

**COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE  
SHARE PAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Counties having lands entered as "County Forest Lands" under the provisions of S. S. 28.11(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes may annually receive from the State a non-interest bearing loan for each acre so entered to be used for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of such lands, and

**WHEREAS**, said loan monies are repaid through a 20% severance tax on timber sales revenue coming from County Forest Lands unless a higher rate is mutually agreed to by the County and the Department, and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 28.11(8)(b)1. enacted in 1979 make it possible for the County at its option to receive a payment of up to 50 cents per acre to meet the needs identified in its County Forest Ten Year Plan.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we the Ashland County Board of Supervisors in consideration of meeting the needs identified in our County Forest Fifteen Year Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the **2024 payment** to the County under S.S.28.11(8)(b)1. on the basis of **50 cents for each acre** of our County Forest Lands, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31 preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.

**WHEREAS**, The Forestry and Recreation Committee approves this resolution and recommends to forward this resolution to the full County Board for their approval.

**DATE**, September \_\_\_\_, 2023

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