

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 22

**Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property in the
Town of Doyle for Enrollment in the County Forest**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Barron County is interested in obtaining additional property for
2 hunting and outdoor recreation activities, to add to existing Barron County Forest Property;
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5 **WHEREAS**, Barron County has the option to purchase approximately 200 acres
6 of wooded land within the established County Forest Blocking Boundary Map for
7 Compartment 1 - Town of Doyle bordering existing County Forest Land; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, acquisition of lands to be entered into the County Forest is authorized
10 by Wisconsin Statutes Section 28.11(8)(b) and the County Forest Comprehensive Plan
11 adopted by the County Board of Supervisors; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 28.11(8)(b), the County is
14 eligible to apply for a non-interest bearing Forestry Aid Loan to be used for the purchase,
15 development, preservation and maintenance of County Forest Lands. Repayment of such
16 loan is made from proceeds from future year timber harvests; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Property Committee authorized the County Forester to enter into
19 negotiations for the purchase of the above lands, and Offers to Purchase have been drafted,
20 signed and accepted; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the purchase at the price of approximately \$3,011.94 per acre is
23 contingent upon approval of the Property Committee, the Barron County Board of
24 Supervisors and the acceptance of the County's application for a non-interest bearing
25 Forestry Aid Loan; and

26 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Property Committee on August
27 3, 2026, on a vote of 7-0, with Eby, Fowler, Heller, Krug, Moen, Okey & Schradle voting
28 in favor and none against.
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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Barron County Board of
31 Supervisors does hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 197.58 acres of wooded
32 land within the established County Forest Blocking Boundary Map for Compartment 1 -
33 Town of Doyle bordering existing County Forest Land for the purpose of enrollment in the
34 County Forest at a price of approximately \$3,011.94 per acre.
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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors
37 does authorize the County Forester to submit an application for a non-interest bearing
38 Forestry Aid Loan to be used for the purchase the property.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

OFFERED THIS 17th day of August, 2026.

Number of readings required: One (X) Two () Vote required for passage: Majority () ¾ Entire Board (22) (X) Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund (X) Grant () Contingency () Other (X) Details: State Forestry Loan TOTAL: \$596,364.12 ½ Loan: \$298,182.06 ½ General Fund Fund Balance \$298,182.06 Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$596,364.12 - Future years total amount: -0- - Effect on tax levy – current year - 0- - Effect on tax levy – future years -0- Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department Michelle Drury, Finance Director Board Action: Adopted () Failed () Tabled () Approved as to form by County Administrator: Jeffrey French, Administrator Approved as to form by Corporation Counsel: John Muench, Corporation Counsel	Dana Heller, Property Committee Chair (The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.) Motion: (Moen/Heller) to approve. DNR County Forest and Public Land Specialist Doug Brown reviewed the County Forest Program. Discussion. County Forester Bygd, Corporation Counsel Muench and County Administrator French also answered questions from the Board. Carried with 23 Yes and 6 Absent (B. Anderson, Cook, Eby, Kusilek, Schradle & Wenzel).
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