

Amended
RESOLUTION # 28-2025

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4 **Resolution to provide support for the continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship**
5 **Program.**
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7 Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the
8 Conservation and UW-Extension Education and Forestry, Land & Recreation Committees
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10 Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program in
13 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries
14 and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, Per Ch. 23.0915(2c)(d), Wis. Stats., the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program
17 is set to expire on June 30, 2026; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, the program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the
20 Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local governments, and non-profit conservation
21 organizations to preserve valuable natural areas, wildlife habitat, water quality, and outdoor
22 recreation for public benefit around the state; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County has utilized Stewardship grant funds to acquire additional forest
25 lands for enrollment into the County Forest Law Program adding valuable assets to its timber
26 inventory and recreational land holdings, and to help develop Perch Lake and Almon County
27 Parks which have increased public recreational opportunities; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, over \$629,844 has been awarded to Oneida County towns for conservation
30 projects such as the Three Lakes Townline boat landing, buoy and navigational aids for Moen
31 and Manson Lakes, boat launch restroom facilities for Lake Tomahawk, town park
32 development for the towns of Monico, Nokomis, and Sugar Camp, along with recreational trail
33 development in the towns of Three Lakes, Newbold, and Minocqua; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, this resolution supports the continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship
36 program.
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38 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors considers the
39 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas,
40 wildlife habitat, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based
41 outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance quality of
42 life, and
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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does support
45 funding renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program; and
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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to
48 all members of the legislature that represent Oneida County, to the Governor, the Wisconsin
49 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wisconsin Counties Association
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18 Ayes

1 Nays

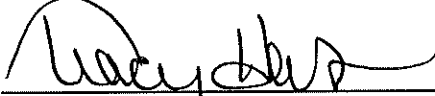
2 Absent (1 vacancy)

0 Abstain

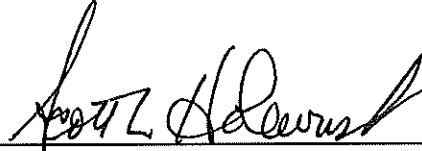
X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of May, 2025.

 Defeated



Tracy Hartman, County Clerk



Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

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Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Showalter	X			
Jensen	X			
Lopez	—	—	X	
Briggs	X			
Cushing	X			
Sorgel	X			
Hess	X			
Schultz	X			
Fisher	X			
Hanus		X		
Oettinger	X			
Newman	X			
Schreier	X			
Fried	X			
Harris	X			
Almekinder	X			
Condado	—	—	—	
Tautges	X			
Ives	X			
Holewinski	X			
TOTALS	16	1	1/1	
TAGS				

Resolution # 28 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee and the Land and Recreation Committee to provide support for the continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

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Amendment - Passed

Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Ives	X			
Condado	-		X	
Newman	X			
Schreier	X			
Hess	-		X	
Harris	X			
Oettinger	X			
Briggs	X			
Fried	X			
Showalter	X			
Almekinder	X			
Cushing	X			
Tautges	-	X		
Schultz	X			
Fisher	X			
Lopez	X			
Sorgel	X			
Hanus	-	X		
Jensen	X			
Holewinski	X			
TOTALS	17	2	11	
TAGS				

Motion by Jensen to add before Line 44 Be it Further Resolved that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does not support the additional acquisition of land and borrowing funds.

Seconded by Schreier