

This regular evening of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors was held in the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI,

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vilas County Board Chairman Ronald De Bruyne called the assembly to order at 6:30 P.M. and instructed the Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following notification: Public meeting notice requirements were fulfilled by posting a notice of this meeting on bulletin boards located in the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. Notice of this meeting was posted to the Vilas County Government website. All media outlets and members of the public requesting notification of this meeting were notified on May 16, 2014, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. The Clerk requested that all present silence their cell phones and pagers for the duration of the meeting.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chairman asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call found the following members in attendance: Ken Anderson, Mary Kim Black, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Gerald Burkett, Rocco Caffarella, Ronald De Bruyne, Steven Doyen, Charles Hayes, Arthur Kunde, Walt Maciag, William Otterpohl, Charles Rayala, Jr., Carolyn Ritter, Mark Rogacki, Erv Teichmiller, Kim Simac and Vernon Wigggenhauser. Alden Bauman, Wallace Beversdorf and Racquel Zortman-Bell were excused. The Clerk reported 17 Supervisors in attendance, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

### **APPOINTMENT BY THE CHAIR TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THE VACANCY IN DISTRICT #18, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2014-2016 TERM OF OFFICE**

Chairman De Bruyne reported that County Board leadership interviewed three respondents to the advertised vacancy in the 18<sup>th</sup> District, each of whom resides in said district. The Chair introduced Paul Hennes as his choice to fill the vacancy and asked the Board to ratify his appointment. Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by M. Rogacki to approve the Chair's appointment of Paul Hennes to the Vilas County Board of Supervisors, to fill the vacancy in the 18<sup>th</sup> District until the completion of the 2014-2016 term of office. All voted aye. Carried. The County Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hennes, who subsequently took his place in the 18<sup>th</sup> District seat at the Board table. 18 Supervisors were now in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED IN ANY ORDER AT THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

Motion by S. Doyen, seconded by C. Ritter to approve the agenda, with the order of discussion to be at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2014 MEETING**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by M. Black to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 organizational meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

### **OMIT PUBLIC READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES UNLESS REQUESTED**

Motion by S. Doyen seconded by C. Ritter to omit the reading of all resolutions and ordinances by the Clerk, unless requested from the floor. All voted aye. Carried.

### **RESOLUTIONS TABLED OR POSTPONED TO A DAY CERTAIN – None**

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES RECEIVED AFTER THE 10 DAY DEADLINE, BUT RECEIVED IN TIME TO PROPERLY POST TO THE PUBLIC – None**

### **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman R. De Bruyne began his report by thanking all Vilas County employees in all departments, for their efforts in serving the public during this past record cold and snowy winter. He also reported that most committees had met in May and had elected Chairs and Vice-Chairs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman S. Doyen also commented on the committee membership selection process.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance & Budget Committee:** M. Rogacki reported that this committee would develop a more straightforward budgeting process, to be implemented this year. He welcomes input from Supervisors and Department Heads in regards to the budgeting process. He also commented on his recent visits to all County departments.

**Legislative & Judicial Committee:** M. Rogacki reported that this committee would focus on legislative issues involving County government. The committee will work closely with the WCA and area legislators. He asked the other committees to refer any issues regarding state rule making authority, statutory requirements and pending legislation directly to this committee.

**Forestry, Recreation & Lands Committee:** S. Doyen reported the acceptance of timber sale contracts valued in excess of \$400,000.

**Economic Development Committee:** C. Hayes reported that the committee met jointly with the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation.

**Extension, Education & Community Development Committee:** C. Hayes reported that four members of this committee also served on the Economic Development Committee. Both committees will begin to meet concurrently on the same dates.

**Personnel Committee:** C. Hayes reported that 52 individuals applied for the vacant Human Resources position. Members of the committee are working on narrowing that field prior to beginning the interview process. E. Bluthardt reported that the committee continued to be very busy with HR issues. He announced the pending retirement of the County Forester.

**Highway Committee:** C. Rayala reported that the committee was supporting efforts by the WCA and the WCHA to standardize statewide maintenance practices. He also urged county voters to support an upcoming referendum, which if successful would “lock box” transportation funds from being spent by the state for non-transportation purposes.

**Public Health Board:** E. Teichmiller cautioned that with the advent of summer heat, blue-green algae would become a concern on some area lakes. Two cases of tuberculosis have been identified in the county.

**Social Services Committee:** E. Teichmiller reported on how state sponsored Family Care will affect the Vilas County Social Services Department.

**Human Services Board:** E. Teichmiller reported on how the board’s finances may be affected by Family Care. The Human Services Board Executive Director recently resigned. A replacement director is being sought.

**Commission on Aging:** M. Black reported that the Commission is working with Florence and Forest counties to develop regional transportation options for seniors.

**Land & Water Conservation Committee:** A. Kunde reported the appointment of committee members to serve as area lake district representatives. He attended the Tamarack Lake District meeting over the Memorial Day weekend.

**Zoning Committee:** K. Anderson reported that Vilas County and the Zoning Department recently won a court case regarding a property located in Manitowish Waters.

**Law Enforcement Committee:** G. Burkett reported the induction of Deputy Greg Fulton into the Wisconsin National Guard Hall of Heroes. He also reported that Chief Deputy Mark Collins completed the Vilas Visions Leadership program. Sheriff Fath was selected to serve on the state Law Enforcement Curriculum Board.

## **UW EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT – PRESENTATION BY NANCY MILLER**

This power point presentation began at 7:16 P.M. Nancy Miller led an overview of UW Extension services provided to the public in 2013. The presentation concluded at 7:34 P.M.

### **ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

Resolutions and Ordinances are posted in the order in which they were acted upon.

#### **RESOLUTION 2014 - 28**

#### **Re: Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to Participate in the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant Program**

**WHEREAS**, Vilas County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to §28.11, Wis. Stats.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vilas County Board of Supervisors on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007 adopted Resolution No. 2007-28 approving the Vilas County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan for a period of 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board has the authority to acquire properties for the purpose of establishing County Forest land pursuant to §28.10, Wis. Stats. and as outlined in Chapter 400 of the Vilas County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of said properties would perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve property administration of the County Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, Vilas County is eligible to participate in and make application to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant program for land acquisition consistent with said Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funding may provide funding up to 50% of the acquisition price; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the grant program requires a county to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Natural Resources (as required by §NR 51.963 Wis. Adm. Code) to define the criteria for participating in the grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vilas County Board of Supervisors on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013 approved a Memorandum of Agreement to participate with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached update to the May 28, 2013 MOA addresses changes to internal state funding, Ranking Team members, application deadlines, project ranking criteria, ranking threshold for projects, and the term of the agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 27th day of May, 2014 that the attached MOA with the Department of Natural Resources is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any potential County Forest land acquisitions eligible for Knowles-Nelson Land Acquisition Stewardship grant funding will be brought before the Vilas County Board for approval prior to making application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Forestry, Recreation & Land Committee is directed to forward this signed MOA to the Department of Natural Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors grants the authority to sign amendments to this MOA to the County Board Chair, Forestry Committee Chair, and County Forest Administrator.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Vilas County recognizes and acknowledges that if financial assistance is made available by the Department of Natural Resources, and the County accepts the financial assistance, the County will comply with state rules for the program and

meet the financial obligations under the grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board will be notified if grant funding becomes available and will thereafter consider authorization for the acquisition.

**SUBMITTED BY: Forestry, Recreation & Land Committee**

s/ Steven Doyen, Chair

s/ Kenneth Anderson

s/ Rocco Caffarella

s/ Arthur Kunde

s/ William Otterpohl

Motion by K. Anderson, seconded by W. Otterpohl to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

### **RESOLUTION 2014 - 29**

**Re: Proclaiming June 15, 2014 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Vilas County**

**WHEREAS**, the issue of elder abuse and neglect affects isolated and vulnerable older persons of Vilas County; and

**WHEREAS**, older persons in our communities have the right to be protected under the law from all types of abuse including financial, physical, psychological, sexual, neglect, and self-neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the issue of elder abuse prevention requires continual community awareness and education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vilas County Social Services Department investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vilas County District Attorney's Office investigates and prosecutes cases of elder abuse and assists with restitution and other claims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vilas County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies provide safety for victims, investigate allegations, and arrest alleged offenders of elder abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vilas County Lead Elder Abuse Agency works to increase public awareness on prevention of elder abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should be aware and educated about elder abuse prevention, and all members of the community, especially the most vulnerable citizens, should be able to live safe and secure lives without fear, neglect, pain or exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse should not be ignored nor endured.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014 that June 15, 2014 be proclaimed as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Vilas County.

**SUBMITTED BY: Social Services Board**

Alden Bauman, Chair

s/ Mark Rogacki

s/ Kim Simac

s/ Erv Teichmiller

s/ Vernon Wiggenhauser

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by G. Burkett to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

## RESOLUTION 2014-30

### Budget Transfer from the General Fund to the Solid Waste and Recycling Budget

*A 2/3 majority vote of approval is required for adoption*

Resolution 2014-30 was removed by the Clerk from being considered by the Board, due to a negative vote of approval at the committee level.

## RESOLUTION 2014 - 31

### Re: Budget Amendment – Board of Health

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health has been authorized to make grants available to Vilas County Public Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health has increased funding to the Vilas County Public Health Department for programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vilas County Public Health Board recommends that the 2014 budget be amended to allow for the increased revenue and to authorize a corresponding increase in expenditures as shown below:

Revenue or Expense	Line Item Number	Description	Amount
Revenue	100.28.43656	WIC Grant	\$6,666.00
Expense	100.28.54100.0703	WIC Grant	\$6,666.00
Revenue	100.28.47265	Tobacco	\$1,500.00
Expense	100.28.54100.0891	Tobacco	\$1,500.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014 that the 2014 budget is amended by the amount of the funds to be received, and the Finance Director is instructed to record such information in the official books of the County for the year ending December 31, 2014.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is instructed to publish a Class 1 notice within 10 days of these amendments informing the public of these particular changes.

### SUBMITTED BY: Public Health Board

s/ Erv Teichmiller, Chair

s/ Wally Beversdorf

s/ Walt Maciag

Racquel Zortman-Bell

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by C. Ritter to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

### CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS

- Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.)
  - Jerry Burkett, Cindy Burzinski, Mark Dascalos, Steve Doyen, Gina Egan, Jim Galloway, Kristen Hansen, Kevin Krueger, Tom Numrich, Jamie Remme, Dale Soltow and Pat Weber

Motion by M. Rogacki, seconded by S. Doyen to accept the Chair's appointment of the individuals listed above to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. All voted aye. Carried.

- Land & Water Conservation Committee – County Board Lake District Representatives – 2 Year Term
  - Alma-Moon Lake District – Kim Simac
  - Big St. Germain Lake District – Carolyn Ritter
  - Little Arbor Vitae Lake District – Erv Teichmiller
  - Little St. Germain Lake District – Mary Kim Black
  - Little Tamarack Flowage Lake District – Art Kunde

- Long Lake District – Wally Beversdorf
- Lost Lake District – Walt Maciag
- Spectacle Lake District – Steve Doyen
- Stella Lake District – Kim Simac

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by M. Black to accept the Chair's appointment of the individuals listed above as County Board Lake District representatives. All voted aye. Carried.

#### **ACCEPT DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- Register of Deeds
- UW Extension

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by W. Otterpohl to accept both department reports. All voted aye. Carried.

#### **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Nothing presented.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next County Board meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M, Tuesday, June 24, 2014 in the County Board conference rooms.

#### **PAY MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

Motion by C. Hayes, seconded by G. Burkett pay mileage and per diem for this meeting. All voted aye. Carried. Contact the County Clerk's office for mileage and per diem payment information.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:57 P.M.

Prepared and submitted by:  
David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to future revision and approval by the Vilas County Board.