

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

**TOWN OF BUCHANAN
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZATION OF THE STATE FUNDING
FOR KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation Per Ch. 23 . 09 I 5(2c) (d), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2026 and the program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and expand outdoor recreation for public benefit around the state; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Buchanan updated its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan in 2024 and intends to apply for funding to implement this plan through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the Town of Buchanan consider the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Buchanan does hereby express to the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor our full support for the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and request that sufficient funding annually be allocated to support projects over the next 10-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Buchanan directs that the Clerk/Treasurer forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of each of our State Legislators and the Office of the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Buchanan, duly assembled this 20th day of January 2026, hereby supports the reauthorization of state funding for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

Adopted this 20th day of January, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph D. Coenen", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Coenen, Town Chairperson

ATTEST:

Cynthia Sieracki

Cynthia Sieracki, Clerk

Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-02 made by: Olson/Rottier

Votes:

Title	Name	Aye	Nay	Other
Supervisor I	Olson	X		
Supervisor II	Knuppel	X		
Supervisor III	Rottier	X		
Supervisor IV	Meyer	X		
Chairperson	Coenen	X		

Posted: January 21, 2026