

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 31 (2022/23)

Re: **Accepting Donation from Ducks Unlimited and Authorizing Purchase of Property to be Added to the Sheboygan County Broughton Marsh**

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Broughton Marsh (the “Marsh”) is the largest restored wetland complex in the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior Basins of Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, wetlands are imperative to a healthy ecosystem as they improve water quality by filtering out pollutants, provide flood abatement thereby decreasing harmful erosion and property damage, provide some of the most diverse habitats on Earth, and therefore, also provide great recreational opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County is interested in purchasing an adjacent 13-acre property (PIN 59020283960) in perpetuity to add to the Marsh;

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited, has expressed a willingness to provide 100% of the funding to purchase the property;

WHEREAS, the 2021 Sheboygan County Park & Open Space Plan shows the property as a potential acquisition area to expand the Marsh;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sheboygan County Board accepts with gratitude the donation of \$27,000.00 from Ducks Unlimited and approves the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Sub-Award with Ducks Unlimited, Inc., as on file with the County Clerk’s Office, to facilitate the acquisition of real estate for the Marsh.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sheboygan County Board approves the WB-13 Vacant Land Offer to Purchase, on file with the County Clerk’s Office, acquiring the approximately 13-acre property, which will be made part of the Marsh upon acquisition.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of February, 2023.

PLANNING, RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE

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Opposed to Introduction:

Adopted 03/21/2023