RESOLUTION # 86-2026

Resolution to formally declare the organization of the Kathan Lake District

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County received a petition from the Kathan Lake Association regarding the formation of the proposed Kathan Lake District hereinafter referred to as the "Lake District"; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors assigned the tasks associated with reviewing the petition to the Oneida County Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held a public hearing on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 within 30 days of receipt of the completed petition; and

WHEREAS, within 6 months after the date of the public hearing, the County Board shall issue its order; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s.33.25 a lake district can be formed by the County Board if the petitioners for said district present a petition "signed by persons constituting 51 percent of the landowners or the owners of 51 percent of the lands within the proposed district."; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County staff, utilizing the 2025 tax roll data, determined the total number of eligible landowners located in the boundary of the proposed Lake District was 62 with 51% of the required signatures being 31; and

WHEREAS, 45 signatures or 72.6% of the landowners in the proposed Lake District were deemed acceptable on the petition sheets provided by the Kathan Lake Association; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, after reviewing staff reports, determined that the petitioners met the required signatures from over 51% of the proposed Lake District landowners *and* that owners of 58.8% of the lands in the proposed district are in favor of the formation of the Lake District, and

WHEREAS, the Committee's recommendation was to approve the formation of the proposed Lake District because the petition was signed by over 51% of the proposed Lake District landowners, as set forth in WI Stat 33.25; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Lake District is necessary, that the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or public welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the Lake District, and that the property included in the Lake District will be benefited by the establishment of the proposed Lake District; and

WHEREAS, the Kathan Lake Association is unable to meet their financial needs to address invasive species control, including Eurasian Water Milfoil; and

WHEREAS, a lake district has the ability to ensure that a secure base of partners (district members) and finances will be available to conduct lake management activities to protect aquatic resources, personal investments, and values including property values that are greatly affected by the health of the water body; and

WHEREAS, a lake district is a unit of government that can acquire financial assistance through grants for lake projects and management plans, and protect lake habitat through restoration efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors formally declares the organization of the proposed Lake District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake District shall be known as the Kathan Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the boundaries of the Kathan Lake District shall be the same as presented as part of the petition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairman shall appoint four of the five members of the initial Board of Commissioners of the Kathan Lake District as follows:

1. Three owners of land within the Lake District (with one being a resident of the Lake District)
2. One member of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee (or a person nominated by that Committee); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Town of Sugar Camp to appoint a fifth representative to the Board of Commissioners within 30 days of the Lake District's establishment and in conformity with the requirements of Wis. Stat. s 33.27(2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution can be provided to Kenneth Drake who represented the Kathan Lake District.

Vote Required: Majority = ✓ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes ✓ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: 10/22/26

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Oneida County Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 12th day of October, 2026.

Consent Agenda Item: ____YES __X__ NO

Offered and passage moved by:

Daniel L. Hein
Supervisor

Ross W Grunseth
Supervisor

Collette A Sorgel
Supervisor

Supervisor

Donnaea Newman
Supervisor

Supervisor
Agriculture Representative

Youth in Governance

19 Ayes 3

1 Nays

1 Absent

0 Abstain

X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 10th day November, 2026.

Defeated

Tracy Hartman
Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

Scott L. Holewinski
Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

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Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Campbell				
Jensen	X			
Timmons	X			
Lopez	X			
Briggs	X			
Cushing	—	—	X	
Sorgel	X			
Hess	X			
Schultz	X			
Fisher	X			
Hamburg	X			
Oettinger	X			
Newman	X			
Sheppard	X			
Fried	X			
Burns	X			
Almekinder	X			
Condado	X			
Tautges	X			
Kilbourn	X			
Holewinski		X		
TOTALS	19	1	1	
Youth In Governance				
L. Deede	X			
Tautges	X			
Walden				
J. Deede	X			
Carpenter				
Novak				
Tran				
Wotachek				

Resolution # 86 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to Formally Declare the Organization of the Kathan Lake District.