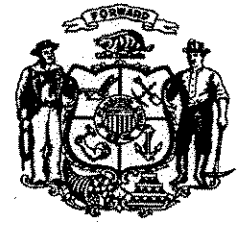


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 16, 2001

Superintendent John Benson
Department of Public Instruction
125 South Webster
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Superintendent Benson:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed the Department of Public Instruction's plan to adjust federal appropriations to reflect the most recent estimates of federal funds appropriated in fiscal year 2001.

No meeting has been scheduled to review the plan. Accordingly, the plan is approved and the Department of Public Instruction may implement the plan.

Sincerely,

BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

JOHN G. GARD
Assembly Chair

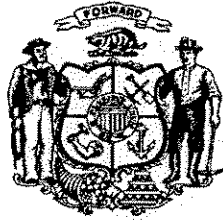
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard

Re: 14-Day Passive Review of DPI Federal Appropriation
Re-estimates Plan

Date: January 31, 2001

Attached is a copy of a letter from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, received January 30, 2001, pursuant to s. 115.295, Stats., which provides information on the most recent estimates of the amount of federal funds that the Department of Public Instruction will be appropriated in fiscal year 2001. It also provides the agency plan for adjusting its federal appropriations to reflect those re-estimates.

The Committee Co-chairs have determined that the Department of Public Instruction plan is complete.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Thursday, February 15, 2001** if you have any concerns about the plan or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to discuss it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachment

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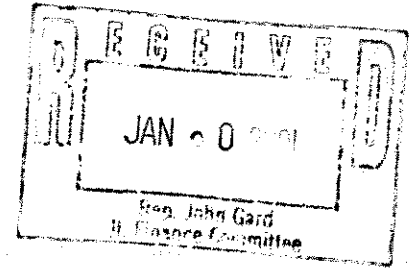
John T. Benson
State Superintendent

Steven B. Dold
Deputy State Superintendent

January 30, 2001

The Honorable Brian Burke
Co-Chair Joint Committee on Finance
316 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

The Honorable John Gard
Co-Chair Joint Committee on Finance
315 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702



Dear Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

Pursuant to s. 115.295, Stats., the Department of Public Instruction is reporting the most recent estimate of the amount of federal funds that the department will be awarded in FY01. The statute requires the department to report to the Joint Committee on Finance only those federal appropriations under the Chapter 20 schedule that were under- or over-estimated by 5 percent of the amount projected under 1999 Wisconsin Act 9.

In re-estimating the federal appropriations listed under Act 9, it is important to note that the federal fiscal year does not coincide with the state fiscal year. The Federal FY01 Appropriations Act, which funds most of the department's education programs, was passed on December 21, 2000. Federal FY01 runs from October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001. State education programs funded with federal FY01 dollars run from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001. A majority of the department's programs are forward-funded. That is to say, most federal appropriations set under the *federal* FY01 Appropriations Act will not be received by the department until *state* FY02. Only five programs (charter schools, technology literacy challenge fund, foreign language, library services technology and child nutrition) will receive funding this year under the FY01 Federal Appropriations Act. Further, the child nutrition program is based on a per meal reimbursement system. The department has until February 2002 to finalize accounts with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Because we are in the middle of state FY01 and we have until February 2002 to submit claims for reimbursement, it is difficult to project how many meals will be served and how much money will be received from the federal government in FY01. This program is funded at more than \$80 million annually. Despite these impediments, the following appropriations have been re-estimated:

Federal Aids Program Operations Appropriation under 141 [s. 20.255 (1) (me), Stats.]:

In 1999, the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Capture of Federal Resources introduced legislation encouraging state agencies to obtain additional federal resources. Consistent with the special committee's recommendation and proposed legislation, the department applied for and received an additional \$1.9 million for five federal grants in FY01 to support state initiatives such as Teacher Quality Enhancement, Advanced Placement, and Gear Up. The additional federal grants caused the amount of funds re-estimated under the 141 appropriation to exceed 105% of the amount of federal revenue shown in the Chapter 20 schedule under 1999 Wisconsin Act 9. These grants were not included in the original estimate projected under the 141 appropriation in Act 9 because, although the grants were applied for, awards were not confirmed in time for inclusion into the Act. Finally, it is important to note that state program operation funds are approximately 5 percent of the total amount of federal funds received by the department.

Federal Funds Local Assistance Appropriation under 343 [s. 20.255 (3) (mm), Stats.]:

An additional \$60,600 in federal funds was appropriated under the Library Services Technology Act program under the recently passed Federal FY01 Appropriation Act causing the amount of funds estimated under the 343 appropriation to barely exceed 105% of the amount of federal revenue shown in the Chapter 20 schedule under 1999 Wisconsin Act 9. These additional funds were not anticipated nor reflected in the federal re-estimates in Act 9.

Thus, the totals for these appropriations are re-estimated as follows:

Appropriation	2000-01 Re-estimate
Federal Aids Program Operations 141	\$20,178,400
Federal Funds Local Assistance 343	\$1,175,600

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Pahnke, Director, Policy and Budget, at (608) 266-2804.

Sincerely,



John T. Benson
State Superintendent

UNOFFICIAL TEXT
Chapter 115



✚ **115.295** Federal appropriations

✚ **115.295**

115.295 Federal appropriations adjustments.

✚ **115.295 (1)**

(1) In this section, "the schedule" means the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) as published in the biennial budget act for the first fiscal year of a fiscal biennium and as approved by the joint committee on finance under s. 20.004 (2) for the 2nd fiscal year of a fiscal biennium.

✚ **115.295 (2)**

(2)

✚ **115.295 (2)(a)**

(a) Subject to par. (b), annually by December 1 or within 30 days after the applicable federal appropriation bill for that federal fiscal year has been enacted, whichever is later, the state superintendent shall submit to the joint committee on finance a plan identifying how the state superintendent proposes to adjust the department's federal appropriations for that state fiscal year to reflect the most recent estimate of the amount of federal funds that the department will be appropriated in that state fiscal year.

✚ **115.295 (2)(b)**

(b) The state superintendent is required to submit a plan under par. (a) only if the department's most recent estimate of the amount of federal funds that the department will be appropriated under s. 20.255 in the current state fiscal year is less than 95% or more than 105% of the amount of federal revenue shown in the schedule for the appropriations under s. 20.255 in that fiscal year.

✚ **115.295 (3)**

(3) After receiving a plan under sub. (2) (a), the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance jointly shall determine whether the plan is complete. If the joint committee on finance meets and either approves or modifies and approves a plan submitted under sub. (2) (a) within 14 days after the cochairpersons determine that the plan is complete, the state superintendent shall implement the plan as approved by the committee. If the joint committee on finance does not meet and either approve or modify and approve a plan submitted under sub. (2) (a) within 14 days after the cochairpersons determine that the plan is complete, the state superintendent shall implement the proposed plan.

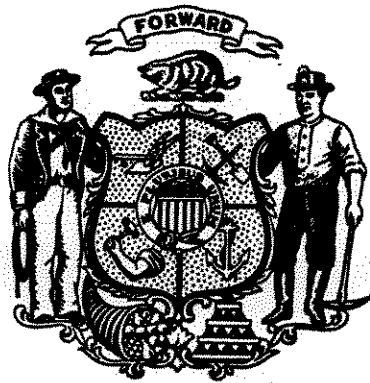
✚ **115.295 - ANNOT.**

History: 1997 a. 86.

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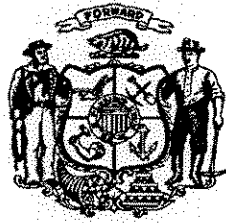


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 21, 2001

Secretary Darrell Bazzell
Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster St., 5th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Secretary Bazzell:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed your request, received February 2, 2001, concerning the proposed 77.0-acre land purchase in Dane County from Uwe and Elke Estorf for \$464,100.

No objections to this request have been raised. Accordingly, the request is approved.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brian Burke in black ink.

BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of John G. Gard in black ink.

JOHN G. GARD
Assembly Chair

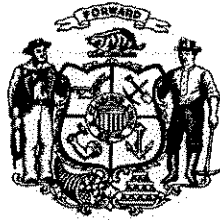
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval

Date: February 2, 2001

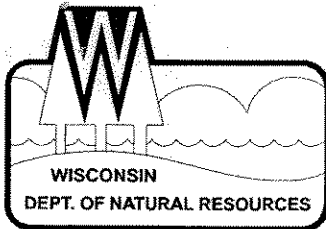
Attached is a copy of a letter from the Department of Natural Resources, received February 2, 2001, concerning the proposed 77.0-acre land purchase from Uwe and Elke Estorf in Dane County for \$464,100. It requires 14-day passive review and approval by the Joint Committee on Finance, pursuant to s. 23.0915(4), Stats., which requires the Department to notify the Committee of all stewardship projects more than \$250,000 in cost.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Tuesday, February 20, 2001**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to discuss it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

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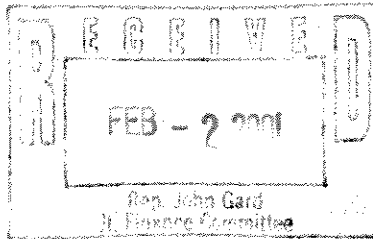


State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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IN REPLY REFER TO: Fi-2681

Honorable Brian Burke
Member State Senate
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CAPITOL

Honorable John Gard
Member State Assembly
Room 315N
CAPITOL

Dear Senator *Brian* Burke and Representative *John* Gard:

The Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of a proposed 77.0-acre land purchase from Uwe and Elke Estorf for \$464,100. This notice is pursuant to s. 23.0915(4), Stats., which requires the Department to notify the Joint Committee on Finance of all Stewardship projects more than \$250,000 in cost. The Natural Resources Board approved the purchase at the January meeting. The land is required for Fisheries Management and Public Recreation.

The file number is Fi-2681 and the land is located in Dane County. Attached please find a memo and maps describing this transaction.

I certify that this request for consideration meets all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines. This certification is based upon a thorough and complete analysis of this request.

If you do not notify the Department within 14 working days after this notification that the Committee has scheduled a meeting to review the proposed transaction, the Department will proceed with the approval process. If the Committee has no objections, the Department will forward the proposal to the Governor for his consideration. If you need additional information, please contact Richard Steffes at 266-0201. Mr. Steffes is available to answer any questions you may have in this matter.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

George
George E. Meyer
Secretary

Attach.

cc: Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Department of Administration

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 27, 2000

FILE REF: Fi-2681

TO: Governor Thompson

FROM: George E. Meyer *George*

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Acquisition, Uwe and Elke Estorf Tract, File # Fi-2681, Approval is Requested by February 20, 2001

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Cherokee Marsh Fishery Area
Dane County

Grantor:

Uwe and Elke Estorf*
4929 Gilkeson Road
Waunakee, WI 53592

Acres: 77.0 fee (+ 2.9 acre access easement)

Price: \$464,100

Appraised Value: \$580,000; 383,800

Interest: Purchase in fee.

Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located just north of the City of Madison, in central Dane County.

Land Description: The subject area is gently rolling and sloping from the south toward the north.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
	Wooded Upland	12.0
	Cropland	45.0
	Wetland	<u>20.0</u>
	TOTAL	77.0

Zoning: Exclusive Agriculture

Present Use: Agriculture

Proposed Use: Fisheries Management and Public Recreation

Tenure: 9 years

Property Taxes: \$441.07

Agreement Date: November 2, 2000

Comments: *If Dane County closes with the Estorfs on the whole 180 acres prior to the state's closing, then title to the 77 acres will pass from the County to the Department.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

The 77-acre Estorf property is proposed for purchase for the Cherokee Marsh Fishery Area to protect the natural resources of the site, to protect water quality, to allow natural resource management, to consolidate state ownership, and to provide opportunities for public recreation.



Cherokee Marsh Fishery Area was established in 1962 to manage and protect 946 acres of habitat for fish and wildlife along the Yahara River and Token Creek and to provide a variety of recreational opportunities for the public. Its location just north of Madison makes it a convenient property for the public to fish, hunt, cross-country ski, watch wildlife, and hike. Addition of this parcel will consolidate state ownership and provide additional recreational opportunities for the project.

The Estorf parcel is 77 acres in size and is part of a larger 180-acre farm. The subject parcel is completely within the project boundary. Covertypes consist of agriculture fields on more than half of the parcel, with mixed hardwoods in the southeast and wetlands in the northeast. The subject's eastern hilltops provide panoramic views of the surrounding areas and overlook the Yahara River to the east. State land borders the parcel on the east and contains the river frontage, however the frontage is too narrow along the Yahara River to accommodate many recreational activities. Acquisition will expand the state lands, providing for an increased availability of recreational activities.

This transaction of the subject 77 acres is part of a cooperative land acquisition project with Dane County and the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). Dane County took the lead in this effort and secured an option to purchase the entire 180-acre parcel from Uwe and Elk Estorf for \$1,548,000 in November of 1999. The County took the initiative for this project, as the grantors were only willing to sell their farm as a whole. Upon acquisition by Dane County, the parcel will then be divided out to the other members of the cooperative group to ensure a collective protection of the entire parcel.

In addition to the 77 acres the Department proposes to acquire, MMSD will be purchasing 88 acres, of which, 20 acres will be for a future treatment facility. A treatment facility in this location will allow MMSD to discharge treated wastewater into the watershed where it originated, saving on expensive fees to pipe the waste elsewhere. It will also provide important replacement water benefits to the Cherokee Marsh and the Lake Mendota Watershed. The other 68 acres will be deed restricted, limiting the use of the land to agriculture and recreation. MMSD has indicated a willingness to work with the Department to provide certain public uses of this land but no definitive use agreement has been worked out at this time.

The remaining 15 acres of the 180-acre farm will be purchased by an adjoining landowner for agriculture. The land will have deed restrictions in place to prevent development. This cooperative project will ensure protection of the natural resources of the site as well as provide more opportunity for public recreation. It should be noted that the Department will be acquiring the 77-acre parcel at a reduced per acre cost than Dane County will be paying for the farm as a whole, as this parcel will have no road frontage. The purchase will also include a 2.9-acre access easement from the Town Road to the west.

The Department recommends purchase of this property to allow fishery and wildlife management, to consolidate state ownership, to allow for public recreation, and to protect the natural resources of the site.

3. FINANCING:

State Stewardship bond funds (from FY 2002) are anticipated:

	Funds allotted to program:	Balance after proposed transaction
Stewardship Bond:	\$27,250,000	\$18,378,290
Miscellaneous Costs (estimate):	Title Insurance: \$800, Appraisals: \$3,000	

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE CHEROKEE MARSH FISHERY AREA:

Established: 1962
Acres Purchased to Date: 909.25
Acquisition Goal: 945.79 Acres
Percent Complete: 96.1%
Cost to Date: \$373,011

5a. KOCH & SCOTT APPRAISAL:

Appraiser: James Koch and Karen Scott (Private Appraisers)

Valuation Date: October 13, 2000

Appraised Value: \$580,000

Highest and Best Use: Single Family Home Site with Agriculture and Development Potential

Allocation of Values:

- a. land: 77.0 acres @ \$7,500 per acre: \$580,000
- b. market data approach used, four comparable sales cited
- c. adjusted value range: \$5,502 to \$8,197 per acre

Appraisal Review: Ron Olson

5b. WAGNER APPRAISAL:

Appraiser: Patrick Wagner (Private Appraiser)

Valuation Date: November 10, 2000

Appraised Value: \$383,800

Highest and Best Use:

Allocation of Values:

- a. land: 77.3 acres: 35 acres of A-1 Agriculture @ \$3,775 per acre: \$132,125
42.3 acres of A-2 Agriculture @ \$5,950 per acre: \$251,685
TOTAL: (rounded) \$383,800
- b. market data approach used, three comparable sales cited for each zoning
- c. adjusted value range: A-1 Agriculture \$3,572 to \$3,881 per acre
- d. adjusted value range: A-2 Agriculture \$5,708 to \$6,138 per acre

Appraisal Review: Ron Olson

Comments: Two appraisals were completed for this transaction. The first was by Karen Scott and James Koch (Private Appraisers) on October 13, 2000 with a valuation of \$580,000. The second appraisal was completed by Patrick Wagner (Private Appraiser) on November 10, 2000 with a valuation of \$383,800. Through negotiations with the grantor, the final price was set at \$464,100 for the parcel.

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes

11-29-00
Date

Richard Wenzel
Bureau of Legal Services

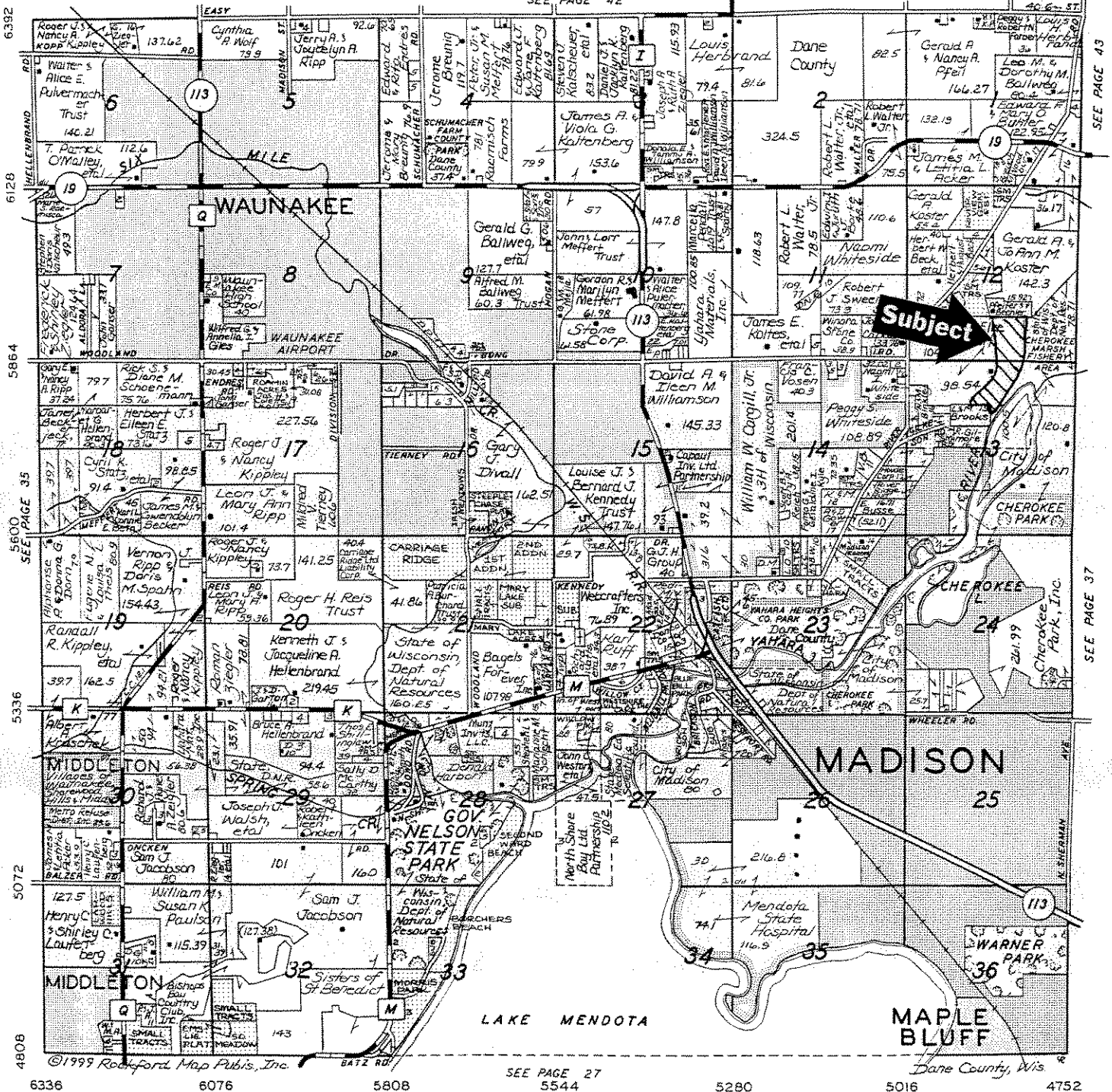
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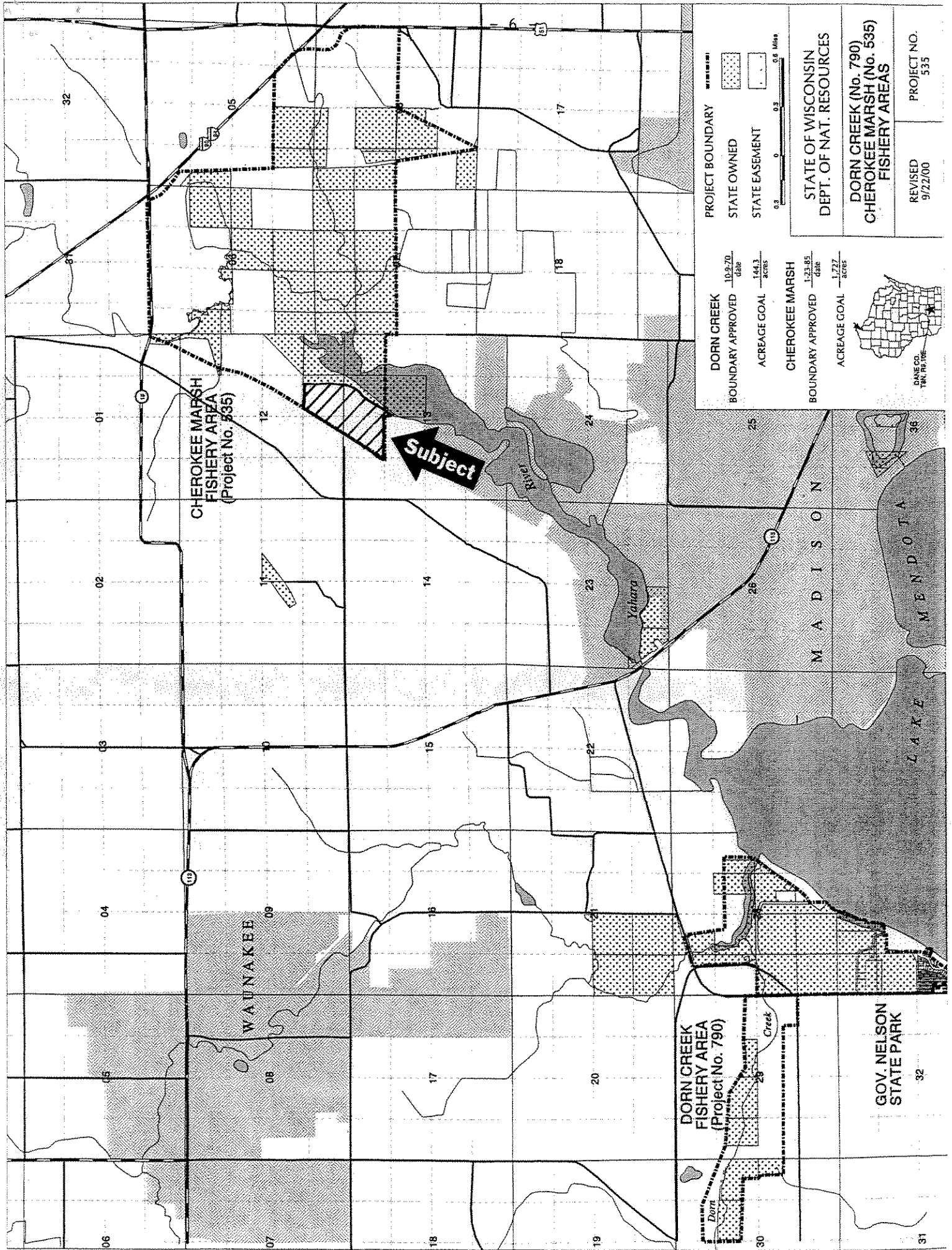
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CHEROKEE MARSH
FISHERY AREA
(Project No. 535)

DORN CREEK
FISHERY AREA
(Project No. 790)

PROJECT BOUNDARY

STATE OWNED

STATE EASEMENT

DORN CREEK
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date

ACREAGE GOAL 144.3
acres

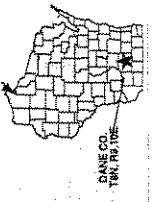
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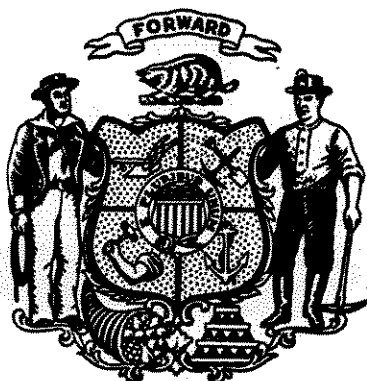
STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPT. OF NAT. RESOURCES

DORN CREEK (No. 790)
CHEROKEE MARSH (No. 535)
FISHERY AREAS

REVISED 9/22/00 PROJECT NO. 535



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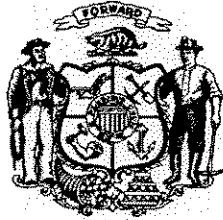


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 21, 2001

Secretary Darrell Bazzell
Department of Natural Resources
101 South Webster Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Secretary Bazzell:

We are writing to inform you that the members of the Joint Committee on Finance have reviewed your request, received February 2, 2001, pursuant to s. 23.0915(4), Stats., regarding the proposed 117 acre land purchase in Washington County from the Bernard Gruenke Irrevocable Trust No. 1 for \$1,350,000.

No objections to this request have been raised. Accordingly, the request is approved.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brian Burke in black ink.

BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of John Gard in black ink.

JOHN GARD
Assembly Chair

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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
Bob Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Finance

Date: February 2, 2001

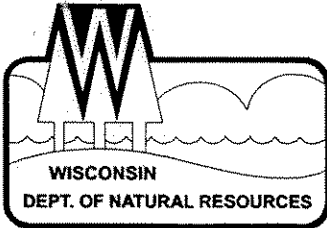
Re: 14-Day Passive Review/Land Purchase

Attached is a copy of a request from Secretary George Meyer, received on February 2, 2001, regarding a proposed 117-acre land purchase in Washington County from the Bernard Gruenke Irrevocable Trust No. 1 for \$1,350,000. This request is pursuant to s. 23.0915(4), Stats., which requires the Department of Natural Resources to notify the Joint Committee on Finance of all stewardship projects in excess of \$250,000.

Please review this item and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Tuesday, February 20, 2001**, if you have any questions about this request or would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it. If no objections are heard by that date, the request will be approved.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

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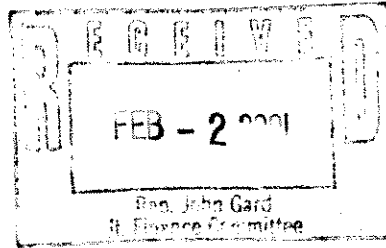


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IN REPLY REFER TO: P-1761

Honorable Brian Burke
Member State Senate
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Honorable John Gard
Member State Assembly
Room 315N
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Dear Senator *Brian* Burke and Representative *John* Gard:

The Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of a proposed 117.0-acre land purchase from the Bernard Gruenke Irrevocable Trust No. 1 for \$1,350,000. This notice is pursuant to s. 23.0915(4), Stats., which requires the Department to notify the Joint Committee on Finance of all Stewardship projects more than \$250,000 in cost. The Natural Resources Board approved the purchase at the January meeting. The land is required for Scenic Protection and Public Recreation.

The file number is P-1761 and the land is located in Washington County. Attached please find a memo and maps describing this transaction.

I certify that this request for consideration meets all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines. This certification is based upon a thorough and complete analysis of this request.

If you do not notify the Department within 14 working days after this notification that the Committee has scheduled a meeting to review the proposed transaction, the Department will proceed with the approval process. If the Committee has no objections, the Department will forward the proposal to the Governor for his consideration. If you need additional information, please contact Richard Steffes at 266-0201. Mr. Steffes is available to answer any questions you may have in this matter.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

George
George E. Meyer
Secretary

Attach.

cc: Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Department of Administration

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 2001 FILE REF: P-1761
 TO: Governor Thompson
 FROM: George E. Meyer *George*
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Acquisition, Bernard Gruenke Irrevocable Trust No. 1 Tract, File # P-1761,
 Option Expires March 20, 2001

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Ice Age Trail
 Washington County

Grantor:

Bernard Gruenke Irrevocable Trust No. 1
 c/o Robert Gintoft, SIOR
 13400 Bishops Lane, Suite 100
 Brookfield, WI 53005

Acres: 117.0Price: \$1,350,000Appraised Value: \$1,053,000; \$1,800,000Interest: Purchase in fee.Improvements: None of Value

Location: The tract is located five miles southwest of the City of West Bend, in central Washington County.

Land Description: The subject area contains kettle and kame geologic structures with steep slopes and rolling hills.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
	Wooded Upland	67.0
	Cropland	45.0
	Wetland	5.0
	TOTAL	117.0

Zoning: AgriculturePresent Use: AgricultureProposed Use: Scenic Protection and Public RecreationTenure: More than 25 yearsProperty Taxes: \$1,981.00Option Date: December 20, 2000

2. JUSTIFICATION:

The 117-acre Gruenke Trust tract is proposed for purchase to establish a critical parcel in the Cedar Lake segment of the Ice Age Trail in Washington County. The property will provide opportunities for public education and recreation, as well as allow for natural resource protection and management. It is located in the Town of Polk, Washington County. It is also situated immediately adjacent to the Village of Slinger, a community experiencing substantial growth.

In 1987, the Wisconsin Legislature passed legislation that established the Ice Age State Scenic Trail as a state project and directed the Department to develop a trail to promote public awareness and appreciation of Wisconsin's glacial heritage, to preserve and protect significant glacial features and other natural and cultural features associated with the period of glaciation, and to provide a continuous off-road trail for recreational use. The Ice Age Trail is a cooperative project with the U.S. Park Service, the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation and its various volunteer groups around the state, and some counties through which the trail passes. The trail, when completed, will run through much of Wisconsin from Door County south through the Kettle Moraine to Janesville and then north through Devil's Lake State Park to northwestern Wisconsin. Segments of the trail have been developed by the Ice Age Trail Foundation in several locations and on lands owned by the Department. Management, development and maintenance is shared between the Department and the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation.

The Gruenke Estate property contains significant geological features. Cover types on the parcel include 45 acres of tilled land, 5 acres of wetland and a small pond, and 67 acres of upland woodlands, with 12 or more acres of larger oaks and maples. The parcel lies within the Mid-Kettle Moraine Corridor, an area recently identified as a priority acquisition area in the new Stewardship legislation, and is part of the "Polk Kames", a system of dramatic topographic relief features created by receding glaciers. The "Polk Kames" are one of the most important kame fields in Wisconsin, outside of those found in the current Kettle Moraine State Forest boundary. Parts or all of at least five kames are located on the Gruenke Estate property, which has a total topographic relief exceeding 100 feet. The Department intends to either trade or sell the westerly 36 acres of agricultural land for farming use only or convey title to a Non Profit Conservation Organization (NCO) with restrictions and/or deed covenants to maintain adequate conservation protection and use limitations. Both hunting rights and trail rights will be retained by the Department.

The Natural Resources Board approved this transaction on January 24, 2001. The Board directed that the parcel be designated as a Recreation Area so that the public could use it for hunting as well as other public uses.

In 1996 the Natural Resources Board approved the Washington County Ice Age Trail corridor. The "Polk Kames", which includes the Gruenke Estate parcel, are within this approved acquisition boundary. In 1997, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission identified the southern mesic and dry-mesic hardwoods on the Gruenke Estate property as part of a biotic natural area of local significance (NA-3). Acquisition will protect the unique geological and natural features of the property, as well as provide a critical corridor for the establishment of a segment of the Ice Age Trail corridor for public recreation.

Purchase of the property is recommended to protect the natural character and features of the area, to provide opportunities for public recreation including the establishment and maintenance of a critical segment of the Ice Age Trail, to provide natural resource protection and to allow natural resource management.

3. FINANCING:

State Stewardship bond (50%) and Federal Land and Water Conservation (50%) funds are anticipated for the land being acquired for the Ice age Trail:

	Funds allotted to program:	Balance after proposed transaction:
Stewardship Bond:	\$3,600,000	\$1,831,950
Cost Share:	\$2,000,000	\$785,000

Funding sources are based on the following cost breakdown:

Federal Funds:	\$589,000	
State Funds:	\$661,000	
Gift Funds:	\$100,000	
Purchase price for 117 acres:		\$1,350,000
Deed restricted sale of 36 acres:		-\$72,000
Net cost for 81 acres in fee and 36 acres PDR:		\$1,278,000
Miscellaneous costs (estimate):	\$11,650	

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE ICE AGE TRAIL:

Established: 1988
Acres Purchased to Date: 3,298.15
Acquisition Goal: 233.03 Acres*
Percent Complete: 1,415%
Cost to Date: \$2,088,580

*An acreage goal increase is needed to accommodate acreage already purchased by the state and for future expected land purchases. This goal modification will be recommended to the Natural Resources Board in a separate transmittal early in 2001.

5a. WEINHOLD APPRAISAL:

Appraiser: Dennis Weinhold (Private Appraiser)
Valuation Date: June 7, 2000
Appraised Value: \$1,053,000
Highest and Best Use: Division into estate-sized parcels for residential

Allocation of Values:

- a. land: 117 acres @ \$9,000 per acre: \$1,053,000
- b. market data approach used, seven comparable sales cited
- c. adjusted value range: \$7,000 to \$13,000 per acre

Appraisal Review: Ron Olson — July 13, 2000

5b. STILOSKI APPRAISAL:

Appraiser: Steve Stiloski (Private Appraiser)
Valuation Date: June 6, 2000
Appraised Value: \$1,800,000
Highest and Best Use: Low-Density Residential Subdivision

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes *RES/effes*

1-2-01
Date

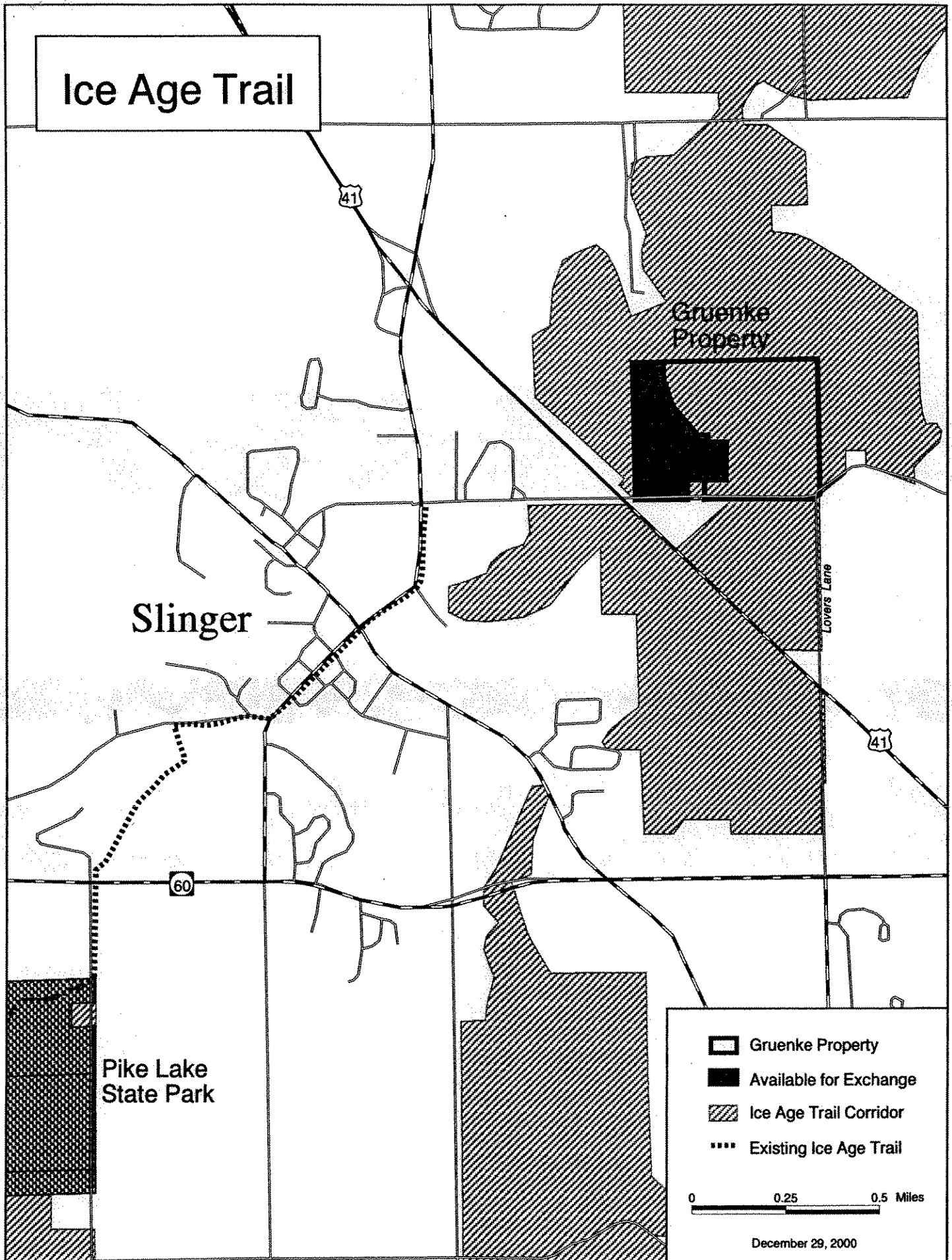
Bureau of Legal Services *Richard Hermann*

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Steven W. Miller *Steven W. Miller*

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Ice Age Trail

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Gruenke Property

Slinger

Lovers Lane

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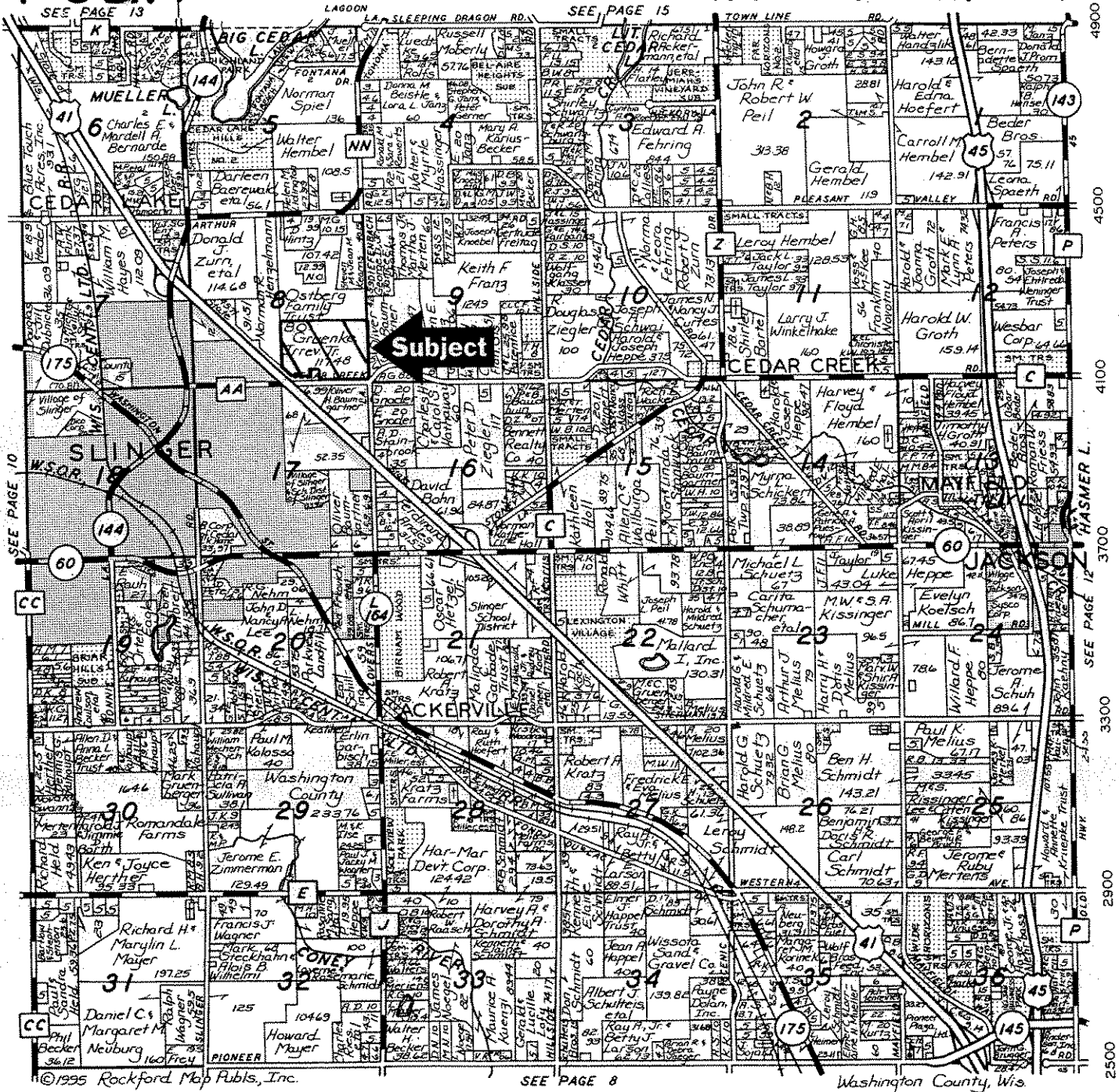
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Pike Lake State Park

- Gruenke Property
- Available for Exchange
- Ice Age Trail Corridor
- Existing Ice Age Trail

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December 29, 2000



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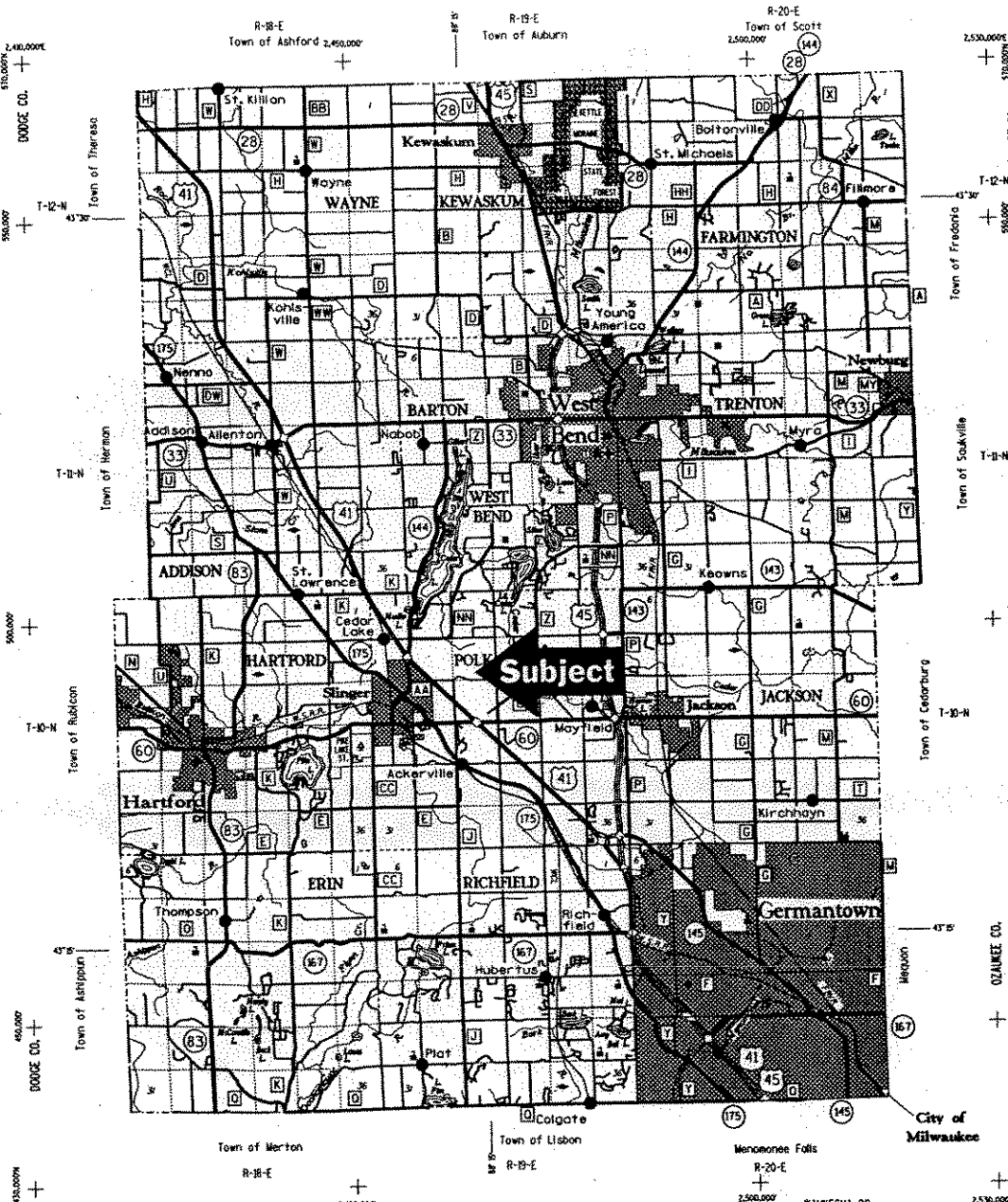
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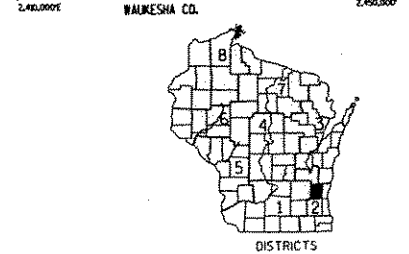
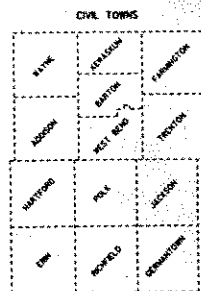
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- Firelane
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- Highway Separation
- Interstate Highway No.
- U.S. Highway No.
- State Highway No.
- County Highway Letter
- Railroad
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Civil Town Boundary
- Section Line
- Corporate Limits
- Nat'l. & State Forest Bndry
- Dam
- Hospital
- Schools
- Airport
- County Seat
- Unincorporated Village
- Fish Hatchery
- Game Farm
- Public Hunt or Fish Grds.
- Public Camp & Picnic Grds.
- Ranger Station
- State Park
- County Park
- Wayside
- Univ. of Wis. Center - Washington Co.

For boundaries of public hunting and fishing grounds please contact the Department of Natural Resources



MILES OF HIGHWAY as of Jan. 1, 1951

STATE	190
COUNTY	87
LOCAL ROADS	923
OTHER ROADS	4
TOTAL FOR COUNTY	134

Land Area 428 sq. mi.
Population 84,848
County Seat West Bend

TOWNSHIP NUMBERING

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
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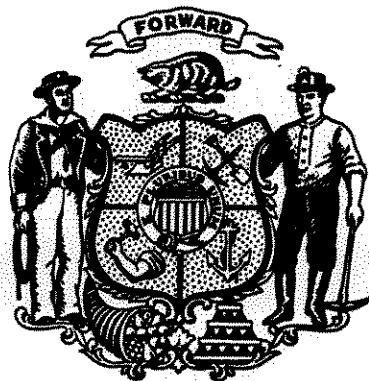
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 21, 2001

Secretary Raymond G. Boland
Department of Veterans Affairs
30 West Mifflin Street
P.O. Box 7843
Madison, WI 53707-7843

Dear Secretary Boland:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed your February 2, 2001, request submitted under s. 45.351(1) of the statutes for increased expenditure authority of \$187,700 SEG in 2000-01 for the Subsistence Aid Grant Program.

No objections to this request have been raised. Accordingly, the request is approved with the understanding that the additional funding is provided on a one-time basis. The Department's continuing funding needs for this program will be addressed as part of this Committee's deliberations on the biennial budget.

Sincerely,

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BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

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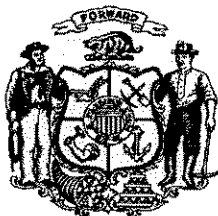
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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
Bob Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Vicky LaBelle, Department of Administration

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval

Date: February 5, 2001

Attached is a copy of a request from the Department of Veterans Affairs, received February 5, 2001, for increased spending authority for the Subsistence Aid Grant Program. The request is submitted pursuant to s. 45.351 (1), Stats., which requires 14-day passive review and approval of the request by the Joint Committee on Finance.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Wednesday, February 21, 2001**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to discuss it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachment

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Scott McCallum, Governor
Raymond G. Boland, Secretary

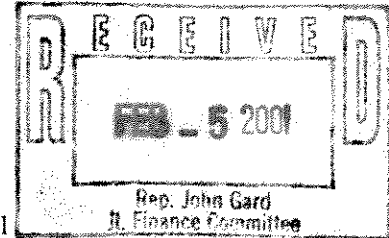
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FAX: (608) 267-0403

February 2, 2001

The Honorable Brian J. Burke
Senate Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 316 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

The Honorable John Gard
Assembly Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 315 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702



Dear Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is requesting increased spending authority in the amount of \$187,700 in appropriation 264 for the Subsistence Aid Grant Program. The Department is requesting the increased spending authority under the Joint Committee on Finance's 14-day passive review approval, as provided by s. 45.351 (1), Stats.

S. 45.351 (1), Stats, authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to grant subsistence aid to any veteran or to any dependent of a veteran in an amount that the Department determines is advisable to prevent want or distress. The Subsistence Aid Grant Program provides temporary, emergency financial aid when there is a loss of income due to illness, disability or death. The grants may be used for items such as housing, food, utilities, basic transportation and health insurance premiums. The grant is limited to a maximum of three months of aid within a 12-month period unless the Department determines the need for aid in excess of the maximum time period is caused by the aid recipient's relapse.

The Department's current annual spending authority for this program is \$300,600. The demand for the program for the first six months of the current fiscal year has been \$222,375, which is an increase of 43.69 percent over the demand for the same period in FY 00. Assuming that the level of increase will be constant for the remainder of FY 01, the total projected demand is estimated to be \$488,300 (FY 00 expenditures of \$339,800 increased by 43.69%). The requested additional expenditure authority of \$187,700 is equal to \$488,300 minus the \$300,600 of authorized funding for FY 01. The requested amount of funds should be sufficient to cover all of the demand for the remainder of the fiscal year.

I am attaching a worksheet that shows how the Department projected the amount of funds being requested. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Cocroft at 266-2256.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's request.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Raymond G. Boland
Secretary

cc: Bob Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Richard Chandler, Department of Administration

S. 16.515 REQUEST

SUBSISTENCE AID GRANT INCREASE IN SPENDING AUTHORITY

1. Total FY 01 Expenditures Through Dec 31, 2000	222,375
2. Total FY 00 Expenditures Through Dec 31, 1999	154,757
3. Percentage Increase over FY 00	43.69 %
4. Total FY 00 Expenditures	339,800
5. Total Projected Need for FY 01 (Line # 4 increased by 43.69 %)	488,300
6. Current Spending Authority	300,600
7. Requested Increase in Spending Authority	187,700

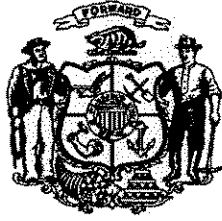
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 27, 2001

Secretary George Lightbourn
Department of Administration
101 E. Wilson Street, 10th Floor
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Secretary Lightbourn:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed your request, received February 7, 2001, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., pertaining to a request from the Department of Workforce Development.

No objections have been raised to this request. Therefore, the request is approved.

Sincerely,

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BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of John G. Gard in black ink.

JOHN G. GARD
Assembly Chair

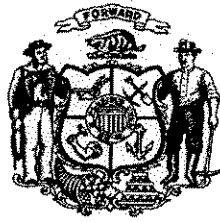
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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
Secretary Jennifer Reinert, Dept. of Workforce Development
Robert Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Finance

Re: s. 16.515/16.505, Stats. Request

Date: February 7, 2001

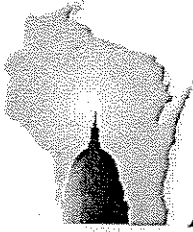
Attached is a copy of a request from the Department of Administration, received February 7, 2001, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., pertaining to a request from the Department of Workforce Development.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Monday, February 26, 2001**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachment

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**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION**

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GOVERNOR

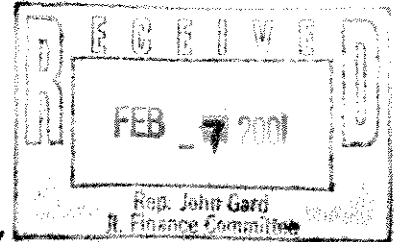
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Fax (608) 267-3842
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Date: February 7, 2001
To: The Honorable Brian Burke, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance

The Honorable John Gard, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
From: George Lightbourn, Secretary
Department of Administration
Subject: S. 16.515/16.505(2) Request(s)

George Lightbourn



Enclosed are request(s) that have been approved by this department under the authority granted in s. 16.515 and s. 16.505(2). The explanation for each request is included in the attached materials. Listed below is a summary of each item:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>		<u>2000-01</u>	
		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
DWD 20.445(2)(ha)	Worker's compensation operations			\$ 44,200	

As provided in s. 16.515, the request(s) will be approved on February 28, 2001, unless we are notified prior to that time that the Joint Committee on Finance wishes to meet in formal session about any of the requests.

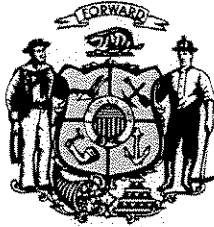
Please contact Vicky LaBelle at 266-1072, or the analyst who reviewed the request in the Division of Executive Budget and Finance, if you have any additional questions.

Attachments

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
101 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin

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GEORGE LIGHTBOURN
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Date: January 31, 2001

To: George Lightbourn, Secretary
Department of Administration

From: Joshua Hummert *JH*

Subject: Request Under s. 16.515 from the Department of Workforce Development for the Labor and Industry Review Commission.

REQUEST:

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) requests a \$44,200 increase in expenditure authority on the supplies and services line in the agency's PR appropriation under s. 20.445 (2)(ha).

REVENUE SOURCES FOR APPROPRIATION(S):

Funds to support this increase will come from fees assessed upon insurance companies. The Labor and Industry Review Commission (LIRC) charges insurance companies to recover the costs associated with contested worker's compensation (WC) claims that the Commission reviews.

BACKGROUND:

In disputed WC cases, the first step towards the resolution of a case is a hearing before an administrative law judge (ALJ) in DWD. If any party involved in a disputed case is unhappy with the ALJ's decision, a petition for review may be submitted to LIRC within 21 days of the decision. Upon receiving a petition for review, LIRC will administratively review the record of the case. Following this review, LIRC will either affirm, reverse, set aside, or modify the ALJ's decisions, or direct the taking of additional evidence. LIRC assesses fees on insurance companies to fund administrative costs associated with reviewing WC cases.

When DWD submitted its 2000-2001 biennial budget request on September 15, 1998, the department predicted reduced revenue from insurance company fee collections. As a result, DWD requested a reduction of \$14,200 PR in FY00 and a reduction of \$45,300 PR in FY01. The request was approved and became part of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9. Revenue from WC hearings did not significantly decrease, however, and DWD is now requesting that the supplies and services budget be increased back to FY99 levels.

George Lightbourn, Secretary
Department of Administration
01/31/01
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ANALYSIS:

This appears to be a reasonable request. First, the request will not be an additional burden on WC insurance companies since, according to DWD, the current LIRC fee will provide sufficient revenue to cover these costs. In addition, if this request is denied, it would result in significant hardships for LIRC. The LIRC received \$29,400 PR in expenditure authority in FY01 for supplies and services. LIRC, however, will spend \$21,800 in FY01 on rent. Denying of this request would leave LIRC only \$7,600 on the supplies and services line to cover items such as IT services, general supplies, postage (a significant cost given the volume of mail that LIRC handles), equipment maintenance, and training. LIRC expects to be charged \$24,200, or 33% of LIRC's total supplies and services budget if this request is approved, for general ASD services.

Approving this request will increase LIRC's supplies and services spending authority to \$73,600 PR, which should be enough to cover rent, ASD charges and other supplies and services costs. As of December 31, 2000, LIRC had collected \$20,000 more in revenue than it had in December 31, 1999. Since LIRC's authority only decreased by \$14,200 PR in FY00, the additional revenue already collected would cover the difference in expenditure authority between FY00 and FY01.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the request.

cc: Rick Chandler
John Montgomery
Bob Hanle

Tommy G. Thompson
Governor

David B. Falstad
Chairman



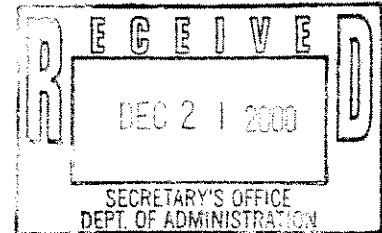
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State of Wisconsin
Labor and Industry Review Commission

December 5, 2000

CC BH
JH

George Lightbourn, Secretary
Department of Administration
101 East Wilson Street, 10th Floor
Madison, WI 53702



Dear Secretary Lightbourn:

The Labor and Industry Review Commission (LIRC) requests approval by the Department of Administration and the Joint Committee on Finance under s. 16.515(1) for increased expenditure authority of \$44,200 in SFY01 in PR Appropriation 229, 20.445 (2)(ha), Workers Compensation Operations.

The current funding level for supplies and services does not meet the needs of LIRC for the current fiscal year 01. Wisconsin Act 9, as a result of an administrative error, reduced the LIRC supplies and services budget by 60%. This request addresses the error by returning the LIRC supplies and services budget to the level of the base year amount.

The attached supplemental funding request describes in more detail the specific needs. Should your staff have any questions about this request, please contact Tom Smith, DWD Budget Director at 266-7895.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David B. Falstad".

David B. Falstad
Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
FOR
LABOR INDUSTRIAL REVIEW COMMISSION

Supplemental Funding Request Under s.16.515
December 2000

Request

Under the emergency funding provisions of s.16.515, the Labor Industrial Review Commission (LIRC) requests approval of an increase in expenditure authority in PR Appropriation 229, 20.445(2)(ha), Workers Compensation Operations, of \$44,200 in SFY01. The current funding level for supplies and services does not meet the needs of the organization. This request is to cover LIRC costs associated with supplies and services. The request is to increase the supplies and services line to the base funding level.

Revenue Source for Appropriation

LIRC receives funding from the Workers Compensation Division. An administrative cost assessment, issued annually by the Worker's Compensation Division in accordance with s. 102.75 to all insurance carriers and self-insured employers conducting business in Wisconsin, provides the revenues needed to fund the department's fiscal year costs of administering the worker's compensation program, includes LIRC.

Problem

LIRC does not have sufficient supplies and services expenditure authority in Chapter 20.445(2)(ha), appropriation 229, to cover costs for SFY01. Wisconsin Act 9 due to an administrative error reduced the LIRC supplies and services budget by 60%. The transfer of revenue for appropriation 129 to appropriation 229 for the biennial budget increased by \$35,000.

Summary

In order for the Labor Industrial Review Commission to meet its supplies and services expenditures, a one-time increase in expenditure authority of \$44,200 in SFY01 is needed in PR Appropriation 229, 20.445(2)(ha), Workers Compensation Operations.

Without additional expenditure authority, the Labor Industrial Review Commission will have to reduce hearing provided to the Workers Compensation Division.