



County Clerk

Kimberly S. Bushey  
County Clerk

April 20, 2021 – Walworth County Board of Supervisors

**Report of the County Clerk Regarding  
Communications Received After the Agenda Mailing**

The following items were placed on Supervisors' desks and are attached to this cover sheet:

- Wood County Resolution No. 20-12-10 – Placing a referendum question relative to Clean Water on the Wood County April 2021 ballot (To be placed on file)
- Portage County Resolution No. 76-2020-2022 – Conducting a Countywide Advisory Referendum on Clean Water Now For Wisconsin (To be placed on file)
- Correspondence from Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) regarding 2021 WCA Annual Business Meeting Resolutions – Deadline for Submission: 4:30 p.m. on June 28, 2021 (To be referred to the Executive Committee)

*These items were received after the agenda mailing before the meeting. Other items that were placed on the Supervisors' desks at the meeting are not included on this report. Please contact the County Clerk's office for information regarding those items.*

RESOLUTION# 20-12-10

Introduced by Conservation, Education & Economic Development

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Motion: Adopted:  LAD

1<sup>st</sup> Zurfluh Lost:

2<sup>nd</sup> Fischer Tabled:

No: 1 Yes: 18 Absent: 0

Number of votes required:  
 Majority  Two-thirds

Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To place on the Wood County April 2021 ballot a referendum question on Clean Water.

FISCAL NOTE: Minimal cost to the County depending on the size of the ballot.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D		X	
2	Rozar, D	X		
3	Feirer, M		X	
4	Wagner, E		X	
5	Fischer, A		X	
6	Breu, A		X	
7	Ashbeck, R		X	
8	Hahn, J		X	
9	Winch, W		X	
10	Thao, L		X	
11	Curry, K		X	
12	Valenstein, L		X	
13	Hokamp, J		X	
14	Polach, D		X	
15	Clendenning, B		X	
16	Pliml, L		X	
17	Zurfluh, J		X	
18	Hamilton, B		X	
19	Leichtnam, B		X	

WHEREAS, a cheap plentiful supply of drinking water is necessary for the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS, keeping Wisconsin's rural drinking water free of pollutants, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, benefits not only citizens but also Wisconsin's tourism industry as well as rural economic development; and

WHEREAS, Governor Evers declared 2019 to be the "Year of Clean Water"; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality brought to the attention of state legislators and the state's residents, as a whole, the immensity of this problem; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Assembly took a step in addressing the problem by passing 13 "Water Bills" on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate never had the opportunity to consider these "Water Bills" when its last scheduled session on March 24, 2020, was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin voters can encourage continued legislative attention to the issue of water quality by speaking out.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES, in legal session assembled, to hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April 6, 2021, ballot as an advisory referendum question: "Question: Should the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Wood County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Wood County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the April 6, 2021, election at which the question will appear on the ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the State Legislature, and to each Wisconsin County Board.

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KEN CURRY (Chair)  
 BILL LEICHTNAM *Bill Leichtnam*  
 ROBERT ASHBECK *Robert Ashbeck*  
 JAKE HAHN *Jake Hahn*  
 DAVE LAFONPAINÉ *David LaFontaine*

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 20 20

*[Signature]*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Clerk

*[Signature]*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Board Chairman

**ALL CONTESTS**  
**WOOD COUNTY**  
 2021 Spring Election

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

The total number of votes cast for the **Wood County Clean Water Referendum** was **10,640**

of which	<b>YES</b>	received	<b>8,090</b>
	<b>NO</b>	received	<b>2,550</b>

**Certification of the Board of Canvassers**

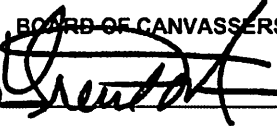
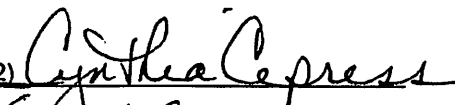

We, the undersigned, certify that we are the members of the Board of Canvassers for WOOD County.

We certify that the attached tabular statement of Votes Cast and Summary Statement of the Board of Canvassers, canvassed and prepared by us, are correct and true as compiled from the original returns made to the WOOD County Clerk.

We further determine and certify that the following person received the greatest number of votes for the respective office for which each was a candidate on 4/6/2021 5:00:00 AM.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>HIGHEST CANDIDATE</u>
Wood County Clean Water Referendum	YES

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

(1)  (2)   
 (3) 

(Date) Tuesday, April 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2020-2022

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

RE: CONDUCTING A COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON CLEAN WATER NOW FOR WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, there are numerous indicators that the citizens of Portage County are concerned about clean drinking water and clean lakes because of the health of its people and the economic impact(s) on its people and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Committee is directly involved in local and regional discussions focusing on surface water and ground water issues and is statutorily charged with considering issues related to these topics; and,

WHEREAS, the Portage County Board of Supervisors has passed resolutions asking for the State of Wisconsin to pursue initiatives related to surface water and ground water issues;

FISCAL NOTE. There are no fiscal obligations associated with this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April 6, 2021 ballot as an advisory referendum:

Question: Shall the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse economy, cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel shall prepare an explanation of a yes or no vote to be published by the Portage County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Portage County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the April 6, 2021 election, at which the question will appear on the ballot; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portage County Clerk is directed to send the results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, all Wisconsin County Boards, and to local members of the State Legislature.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Date: January 5, 2021

Aye  
Barry Jacowski, CHAIR

Aye  
Mildred Neville

Aye  
Gerry Zastrow, VICE CHAIR

Aye  
Julie Morrow

Aye  
Matthew Jacowski

Aye  
Cathy Guth

**Portage County Clean Water Now Referendum**

**PORTAGE COUNTY**

2021 Spring Election

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

The total number of votes cast for the **Portage County Clean Water Now Referendum**  
was **10,236**

of which	<b>YES</b>	received	<b>8,067</b>
	<b>NO</b>	received	<b>2,169</b>

**Certification of the Board of Canvassers**

We, the undersigned, certify that we are the members of the Board of Canvassers for PORTAGE County.

We certify that the attached tabular statement of Votes Cast and Summary Statement of the Board of Canvassers, canvassed and prepared by us, are correct and true as compiled from the original returns made to the PORTAGE County Clerk.

We further determine and certify that the following person received the greatest number of votes for the respective office for which each was a candidate on 4/6/2021 5:00:00 AM.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>HIGHEST CANDIDATE</u>
Portage County Clean Water Now Referendum	YES

**BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

(1) *Thyla Viers* (2) *Cheryl Rottler*  
(3) *Laver Swanson*

(Date) Monday, April 12, 2021



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** County Board Chairs, Executives, and Administrators

**FROM:** Mark D. O'Connell, Executive Director

**DATE:** April 12, 2021

**SUBJECT:** 2021 WCA Annual Business Meeting Resolutions  
Deadline for Submission: 4:30 p.m. on June 28, 2021

The WCA Annual Conference will be held from September 26-28, 2021 in La Crosse County. I look forward to seeing you there.

Each year, counties have the opportunity to submit resolutions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting, held in conjunction with the WCA Annual Conference. Resolutions adopted at the Annual Business Meeting become part of the WCA Platform.

The WCA Constitution requires all resolutions be submitted to the WCA executive director no later than 90 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Therefore, **all resolutions must be submitted to the WCA office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021** to be considered at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting. All resolutions submitted by the deadline will be referred to the appropriate steering committee, as well as the WCA Resolutions Committee, prior to action at the Annual Business Meeting.

Please keep the following in mind when submitting resolutions for the Annual Business Meeting:

1. All resolutions submitted must be adopted by your full county board (please send an official copy for verification purposes).
2. Any resolution submitted must be on a matter of public policy.
3. **Resolutions must be submitted with a cover memo indicating that the resolutions are submitted for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting.**
4. Resolutions may be submitted in any one of the following ways:
  - Mailed to the WCA office: 22 E. Mifflin Street, Suite 900, Madison, WI 53703
  - Faxed to 608.663.7189
  - Emailed to [voss@wicounties.org](mailto:voss@wicounties.org)

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5. If possible, please also email a Microsoft Word or text version of the resolutions to the WCA office. This will allow for a quicker processing/turnaround time on our end, as WCA staff will not need to retype each resolution. You will still need to send an official copy of each resolution so staff can verify action on the resolution was taken by the full county board.
6. Once the WCA office receives your resolutions, a confirmation notice will be sent to the county clerk. If you do not receive a confirmation notice by June 30, 2021, please contact the WCA office to ensure your county's resolutions were received.

All resolutions received by the deadline will be considered at the Annual Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the resolutions process, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf at the WCA office (608.663.7188 or [diedrick@wicounties.org](mailto:diedrick@wicounties.org)).

cc: WCA Board of Directors  
County Clerks