

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 06 (2014/15)**

Re: **Authorizing Funding and Purchase of Amsterdam Dunes Property to Establish a Wetland Mitigation Bank and Preservation Area**

**WHEREAS**, since 2005, Sheboygan County has been interested in acquiring certain parcels of undeveloped land in the Town of Holland known as "Amsterdam Dunes" comprised of approximately 333 acres of land with more than 1,900 feet of lakeshore which is one of the last remaining dune and interdunal wetland complexes in Wisconsin that has not been developed or destroyed, and which is shown on the map on file with the County Clerk, and

**WHEREAS**, the owners of the parcels have recently contacted Sheboygan County and have expressed an interest in selling the parcels to Sheboygan County, and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of the Amsterdam Dunes parcels, in addition to providing significant environmental, recreational, and tourism benefits to Sheboygan County, could also be a valuable and self-sustaining resource if developed into a wetland mitigation bank in a matter consistent with its other benefits, and

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrator and the County Planning Director have made inquiries to third parties about providing funding to assist with the purchase of the property, and although the third-party funding is not yet committed, letters of support on file with the County Clerk indicate that such third-party funding may be available to finance the project over time, even if initially financed by County funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrator has negotiated an Offer to Purchase with the owner of the property, a copy of which is on file with the County Clerk, which has been accepted by the owner, subject to the approval of the Sheboygan County Board, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Sheboygan County to acquire the Amsterdam Dunes parcels under the terms and provisions of the Offer to Purchase;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sheboygan County Board approves the terms and conditions of the Offer to Purchase, directs the County Administrator to undertake the steps necessary for closing consistent with the Offer to Purchase terms, authorizes the expenditure of sums from the General Unassigned Fund Balance reserves, and authorizes the Chairperson and County Clerk to sign any additional documents required to close the transaction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the property is acquired as provided for hereunder, the County Administrator is authorized and directed to continue to undertake such steps as may be necessary to secure third-party funding of the purchase, and that any funds so procured shall be restored to the General Unassigned Fund Balance reserves equal to the amount of the original outlay.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the property is acquired as provided for herein, the County Administrator is authorized and directed to undertake such steps as are necessary to obtain designation of the parcel or any portion thereof as a wetland mitigation bank pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 281.36.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any additional funds garnered above the original outlay be deposited into an account for the maintenance and development of the wetland mitigation bank or development of recreational aspects of the property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Finance Department is authorized and directed to publish any Class 1 Notice which may be required pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 65.90(5) as a result of this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June, 2014.

**PLANNING, RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE,  
AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE\***

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Opposed to Introduction:

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