

RESOLUTION # 29-2017

1 Resolution offered by Supervisors of the Conservation & UWEX Education Committee

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3 Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

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5 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County received a petition from the Squash Lake Association
6 regarding the formation of the proposed Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
7 hereinafter referred to as the "Lake District"; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors assigned the tasks associated
10 with reviewing the petition to the Oneida County Conservation & UWEX Education Committee
11 hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the Committee held a public hearing on December 3, 2016 at the Crescent
14 Town Hall which was within 30 days of receipt of the completed petition; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 33.25 a lake district can be formed by the County
17 Board if the petitioners for said district present a petition "signed by persons constituting 51
18 percent of the landowners or the owners of 51 percent of the lands within the proposed district."; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County staff, utilizing the 2015 tax roll data, determined the total
22 number of eligible landowners located in the boundary of the proposed Lake District was 280
23 with 51% of the required signatures being 143; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, 156 signatures or 55.7% of the landowners in the proposed Lake District
26 were deemed acceptable on the petition sheets provided by the Squash Lake Association; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the Committee, after reviewing staff reports, determined that the
29 petitioners met the required signatures from over 51% of the proposed Lake District landowners;
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32 **WHEREAS**, the Committee reviewed maps prepared by the Oneida County Land
33 Information Office showing the landowners who had signed the petition and the calculation of
34 the land information office indicating that the petitioners secured signatures from owners of
35 57.08% of the land in the proposed Lake District; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, based on the review of the map and the calculations by the Oneida
38 County Land Information Office determined that the petitioners additionally met the required
39 signatures of owners of over 51% of the land area within the proposed Lake District; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, the Committee's recommendation was to approve the formation of the
42 proposed Lake District because the petition was signed by over 51% of the proposed Lake
43 District landowners, and alternatively, to approve the formation of the proposed Lake District as
44 the petition was signed by the owners of over 51% of the lands within the proposed Lake
45 District, as set forth in WI Stat 33.25; and

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47 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Lake District is necessary, that the public health, comfort,
48 convenience, necessity or public welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the Lake
49 District, and that the property included in the Lake District will be benefited by the establishment

50 of the proposed Lake District; and

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52 **WHEREAS**, the Squash Lake Association is unable to meet their financial needs to
53 address invasive species control, including Eurasian Water Milfoil; and

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55 **WHEREAS**, a lake district has the ability to ensure that a secure base of partners
56 (district members) and finances will be available to conduct lake management activities to
57 protect aquatic resources, personal investments, and values including property values that are
58 greatly affected by the health of the water body; and

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60 **WHEREAS**, a lake district is a unit of government that can acquire financial assistance
61 through grants for lake projects and management plans, and protect lake habitat through
62 restoration efforts.

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64 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors
65 formally declares the organization of the proposed Lake District.

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67 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be the
68 County Board's Order establishing the Lake District pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 33.26; and

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70 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Lake District shall be known as The Squash
71 Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District; and

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73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the boundaries of The Squash Lake Protection &
74 Rehabilitation District shall be the same as presented as part of the petition; and

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76 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the County Board Chairman shall appoint four of
77 the five members of the initial Board of Commissioners of The Squash Lake Protection &
78 Rehabilitation District as follows:


- 79 1. Three owners of land within the Lake District (with one being a resident of the Lake
80 District)
81 2. One member of the Conservation & UWEX Education Committee (or a person
82 nominated by that Committee); and

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84 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk shall provide a certified copy of
85 this resolution to the Town of Crescent (the Town with the highest assessed value within the
86 Lake District) to appoint a fifth representative to the Board of Commissioners within 30 days of
87 the Lake District's establishment and in conformity with the requirements of Wis. Stat. s.
88 33.27(2); and

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90 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be provided to Dan
91 Butkus who represented the Squash Lake Association.


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93 Approved by the Oneida County Conservation & UWEX Education Committee this 13th day of
94 March, 2017.

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96 Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____


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98 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as reviewed by
99 the Corporation Counsel,  Date: 3/14/17

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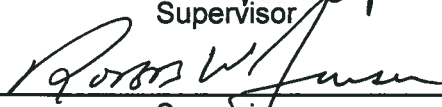
Offered and passage moved by:




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Seconded by: _____

_____ Ayes

_____ Nays

_____ Absent

_____ Abstain

_____ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of March, 2017.

_____ Defeated

Tracy Hartman, Clerk

Dave Hintz, County Board Chair