

Iron

RESOLUTION NO. 2761

SUPPORTING CONTROL OF THE WISCONSIN WOLF POPULATION

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WHEREAS, the WI DNR has not provided for meaningful wolf population control in any of its management efforts, and

WHEREAS, federal protection of wolves has limited the ability of the WI DNR to provide population controls.

WHEREAS, Iron County residents have experienced depredation and threatening incidents involving wolves, and

WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in lower deer populations, reduced hunting opportunities, impacted livestock and pleasure horse activities, and subjects pets and people to potential wolf attacks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Iron County Board of Supervisors request the WI DNR to keep the wolf population goal for the State of Wisconsin at 350 or less in the next Wisconsin Wolf Plan, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Iron County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the WI DNR, Matthew Frank, Secretary of the WI DATCP, Rod Nilsestuen, Iron County's representatives in the Wisconsin Legislature, and Governor Jim Doyle.

Adoption moved by Board Member Luce

Seconded by Board Member Dunes

Resolution declared adopted this 25th day of May, 2010.

BY:


DENNIS DEROSSO, Chairman

ATTEST:


MICHAEL J. SAARI, Clerk

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 25, 2010**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dennis DeRosso at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Pinardi, Youngs, Thomas, Koski, Smith, Innes, Wiita, DeRosso, Lambert, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Luke and Mullard. Absent: Prospero, excused.

Clerk Michael Saari certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Thomas to approve minutes of April 20, 2010 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Stacy Ofstad, Emergency Government Director gave an update on 2 grants received by Iron County for equipment. First grant was from State of Michigan for radio equipment to be used across borders of Wisconsin and Michigan and the second grant is a four county \$1,000,000 grant that will be used for aerial photos of Iron County in HD clarity with 3D imaging of both Hurley and Mercer Schools and the Courthouse in Hurley.

Innes reported that Finance Committee looked at 68 applicants for Maintenance Supervisor position and interviewed 4. Bill Nasi of Gile was hired to replace John Carli. Finance Committee also approved a two year health insurance buyout for Angie Sands who will be retiring at the end of June.

Kichak reported that the Highway Department has been cutting trees from the 51 right-of-way in the Pine Lake area. The crew has now moved to County Highway H to remove trees, do culvert and shoulder work.

Kichak reported that Zoning Department has been working on shoreline regulations for their 2 year update.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenues as of today are \$1,120,789.60 while they were \$606,117.81 at the same time last year.

Thompson also reported that timber sales will be awarded on June 9th with 17 sales available.

Thompson reported that Northern Waters Library will request same budget amount from Iron County for 2011.

Thompson reported that the Economic Development Committee reviewed their advertising budget at their last meeting and will run ad in local newspapers that people from Iron County should support their local businesses.

Thomas reported that he was re-elected chairman of Extension Committee with Opal Roberts being elected vice-chairman. He also reported that Maggie Callaham was hired as the summer horticulturist who assured Extension Committee that all flowers would be planted around courthouse before Memorial Day.

Luke reported that the LCC Committee worked on cost share agreements at its' last meeting and elected Luke chairman and Bill Thomas as vice-chairman. Luke also reported that Heather Palmquist will be holding a meeting on evasive species in the Town of Sherman on July 10th.

Luke reported that he was elected chairman of Recycling with Mullard being elected vice-chairman and committee decided that books can be recycled as long as you bring a small amount of books per time.

Lambert reported that he was elected chairman of Law Enforcement Committee with Pinardi elected vice-chairman. Prisoner board totals \$34,600.39 so far this year with an average number of prisoners for April at just over 10 per day.

Wiita reported that the airport will rebid for our local airline carrier. Lambert requested the Joe Bonavetz, chairman of Airport Board be present at our next county board meeting to answer questions from board.

Roberts reported that Human Services has 14 in house staff and 11 contracted positions.

Innes reported that improvements to Saxon fair grounds are being worked on.

Innes reported that he and Bill Thomas attended the last boating club meeting and he thought the meeting went very well.

Innes also reported that staff from Northern Bridges Consortium would like to address Iron County Board to answer any questions board members might have.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Kichak told board that a Mercer resident was sitting on a board controlled by the Wisconsin DNR and that members from other counties were getting a per diem to attend meetings from their counties. Chairman DeRosso stated that the DNR should be paying the per diem not Iron County.

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Motion by Luke, seconded by Innes to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2762

APPROVING ENTRY INTO A LAND ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH KEWEENAW LAND ASSOCIATION LIMITED

WHEREAS, Iron County owns certain lands located in the S ½ NE ¼ of Section 13 T44N R3E Town of Oma, Iron County, Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, Keweenaw Land Association Limited is purchasing certain lands located in the E ½ of Section 12 T44N R3E, Town of Oma, Iron County, Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, Keweenaw Land Association Limited is desirous of obtaining a land use agreement from Iron County for an approximately 450' long by 33' wide road right of way, upon, across, and over the above described Iron County Lands, on a mutually agreed upon route, for purposes of obtaining access to the land once it is owned by Keweenaw Land Association Limited; and

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Kichak to adjourn at 6:24 PM. All aye. Motion carried.


Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk

