Resolution # 2022-03

A Resolution to Support Changes to the Managed Forest Law (MFL) Program

Whereas, the Belvidere Town Board sees a need to have Legislature enact changes to the Managed Forest Law (MFL) Program to ensure fair and equitable real estate taxes for all citizens of Buffalo County and to ensure the program is not being abused, and;

Whereas, the Belvidere Town Board would encourage Legislature to require property being entered into the MFL Program to be the homestead property of the owner, and;

Whereas, the Belvidere Town Board would encourage Legislature to limit the number of acres in the MFL Program to 160 acres total and to only allow one entity (not a Trust, LLC, or Corporation) to enroll in the MFL Program, and;

Whereas, the Belvidere Town Board would support the enforcement of MFL Program rules and increasing the amount of tax paid for MFL taxes to cover such inspections, and;

Whereas, the Belvidere Town Board would request that Legislature change the MFL Program rules to require that all real estate taxes be kept current for each year the property is enrolled in the program and to not allow any year to go into delinquency.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Belvidere Town Board supports and encourages Legislature to make these changes to the Managed Forest Law (MFL) Program, to make real estate taxes fair and equitable for all citizens, and keep the MFL Program from being abused, and;

Be It Further Resolved that the Belvidere Town Clerk is directed to forward this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and all members of the State Legislature.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Belvidere Town Board of Supervisors on this <u>10th</u> day of <u>MAY</u>, 2022.

& la Chair

Deborah M Ruff, Town Cl

Ron Speltz, Belvidere Town Chairman