
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
BY THE VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE**

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program has protected Wisconsin's land, wildlife, and outdoor recreation assets, benefiting communities in all 72 counties; and

WHEREAS, the program, named after Governors Warren Knowles and Gaylor Nelson, reflects Wisconsin's bipartisan tradition of caring for natural resources, expanding public access, and strengthening outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, Knowles-Nelson matching funds have enabled thousands of conservation projects statewide, including shoreline restoration, trail development, park improvements, habitat protection, and expanded recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pewaukee has a history of using Stewardship funds responsibly to improve park facilities and amenities that contribute to community health, quality of life and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is currently authorized only through June 2026, making renewal in the upcoming state budget essential to avoid disruption to conservation efforts statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Village of Pewaukee strongly supports reauthorizing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and restoring funding necessary to meet Wisconsin's long-term conservation and outdoor recreation needs; and

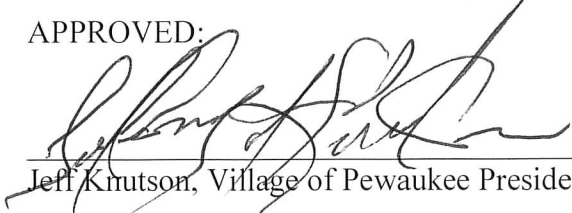
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Pewaukee supports the establishment of a bipartisan oversight committee to ensure efficient project review and timely access to Stewardship funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village reaffirms its commitment to using Stewardship funds responsibly and transparently to protect natural resources and expand recreational opportunities for future generations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the state legislators representing the Village of Pewaukee.

Adopted this 20th day of January, 2026.

APPROVED:



Jeff Krutson, Village of Pewaukee President

Countersigned:



Jenna Peter, Village Clerk