interest groups. The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approved the updated plan on October 19, 2021. It is effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025. We will continue to use Outdoor Recreation Plan as a guide for our recreation program.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: Lincoln County participates in the State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program and holds a contract with the State to develop and maintain public snowmobile trails in the county. Lincoln County contracts with six snowmobile clubs to maintain all of the trails. A total of 318.2 miles of snowmobile trail qualify for the \$300.00/mile reimbursement rate resulting in a grant value of \$95,460.00 for the Lincoln County program. During the 2021-22 snowmobile season, the clubs spent more than \$300.00/mile in maintenance and qualified for an additional \$66,276.61 supplemental payment from the program. We continue to apply for new trail miles that fit the parameters of the program.

ATV TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: Lincoln County participates in the State summer and winter ATV trail program and holds a contract with the State to develop and maintain public ATV trails in the county. The summer ATV trails traverse the Harrison Hills area and connect with Langlade and Oneida County trail systems. Lincoln County staff perform the majority of the maintenance on the summer ATV trail system. Lincoln County has again contracted with the Harrison Hills ATV Club to assist with brushing and signing the summer trails. We continue to implement an emergency signing system at trail intersections for the summer trail network. This system is linked to the County's 911 system to provide first responders with more accurate emergency locations. We continue to work with local ATV clubs to identify possible sites for ATV trail/route links. Lincoln County was approved for a trail maintenance grant of \$37,875.00 for 47.3 miles of summer ATV and UTV trail at \$800/mile as well as \$249.50 for maintenance of 1 mile of TROUTE. A summer ATV/snowmobile trail re-route grant for \$20,136.54 has been approved and will be constructed during the summer of 2023. Lincoln County's winter ATV trails run in conjunction with designated portions of snowmobile trails. Five snowmobile clubs maintain 227.1 miles of winter trails @ \$100/mile for a total of \$22,864.00.

ICE AGE TRAIL: We continue to work with our local chapter to provide quality facilities and address issues as they arise.

HARRISON FLOWAGE DAM: An owner-responsible inspection of the Harrison Dam is required every 10 years in order to keep the dam in conformance with state law. Becher-Hoppe Associates inspected the dam in 2014 and several deficiencies were identified to bring the dam in compliance with state code. These deficiencies were all addressed in 2015 including replacement of the stoplogs in the spillway; brushing the toeslope of the dike; performing concrete repair work on the catwalk and erecting a dam warning sign. We continue to do maintenance and required inspections of the dam on a routine basis.

BEAVER PROGRAM: The Lincoln County Forestry Department continued to work with USDA APHIS program regarding beaver problems on the Lincoln County Forest and County Forest road system. APHIS is able to react quickly to issues we find on the county forest in the summer and save the county money on future road repairs and loss of timber value.

FOREST CERTIFICATION: The Lincoln County Forest became SFI certified in March 2005 and FSC certified in July 2007. The County Forest Program is audited annually to ensure compliance with certification standards. The Forestry Department implements any changes required on the County Forest by SFI and FSC to maintain our certified status. Several other county forests were selected for the audit this year.

LAND SOLD, RATIFIED, CONFIRMED AND APPROVED: Seven tax deed properties and two other properties were sold to the City of Merrill for \$35,202.44. One tax deed property was sold to the City of Tomahawk for \$6,187.79. One tax deed property was sold to the Town of King for \$1,092.40. Fourteen properties were sold to private individuals for \$235,180.00. Total of properties sold \$277,662.63.

DEPARTMENT SAFETY PLAN: Continued development and implementation of our department safety plan. The Lincoln County Public Works Safety Group (Highway, Forestry, Solid Waste and Maintenance Departments) has again contracted with Fehr Graham to keep employees up to

date with safety training. Our department worked with Fehr Graham to update our written plans for hazardous communication, control of hazardous energy, excavation safety, emergency action and fire prevention plan, personal protective equipment, occupational noise exposure and blood borne pathogens. Field staff completed a first Aid and CPR refresher in 2022.

DNR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT: 2022 Accomplishments on the Lincoln County Forest submitted by Eric Borchert, DNR Wildlife Technician and Carissa Knab, DNR Wildlife Biologist

Flowages:

The DNR manages 3 impoundments on Lincoln County Forest lands encompassing 27 acres of shallow wetlands. Wildlife staff actively managed water levels on Camp 26, Trapper Morrison, and Coffee Creek Flowages in 2022. No major maintenance was completed or was necessary this year. Camp 26 contains an approximately 5-acre wild rice bed. The rice crop was excellent in 2022. However, a drier than normal summer prevented us from raising water levels in the fall to maximize use by migrating waterfowl.

Forest Openings and Trails:

DNR Wildlife staff worked cooperatively with the county forestry staff to facilitate the mowing of 21 miles of hunter walking trails and 66 forest wildlife openings on the New Wood block of Lincoln County Forest lands. A contractor was hired and paid for by DNR to complete this work. The DNR manages 345 constructed wildlife openings on LCF lands totaling approximately 325 acres.

Wildlife Surveys:

Numerous wildlife population monitoring surveys were conducted in Lincoln County in 2022. Many of these surveys fall completely within or partially within Lincoln County Forest Lands.

- 2 ruffed grouse drumming surveys
- 2 woodcock singing ground surveys
- 3 carnivore track surveys
- 1 breeding waterfowl survey

DNR staff worked with Lincoln County cooperators to conduct whitetail deer aging during the fall hunting seasons.

DNR research staff began a black bear den survey project in 2022. Bear dens were visited in Lincoln County where staff collected biological data and fitted sows with GPS tracking collars. The project aims to improve the input parameters of the DNR black bear population model. The project focuses on black bear reproduction, updating parameters like average litter size, cub survival and litter frequency.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD):

In 2022 DNR staff continued to collect and sample wild deer for CWD monitoring and surveillance within the county. In November 2022 DNR was notified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) that a farm-raised deer on a deer farm in Lincoln County tested positive for CWD. As a result of this new detection, a baiting and feeding ban was reinstated starting Dec. 12, 2022.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES IN 2022: A John Deere 1550 commercial grade riding mower was purchased to replace a large homeowner rated riding mower, considerably reducing mowing time. A dump trailer was purchased instead of a lift gate for the replacement parks truck to improve efficiency in the parks program. Two pickup trucks were bid out and ordered but due to vehicle shortages they were



not delivered in 2021, one pickup was delivered in 2022. We are still waiting for the second. A tracked UTV was purchased to replace a snowmobile and an ATV.

OTHER: The failing septic system at the Forestry Shop in Irma was replaced, two structures on a tax delinquent property were demolished and cleaned up, a tax deed property near Tomahawk was cleaned up to sell, Forestry Department staff assisted in clearing brush from the Jack Pines area at the Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Bowe  
Forest Administrator

**Motion By:**  
**Second By:**

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Approving Enrollment of the Lincoln County Forest in the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan

WHEREAS, Lincoln County manages approximately 100,843 acres of County Forest Lands along with numerous recreational trails and facilities which are managed for multiple benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat are expected to be listed as federally endangered in 2023 and the Little Brown Bat is under review for listing; and

WHEREAS, the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan have jointly developed the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental take permit for forest management activities issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County plans to engage in activities that could result in the incidental take of bats and seeks to be included in under the Incidental Take Permit issued to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County will comply with the terms of the Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors in consideration of the needs to conserve the bat populations in Wisconsin while continuing multiple use management consistent with the Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, hereby agree to enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Forest Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement and submit this document to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) ss  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

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Christopher J. Marlowe  
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: February 20, 2023

Authored by: Greg Hartwig  
Co-Sponsored by: Kenneth Wickham  
Committee: Forestry Land and Parks  
Committee Vote: All Ayes  
Fiscal Impact: None

Date Passed: February 13, 2023

Drafted by: Dean Bowe, Forest Administrator (As supplied by Wisconsin County Forest Association)

# **Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan Summary**

January 2023

## **Background**

- Populations of cave hibernating bats in precipitous decline due to a white-nose syndrome (WNS).
  - WNS discovered in WI in 2014 and is now widespread in all known hibernacula.
- When USFWS listed the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) as Threatened in 2015 they specifically identified forest management as a potential source of take for the species.
  - During the summer these species utilize trees for maternity colonies and day roosts and they forage in forested areas.
- NLEB, Tri-colored bat and possibly little brown bat (LBB) will be listed as endangered due the impacts of WNS, and any take of an endangered species is prohibited. WI will need an incidental take permit to continue forest management activities.
- WI, MI, MN have jointly developed the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan to obtain a federal Incidental Take Permit under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) section 10 requesting authorization for the incidental take of bats during forest management activities.
- Permit expected to be issued March 2023.

## **Covered Species:**

- Northern Long-eared Bat
  - Federally endangered as of 3/31/2023
- Tri-colored Bat
  - Federal listing expected in 2023
- Little Brown Bat
  - Under review for federal listing by USFWS

## **Covered Activities and Required Conservation Actions:**

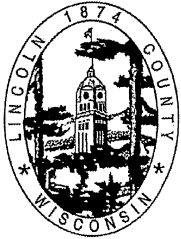
- Timber harvest and related forest practices:
  - Implement state tree retention guidelines.
  - 150 ft year-round buffer around known maternity roost trees.
  - 0.25 mile buffer around known hibernacula entrances.
    - No harvest except where objective is improving habitat for bats.
- Prescribed fire:
  - Ensure wind will carry smoke away from the entrance(s) of hibernacula.
  - Prohibit prescribed burns within 150 feet of known occupied maternity roost trees during pup season (June 1–July 31).
  - Reduce fire intensity within 0.25 miles of hibernacula entrances during spring and fall.
- Maintenance of existing permanent forestry roads and recreational trails on public lands:
  - Refers to maintenance that requires tree cutting on permanent roads maintained by WI DNR or County Forests (not DOT roads).
  - Remove trees from October 1 to March 1 within 150 feet of a known maternity roost.
  - Remove trees from October 15 to March 31 or from May 15 to August 15 within 2.5 miles of a known hibernaculum.
  - Removal of hazard trees always allowed.

- Construction of new permanent forestry roads and recreational trails on public lands:
  - Refers to permanent roads maintained by WI DNR or County Forests for the purpose of supporting land management and public recreation (not DOT roads).
  - Temporary roads built to support a specific management project and then closed are covered as a forestry practice.
  - No removal of large-diameter trees (i.e., 9 inches dbh) during pup season (June 1 – July 31).
  - No new roads and trails within 150 feet of a known occupied maternity roost tree.
  - No new roads or trails within 0.25 miles of a known hibernaculum entrance year round.
  - Remove trees from October 15 to March 31 or from May 15 to August 15 within 2.5 miles of a known hibernaculum.
  
- Other conservation strategies:
  - Bat management zones on state lands:
    - Protected areas, no management June 1 to July 31
    - Already designated as protected wilderness areas, wild river areas, old growth areas, wild areas in WISFIRS
  - Maintain hibernacula entrances on DNR lands:
    - Gates, remove obstructions
  - Provide a way for other landowners to receive take authorization through the HCP.

**Landowner Enrollment Program:**

- Landowners who meet certain criteria can receive incidental take coverage by joining WDNR's permit.
- All County Forests are eligible.
- Acreage threshold for private landowners:
  - 10,000 acres for NLEB and TCB.
  - 500 acres for LBB (if LBB is listed as endangered).
  - Below these acreage thresholds risk of taking bats during management is extremely low/insignificant.
- Applicant owns lands (of any size) containing a known roost or known hibernaculum entrance.
- LEP application and agreement are in development.
- Goal to have eligible landowners enrolled by end of March 2023.
- WI DNR will hire a Bat HCP Coordinator to help guide folks through the process and handle annual reporting requirements.
- Annual Reporting Requirements:
  - Total acres of timber harvest - if possible, broken out by even-aged, uneven-aged, intermediate and salvage harvests
  - Acres of Rx Fire in forest or brushland
  - Possibly miles of newly constructed permanent roads or trails.





# LINCOLN COUNTY

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801 N. Sales Street, Suite 106  
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

Dean Bowe, Administrator  
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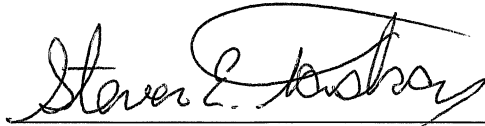
February 3, 2023


City of Tomahawk  
PO Box 469  
Tomahawk, WI 54487

RE:  
114 W Washington Ave  
Tomahawk, WI 54487  
PIN 286-3506-343-0107

Real Estate Taxes	\$15,910.37
Tax Deed Notices	\$ 600.00
Recording Fees	\$ 60.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$16,570.37</u>

Please indicate that the City of Tomahawk is agreeing to purchase the above property for the total amount listed.

  
Steven E. Taskay                      Date      2/07/23  
Mayor

  
Amanda Bartz                      Date      2/7/23  
Clerk Treasurer

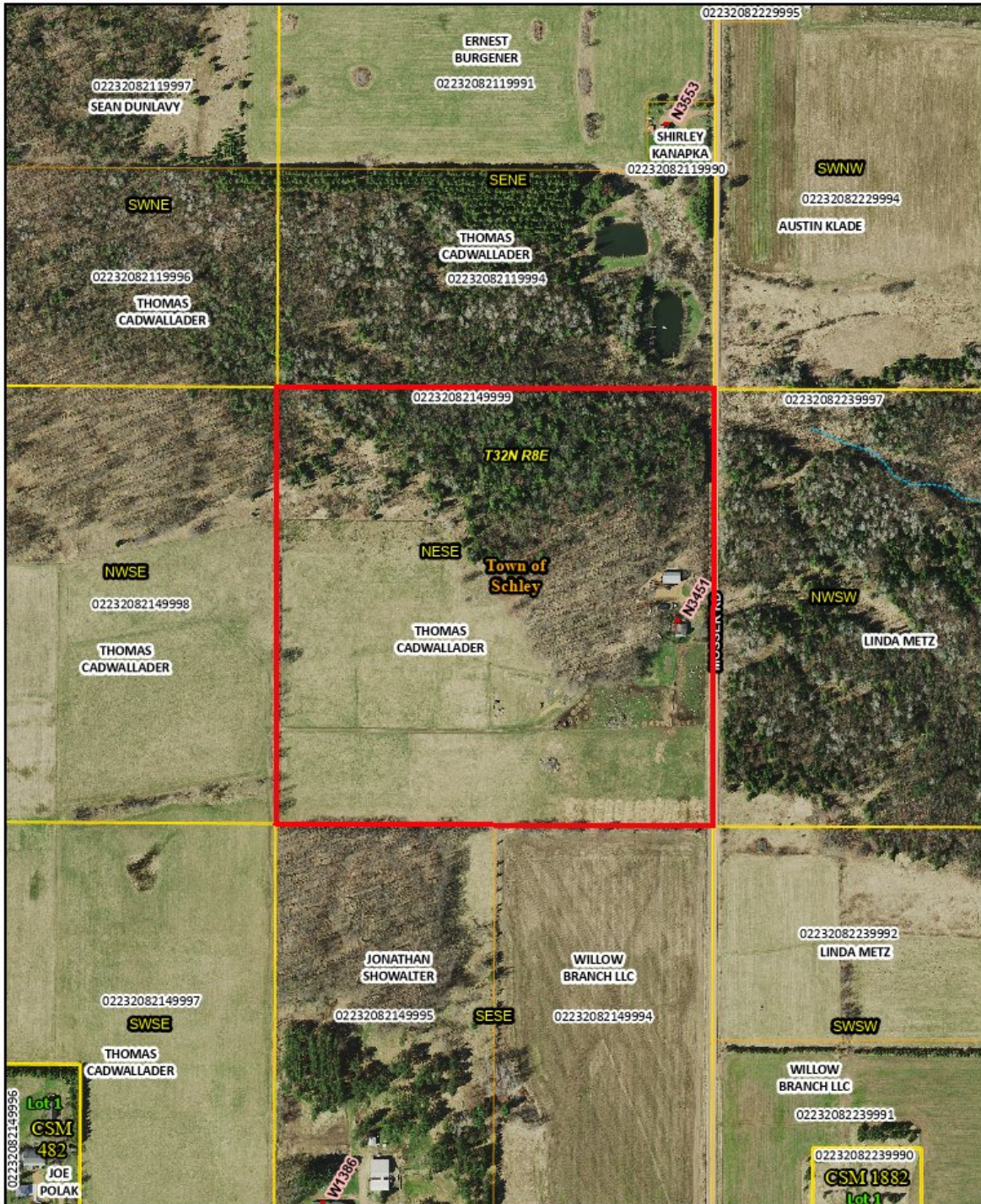
Sincerely,

Dean Bowe  
Forest Administrator





# Property Overview



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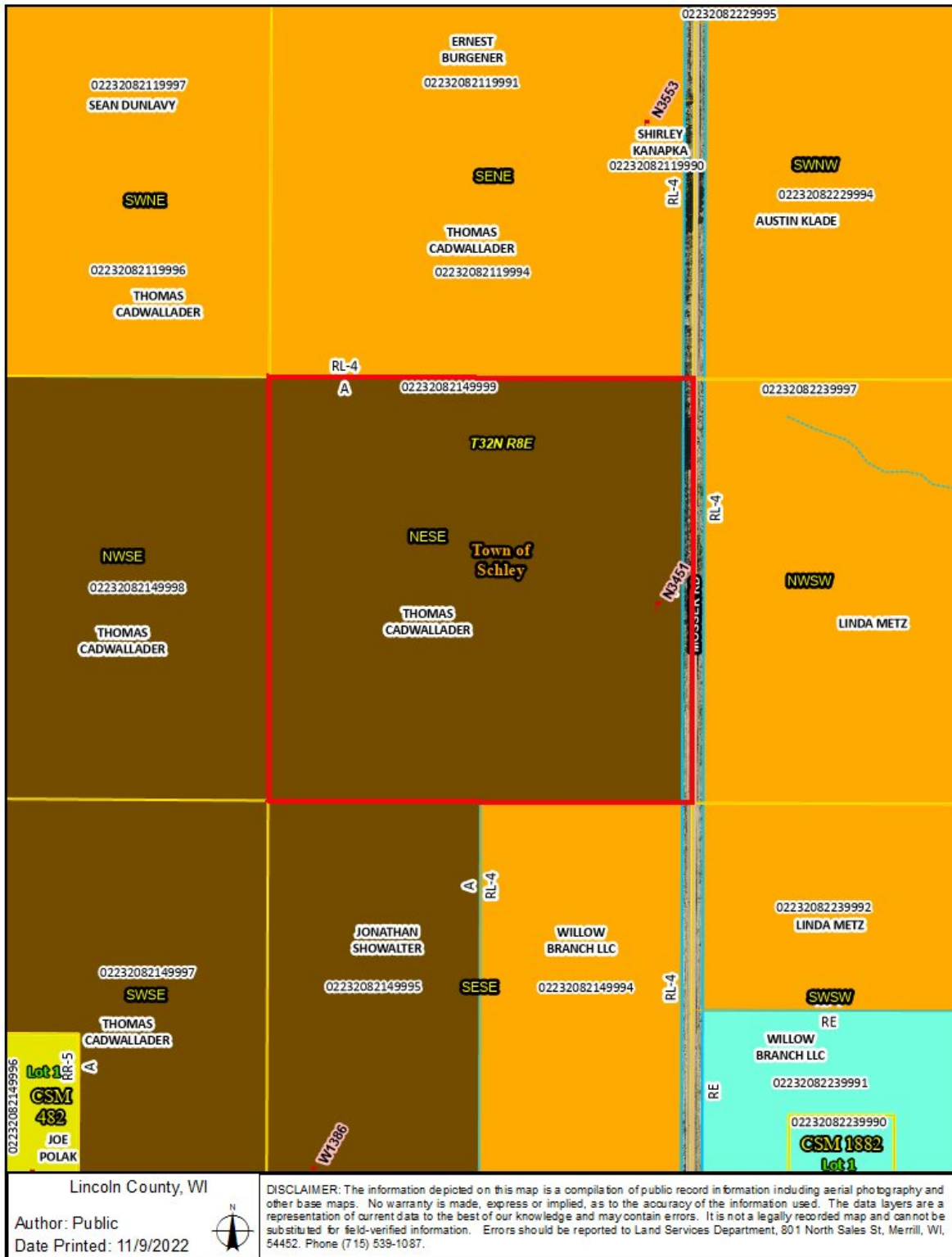
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# Zoning District Map



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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN – CHAPTER 17, 17.2.03, ZONING ORDINANCE AS A RESULT OF A REZONING PETITION BY BO BENNISH FOR PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain:

Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended to rezone tax parcel pins# 01432062449987 and 01432062449994 from Crossroads Mixed Use (CMU) to General Business (GB). The combined parcel size is approximately 18 acres and is located at W4982 County Road C in Section 24, T32N-R6E, in the Town of Merrill.

Any areas designated as Wetlands on the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory Map will not be rezoned to upland.

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
                                      ) SS  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

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Christopher J. Marlowe  
Lincoln County Clerk

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: 2/20/23

Authored by: Marty Lemke  
Co-Sponsored by: William Bialecki  
Committee: Land Services Committee  
Committee Vote: 7-0  
Fiscal Impact: None

Date Passed: 1/12/23

Drafted by: Mike Huth (Land Service Administrator- Zoning Program Manager )



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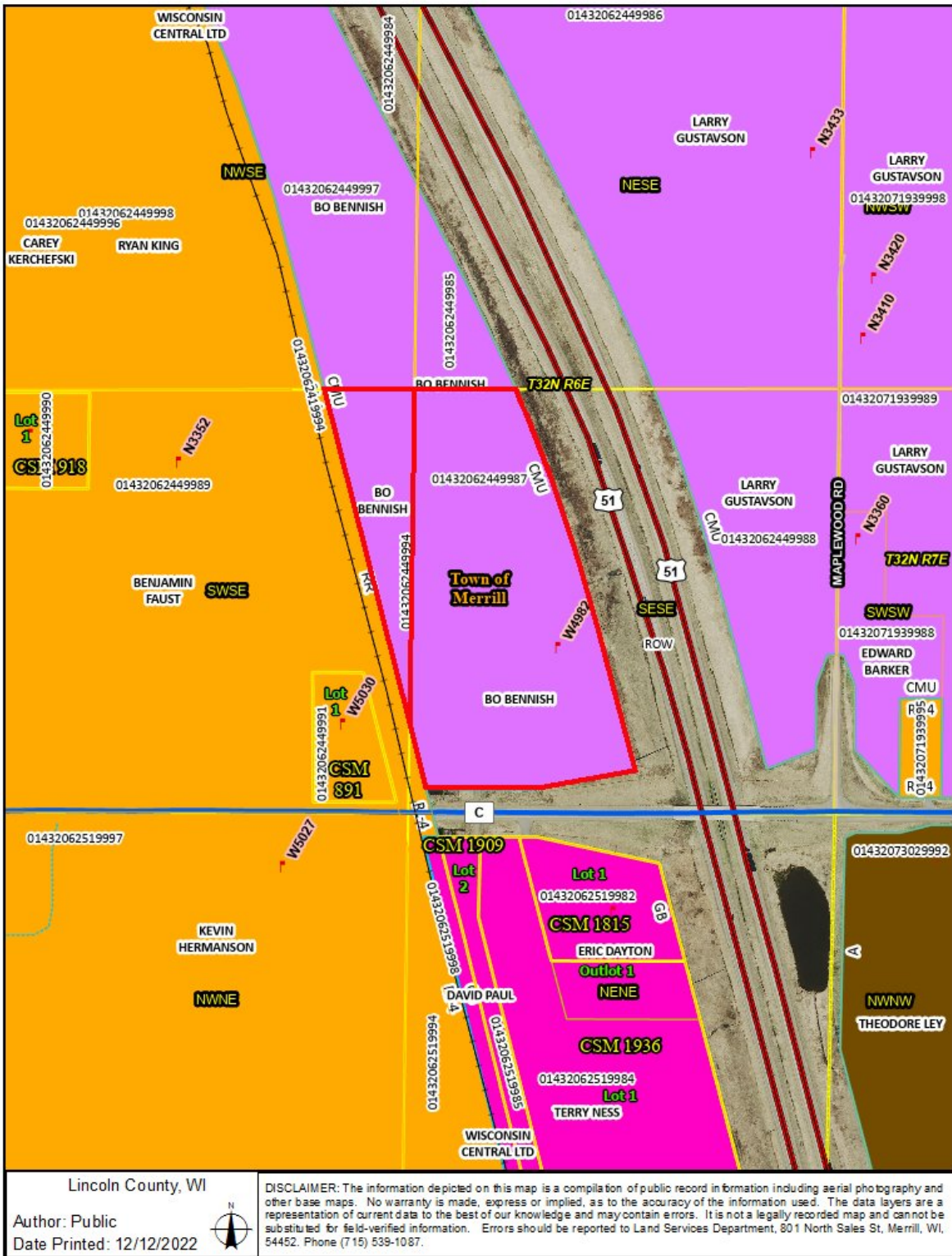


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WHEREAS, The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain:

Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended to rezone a portion of tax parcel pin# 01431060139957 (area less than 10,000 sq ft), from Wetlands to Uplands. The property is located in Section 01, T31N-R6E, in the Town of Merrill.

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 COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

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 Lincoln County Clerk

Authored by: Marty Lemke  
 Co-Sponsored by: William Bialecki  
 Committee: Land Services Committee  
 Committee Vote: 7-0  
 Fiscal Impact: None

Date Passed: 1/12/23

Drafted by: Mike Huth (Land Service Administrator- Zoning Program Manager )



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(WDNR Wetlands – green hatching)



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