



**TOWN OF WEST POINT
RESOLUTION 2025-04-10**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR
KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for out door recreation. Per Ch. 23 .09 1 5(2c(d), Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2025. The program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and expand outdoor recreation for public and economic benefit around the state; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi and Lake Wisconsin area has benefited over the years having received \$3 million in Stewardship grant funds for 21 projects including the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, Okee Community Park, Spring Creek Fishery Areas, Lake Wisconsin boat launches, parking lot access and navigational aids; and

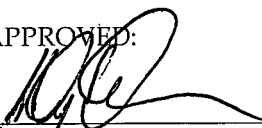
WHEREAS, the Town of West Point Town Board considers the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitats, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based activities including hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, and other outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of West Point Town Board to express its support to our State Legislators and the Governor, of the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 2025 to fully fund projects over the next 10 years,

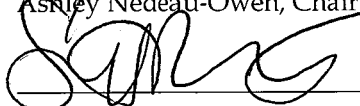
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of West Point Town Board does hereby express to the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor our full support for the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and request it be fully funded to support projects over the next 10-year period,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Point Town Board directs the Town Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of each of our State Legislators and the Office of the Governor.

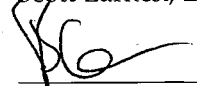
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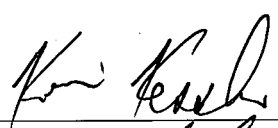
Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Chair



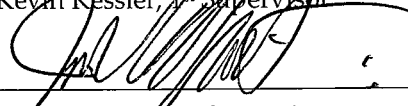
Scott Earnest, 2nd Supervisor



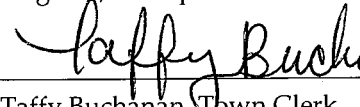
Brian Gasser, 4th Supervisor



Kevin Kessler, 1st Supervisor



John Ungrodt, 3rd Supervisor

ATTEST: 

Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk

Adopted: 4/10/25
Posted: 4/14/25