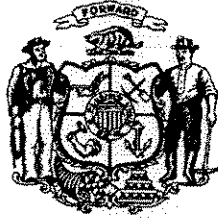


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

November 3, 2000

Secretary George Lightbourn
Department of Administration
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Dear Secretary Lightbourn:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed your request, received October 16, 2000, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., pertaining to a request from the Department of Justice.

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

Sincerely,

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BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

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JOHN G. GARD
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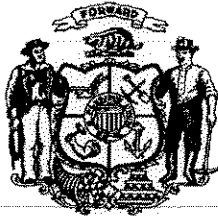
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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: October 16, 2000

Attached is a copy of a request from the Department of Administration, received October 16, 2000, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., pertaining to a request from the Department of Justice.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Thursday, November 2, 2000**, 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.

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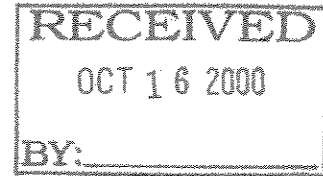
Date: October 16, 2000

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)




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>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>2000-01</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
DOJ 20.455(2)(kd)	Drug law enforcement and crime laboratories			\$ 718,100	

As provided in s. 16.515, the request(s) will be approved on November 6, 2000, 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

CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUMSTATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Administration**Date:** October 2, 2000**To:** George Lightbourn, Secretary
Department of Administration**From:** Andrew J. Statz, Budget Analyst 
State Budget Office**Subject:** Request under s. 16.515 to accelerate the expansion of the DNA databank**Request:**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) requests an increase of \$718,100 for FY01 to accelerate the expansion of the DNA databank to include all felons currently in institutions.

Revenue Sources for Appropriation:

DOJ requests an increase to its PR-S annual appropriation under s. 20.455 (2)(kd), *Drug law enforcement and crime laboratories*. Revenue to fund this appropriation comes from the \$5 crime lab and drug law enforcement assessment under s. 165.755. This \$5 fee generated over \$3.4 million in FY00.

Analysis:

During the 1999-2001 budget deliberations, the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) expanded the DNA databank to include all convicted felons, not just convicted sex offenders. As a result of the provision, all felons released on parole, placed on probation, released on extended supervision, or in prison on or after January 1, 2000, are required to provide a DNA sample. Because it would have been cost prohibitive to sample all current felons immediately, the expansion of the DNA databank was initially focused on felons who were leaving the institutions.

To fund this increase, JCF increased the crime laboratories and drug law enforcement surcharge under s. 165.755 from \$4 to \$5. Revenues in this account have been high enough to support the accelerated expansion of the DNA databank to include all felons currently in institutions.

Under the request, DOJ would be able to collect samples from approximately 36,000 felons at \$40 per sample. This would cover estimations of all felons currently in institutions, placed on probation, and entering the prison system as estimated by the Department of Corrections.

The request includes funding for two LTEs for a period of six months. The expansion outlined in the 1999-2001 budget provision did not provide funding for LTEs. However, the original expansion efforts estimated that 11,300 felons would be tested in FY01. The acceleration to collect 36,000 samples will require additional effort to properly track samples to avoid the costly duplication of DNA testing.

DOJ has indicated that "the adjusted base should be adequate to cover the ongoing costs associated with the estimated 14,000 samples" that will be taken annually after FY01. Accordingly, this request will not be built into DOJ's base under s. 20.455 (2)(kd) through the 30-Day Report process under s. 16.517.

Recommendation:

Approve the request as a one-time expenditure. This approval does not constitute the commitment of current or future GPR funding or position authority. Such approval can only be obtained through the biennial budget process.



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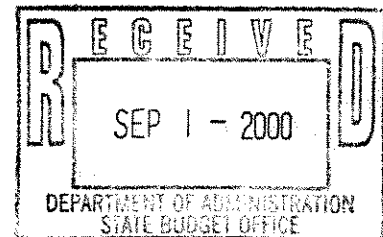
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August 30, 2000

Richard G. Chandler
State Budget Director
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Dear Mr. Chandler:

Under § 16.515, Wis. Stats., the Department of Justice requests an increase of \$718,100 for FY01 in the Program Revenue appropriation under § 20.455(2)(kd) – *Drug law enforcement and crime laboratories* to expand DNA testing of all felons currently incarcerated.

BACKGROUND

Under 1999 Act 9 (the '99-'01 Biennial Budget Act), the legislature provided statutory authority and \$409,400 PR in FY00 and \$788,700 PR in FY01 for the department to allow for DNA testing of all felons released from prison and all felons placed on probation, beginning January 1, 2000. Prior to that date, only serious sex offenders entering the correctional system were required to give DNA samples.

It is now anticipated that the Department of Justice, with the complete support and cooperation of the Department of Corrections, will accelerate the DNA testing program to include one-time testing of all inmates in Wisconsin correctional facilities, state prisoners held in out-of-state correctional facilities, and all inmates entering the prison system. This initiative will expedite the expansion of the state's DNA databank to include all felons in the correctional system as of January 1, 2000 and those released on probation or parole after that date. The departments can begin the sampling of all incarcerated felons as soon as practicable following legislative approval.

ANALYSIS

Under § 165.76(2)(b)2, Wis. Stats., the state has the authority to collect DNA specimens from felons at the time of release from prison, or at any time they are incarcerated in prison. No statutory changes would be needed to allow expanding DNA testing to all felons currently in prison.

Richard G. Chandler
State Budget Director
August 30, 2000
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Department of Corrections estimates of prison admissions, prison releases and felony probationers suggest that approximately 36,000 felons would be tested in FY01 under the new sampling protocol. The estimated number of samples required annually in FY02 and beyond is expected to be approximately 14,000. During budget deliberations, it was estimated that the cost per DNA test would be \$64.50. That estimate has now been reduced to a more accurate \$40 per test. As a result, the costs of DNA testing in FY01 would be:

DNA Analysis and Kits	\$1,440,000
Specimen Coll. Specialist	44,029
S/S for position	1,200
2 LTE for 6 months	<u>21,600</u>
Total for DOJ	\$1,506,829
Amt. Appr. In Act 9	<u>788,700</u>
Addtl. Funding needed	\$ 718,129

The previous budget's expenditure authority for FY00 for the Department of Justice was sufficient to begin the testing of felons being released from prison or placed on probation or parole. However, higher costs associated with the testing of all incarcerated felons in FY01 requires an increase of \$718,100 in spending authority for DOJ.

REVENUE SOURCES FOR APPROPRIATION

Under the previous biennial budget, the *crime laboratories and drug law enforcement assessment* was increased by \$1, from \$4 to \$5, to fund the increased costs of expanded DNA testing. This fee, along with a \$250 DNA surcharge, generates the revenues that fund the state's DNA databank.

Revenue being generated by the \$250 DNA surcharge totals approximately \$170,300 annually. The *crime laboratories and drug law enforcement assessment* generated over \$3.4 million in FY00. It is assumed that the full impact of the \$1 increase to this fee has not yet been realized. If one assumes a 5% increase in revenue for FY01, it appears that there will be sufficient program revenues to allow the requested increase in spending authority.

Your prompt attention to this request would be appreciated. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Monica Burkert-Brist
Administrator

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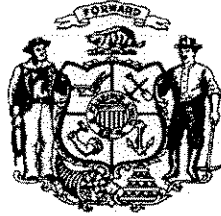


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

October 23, 2000

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

Dear Secretary Lightbourn:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed the University of Wisconsin System's 2000-01 plan for fee funded auxiliary reserve balances.

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

Sincerely,

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BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

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JOHN G. GARD
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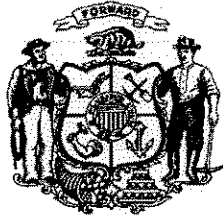
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard

Re: 14-Day Passive Review of Fee Funded Auxilliary Reserves

Date: October 4, 2000

Attached is a copy of a letter from the Secretary of Administration, received October 4, 2000, concerning a request from the University of Wisconsin System regarding the 2000-01 plan for fee funded auxilliary reserve balances. The Secretary has reviewed this plan and recommends that it be approved by the Committee.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Friday, October 20, 2000**, 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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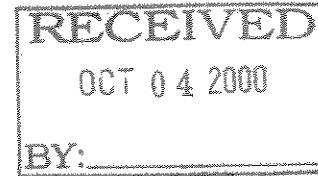
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September 27, 2000

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The Honorable John Gard, Assembly Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

Pursuant to s. 36.46, Wisconsin Statutes, enclosed is a request from the University of Wisconsin System to approve its fiscal year 2000-01 plan for fee funded auxiliary reserve balances. As amended by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, section 36.46 prohibits the Board of Regents from accumulating "any auxiliary reserve funds from student fees for any institution, or for the centers in aggregate, in any amount that exceeds an amount equal to 15% of the previous fiscal year's total revenues from student segregated fees", unless the reserve funds are approved by the Secretary of the Department of Administration and the Joint Committee on Finance.

UW System is requesting approval to accumulate reserve balances in excess of the 15% threshold in eleven of fourteen UW System institutions. The amount of reserve funds in excess of the 15% threshold they are proposing to accumulate is summarized in Table 1, presented below. For campuses with excess reserves, the amounts are expected to vary from 15.7% at Eau Claire to 41% at Superior. For all campuses, FY01 auxiliary reserve balances are expected to equal 15.7% of FY00 auxiliary revenues, only slightly above the 15% threshold.

UW institutions are required to maintain a rolling five-year auxiliary operations plan, which is used to determine future funding needs and to project appropriate reserve balances. UW System policy requires that auxiliary reserve balances at all institutions be linked to specific programmatic and operating requirements. According to UW System, reserve funds are needed by UW institutions to meet various obligations:

- to meet debt service requirements;
- to ensure that equipment and facilities can be maintained, replaced, remodeled or refurbished as needed;
- to provide an operating cushion to offset short-term revenue losses or unanticipated expenditures; and
- to stabilize rate increases for students.

The planned uses of the reserve balances for the eleven campuses that are projecting balances in excess of the 15% threshold are detailed below (cost estimates are included where available):

- Milwaukee: Sandburg East addition.
- Eau Claire: Student Center remodeling (\$8.5 million).
- Green Bay: Residence Life replacement of roofs, windows, doors, vanities, shower stalls, valves, furniture and refrigerators; addition to Student Center and Event Center (total approximately \$20 million).
- La Crosse: Eagle Student Recreation Center Phase II (\$2.8 million).
- Oshkosh: Student Center addition and renovation (\$19.5 million).
- Parkside: Residence hall debt sinking fund; parking lot resurfacing.
- River Falls: New residence hall (\$9 million); improvements for new Student Center (\$20 million).
- Stevens Point: Residence hall rewiring, replacement of hot water tanks and furniture.
- Stout: Construction of new Recreation Complex (\$9 million).
- Superior: Remodeling food service area of the Rothwell Student Center (\$2.5 million); construction of Health and Wellness Center (\$18 million).
- Colleges: Related to student-controlled activities.

Table 1

INSTITUTION	FY00 Actual Revenue	FY01 Planned Reserve Balance	Planned Reserve as % of FY00 Revenue	Amount in Excess of 15% Threshold
Milwaukee	\$29,257,956	\$4,956,596	16.9%	\$567,902
Eau Claire	\$20,746,790	\$3,260,382	15.7%	\$148,364
Green Bay	\$7,304,567	\$2,783,471	38.1%	\$1,687,786
La Crosse	\$16,840,913	\$3,518,132	20.9%	\$991,995
Oshkosh	\$17,547,546	\$3,931,983	22.4%	\$1,299,851
Parkside	\$6,938,876	\$1,265,926	18.2%	\$225,095
River Falls	\$10,463,573	\$3,801,045	36.3%	\$2,231,509
Stevens Point	\$18,078,952	\$3,102,097	17.2%	\$390,254
Stout	\$20,181,686	\$3,840,850	19.0%	\$813,597
Superior	\$3,594,353	\$1,474,432	41.0%	\$935,270
Colleges	\$2,532,730	\$594,520	23.5%	\$214,611

Senator Brian Burke
Representative John Gard
September 22, 2000
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Three campuses have planned relatively high reserve balances with respect to prior year's revenues - Green Bay, River Falls, and Superior (although the total dollar amount in excess of the 15% threshold is fairly low for Superior, at \$935,270). The schools are planning relatively high reserve balances to meet the costs associated with upcoming projects. Details concerning those projects and associated costs are outlined on the previous page.

The net effect of this plan is to decrease the auxiliary reserves balance (by \$7.2 million) below the July 1, 2000 actual balance of \$47,545,636, to an estimated \$40,349,499 by June 30, 2001. The actual auxiliary reserve balance reported at the close of FY00, \$47,545,636, was approximately \$10.7 million higher than the projected balance that was approved for that year.

The variance can be attributed to a number of factors that complicate the estimation of institutional auxiliary reserves. These factors include planned and unanticipated project deferrals, unanticipated program growth, and conservative fund administration by campus officials in an effort to avoid deficit situations that could force higher than anticipated student fee increases. The deferral of major projects at Milwaukee, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Stevens Point and Stout are significant elements of the variance between FY00 projected and actual balances.

UW System's current plan for student fee-funded reserves at those campuses that exceed the 15% threshold appears reasonable and therefore should be approved.

Sincerely,



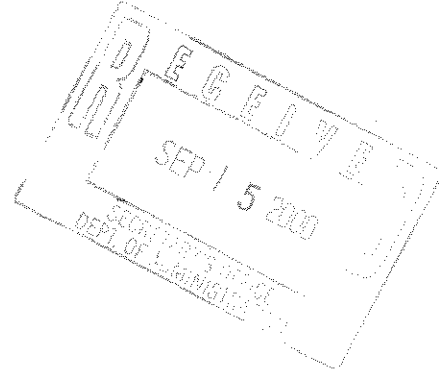
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September 15, 2000

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

George Lightbourn, Secretary
Department of Administration

Dear Senator Burke, Representative Gard and Secretary Lightbourn:

This letter requests approval of the UW System's 2000-2001 plan for student fee funded auxiliary reserve balances as required by section 36.46, Wisconsin Statutes:

The board may not accumulate any auxiliary reserve funds from student fees for any institution, or for the centers in aggregate, in an amount that exceeds an amount equal to 15% of the previous fiscal year's total revenues from student segregated fees and auxiliary operations funded from student fees for that institution, or for the centers in aggregate, unless the reserve funds are approved by the secretary of administration and the joint committee on finance under this subsection. A request by the board for such approval for any fiscal year shall be filed by the board with the secretary of administration and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance no later than September 15 of that fiscal year. The request shall include a plan specifying the amount of reserve funds the board wishes to accumulate and the purposes to which the reserve funds would be applied, if approved. Within 14 working days of receipt of the request, the secretary of administration shall notify the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance in writing of whether the secretary proposes to approve the reserve fund accumulation.

Reserve funds are needed to meet debt service requirements, to ensure that equipment and facilities can be maintained, replaced, remodeled or refurbished as needed, to provide an operating cushion to offset short-term revenue losses or unanticipated expenditures and to stabilize rate increases for students. Section 36.46 originally required approval of all student fee funded auxiliary reserve accumulations but was amended by the 1997-99 biennial budget bill to require approval of only reserve accumulations in excess of 15% of prior year revenues. UW System policy requires that institutional reserve levels be clearly linked to specific programmatic and operating needs detailed in a multi-year plan.

Attachment 1 shows planned reserves as of the end of 2000-2001 for all UW institutions and compares that amount to the reporting threshold (i.e., 15% of 1999-2000 revenues). Attachment 2 shows the planned use of these reserves for the eleven institutions that are projecting to end 2000-2001 with reserve balances above the 15% threshold. In almost every case reserves are being accumulated for major capital projects such as residence hall construction or renewal, equipment purchases or upgrades, and residence or food services infrastructure.

University of Wisconsin System
 Section 36.46 Report on Student Fee Funded Auxiliary Reserves
 Planned Use of 2000-2001 Balances Greater Than Threshold

Institution	Balance Greater Than Threshold	Planned Use of 2000-2001 Balances Greater Than Threshold
Milwaukee	567,902	Sandburg East addition
Eau Claire	148,364	Student Center remodeling (\$8.5 million)
Green Bay	1,687,786	Residence Life replacement of roofs, windows, doors, vanities, shower stalls, valves, furniture and refrigerators; addition to Student Center and Event Center.
LaCrosse	991,995	Eagle Student Recreation Center Phase II (\$2.8 million)
Oshkosh	1,299,851	Student Center addition and renovation (\$19.5 million)
Parkside	225,095	Residence hall debt sinking fund; parking lot resurfacing.
River Falls	2,231,509	New residence hall (\$9 million); student-approved recommendation for new Student Center (\$20 million)
Stevens Point	390,254	Residence hall rewiring, replacement of hot water tanks and furniture
Stout	813,597	Construction of new Recreation Complex (\$9 million)
Superior	935,279	Remodeling food service area of the Rothwell Student Center (\$2.5 million); construction of Health and Wellness Center (\$18 million)
Colleges	214,611	Related to student-controlled activities
TOTAL	8,938,340	

University of Wisconsin System
 Section 36.46 Report on Student Fee Funded Auxiliary Reserves
 Calculation of 15% Reporting Threshold

All Institutions	1999-2000 Actual Revenue	15% of 99-00 Actual Revenue (Threshold)	6/30/01 Planned Reserve Balance	Greater Than / (Less Than) Threshold
Madison	73,175,155	10,976,273	3,587,575	(7,388,698)
Milwaukee	29,257,956	4,388,693	4,956,596	567,902
Eau Claire	20,746,790	3,112,019	3,260,382	148,364
Green Bay	7,304,567	1,095,685	2,783,471	1,687,786
LaCrosse	16,840,913	2,526,137	3,518,132	991,995
Oshkosh	17,547,546	2,632,132	3,931,983	1,299,851
Parkside	6,938,876	1,040,831	1,265,926	225,095
Platteville	12,816,511	1,922,477	1,896,403	(26,074)
River Falls	10,463,573	1,569,536	3,801,045	2,231,509
Stevens Point	18,078,952	2,711,843	3,102,097	390,254
Stout	20,181,686	3,027,253	3,840,850	813,597
Superior	3,594,353	539,153	1,474,432	935,279
Whitewater	18,117,235	2,717,585	2,336,087	(381,498)
Colleges	2,532,730	379,909	594,520	214,611
TOTAL	257,596,844	38,639,527	40,349,499	1,709,973

With this report we request approval of the projected balances shown in Attachment 2. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this information.

Sincerely,

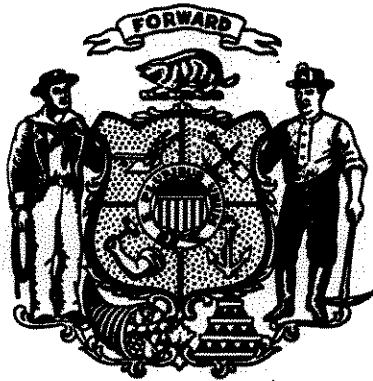


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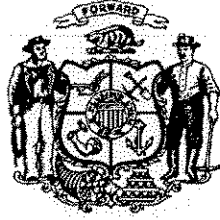


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

October 18, 2000

Secretary George Meyer
Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster, 5th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Secretary Meyer:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed your request, received on September 29, 2000, concerning the proposed 168 acre land purchase in Walworth County from Treebrook Corporation for \$937,200.

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

Sincerely,

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BRIAN BURKE
Senate Chair

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JOHN G. GARD
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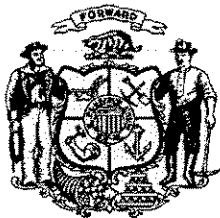
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Secretary George Meyer
Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster, 5th Floor
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Secretary Meyer:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed your request, received on September 29, 2000, concerning the proposed 240 acre land purchase in Adams County from Tracy Farms for \$530,000.

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 G. Gard in black ink.

JOHN G. GARD
Assembly Chair

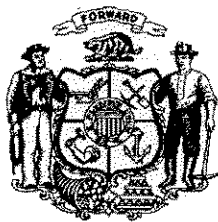
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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
Robert Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Vicky LaBelle, Department of Administration

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

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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: September 29, 2000

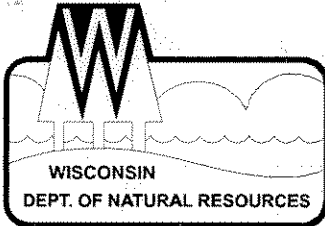
Re: 14 Day Passive Review/Land Purchase

Attached are copies of two requests from Secretary George Meyer, received on September 29, 2000, regarding a proposed 240 acre land purchase in Adams County from Tracy Farms, Inc. for \$530,000; and a proposed 168 acre land purchase in Walworth County from Treebrook Corporation for \$937,200. These requests are 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 these items and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Tuesday, October 17, 2000**, if you have any questions about these requests or would like the Committee to meet formally to consider them. If no objections are heard by that date, the requests will be approved.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

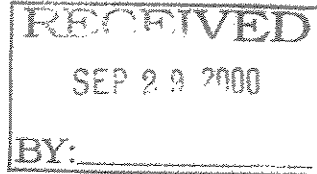
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IN REPLY REFER TO: SF-132 & SF-132E

SEP 29 2000

→ Honorable Brian Burke
Member State Senate
Room 316S
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 168-acre fee and 40-acre easement land purchase from Treebrook Corporation for \$937,200. 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 September meeting. The land is required for Public Recreation, Forestry Management and Protection.

The file number is SF-132 and SF-132E and the land is located in Walworth 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: August 30, 2000 FILE REF: SF-132
 TO: Governor Thompson
 FROM: George E. Meyer *George*
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Acquisition, Treebrook Corporation Tract, File # SF-132,
 Option Expires January 14, 2001

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit
 Walworth County

Grantor:

Treebrook Corporation
 c/o Donna Hand
 N8925 Tamarack Rd.
 Whitewater, WI 53190

Acres: 168.0 in fee; 40.0 in easement
Price: \$937,200 (\$745,200 fee; \$192,000 ease)
Appraised Values: \$937,200; \$1,621,000
Interest: Purchase in fee and easement.
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located ten miles north of the City of Elkhorn, in northern Walworth County.

Land Description: The subject area is a mix of open hayfields and steeply wooded Kettle Moraine land.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
	Wooded Upland	111.0
	Grassland	84.0
	Water	5.0
	Pine Plantation	8.0
	TOTAL	208.0

Zoning: Agricultural; Upland Resource Conservation; and Lowland Resource Conservation

Present Use: Rural Residential Estate Site

Proposed Use: Public Recreation, Forestry Management, and Protection

Tenure: More than 5 years

Property Taxes: \$4,055.00

Option Date: July 14, 2000

2. JUSTIFICATION:

The 208-acre Treebrook Corporation property is proposed for acquisition for forest management and natural resource protection, as well as for public recreation in the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit. This transaction consists of 168 acres of fee purchase and 40 acres being acquired under a conservation easement. Acquisition will allow for natural resource management and consolidate State ownership.

The Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit was established in 1936 to provide recreational opportunities in the southeastern portion of the State and to protect the natural and scenic values of the Kettle Moraine landscape. The property is used by the public for hunting, fishing, trapping, cross-country skiing, camping, hiking, and other outdoor recreation. In addition, the geologic and natural values of the area are used for research and education.

The project, an all-season property, is located in southeastern Wisconsin in Waukesha, Jefferson, and Walworth Counties. The forest is located about 35 miles west of Milwaukee, within 100 miles of five million people. Total attendance in 1996 was 1,179,000 making it one of Wisconsin's busiest state park/forests. KMSF-SU is heavily hunted; the forest consistently ranks as one of the top five DNR license outlets (first for field stations) in the state.

The Treebrook Corporation property is 208 acres in size, and is an outstanding example of Kettle Moraine topography. The transaction consists of 168.0 acres in fee surrounding approximately 57 acres, of which 40.0 acres will be acquired through a conservation easement.

There is a large estate-size house on the property that is to be carved out and will not be acquired with this transaction. The residence is located well off the neighboring roads resulting in a need for approximately 17 acres to accommodate the house and access driveway. The 40-acre conservation easement will provide a buffer zone around the house, while still protecting the property from development and subdivision and allowing for natural resource management.

The parcel is considered to be in a natural condition with very little disturbance by roads or unnatural landscape changes. There are numerous glacial Kettles on the tract that range from 100 to 1,000 feet across and 20-80 feet deep. The topographic diversity has resulted in various habitats and a wide range of plant and animal species. The three integrating biotypes include oak forest, prairie relics and savannas, and semi-permanent ponds.

This large tract will provide additional habitat for animal species in an area where habitat is rapidly being lost to residential development, and provide additional area for increased hunting opportunities for the public. The tract has nearly 111 acres of hardwoods, which would add to current state ownership to form a very large, contiguous block of hardwood forest. Research has found that large tracts of hardwood forests are important for breeding of forest interior bird species.

In particular, the site has the potential to support three state-threatened birds: the hooded warbler, cerulean warbler, and the Acadian fly catcher. These species have been found in other large blocks of oak woods within the state forest. Outside the Kettle Moraine forest, few woodland tracts of adequate size exist in southern Wisconsin suitable for nesting habitat for these and other forest interior birds. In addition, one state-endangered, one state-threatened, and five state-special concern species have historically been observed on this site.

Purchase of the Tree Brook tract would provide increased recreational and ecological study opportunities for forest visitors. The Nordic Hiking/Ski Trail currently crosses a corner of the property by means of a land use agreement with the landowner. Acquisition of this tract will protect the existing trail and provide the opportunities for improving the Nordic Hiking/Ski Trail system.

The Department of Natural Resources has long had an interest in acquiring the tract beginning in 1963 with continued efforts since that time. The property was appraised in 1985 and an offer made. However, efforts in negotiations with the former owner were unsuccessful. In January 2000, Mrs. Donna Hand of Treebrook Corporation contacted the Department and offered to sell approximately 168 acres in fee simple and 40 acres in easement.

State acquisition within the project boundary has been difficult in recent years due to increasing land prices and high area demand. Two private sales occurred this year on parcels located within the forest boundary. The Department attempted to acquire each, but ultimately was unsuccessful. The 50-acre parcel sold for \$10,000 per acre and the 40-acre parcel sold for \$7,375 per acre. These sales indicate the extraordinary value the state will receive with this transaction. The opportunity for acquisition of this parcel will not likely come again.

Acquisition of the Treebrook Corporation land is recommended to provide for public recreation, to prevent incompatible use, and to consolidate State ownership.

3. FINANCING:

State Stewardship bond funds are anticipated:

	Funds allotted to program:	Balance after proposed transaction
Stewardship Bond:	\$4,500,000	\$851,728

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE KETTLE MORAINNE STATE FOREST - SOUTHERN UNIT:

Established: 1936
Acres Purchased to Date: 20,533.23
Acquisition Goal: 29,085.0 Acres
Percent Complete: 70.6%
Cost to Date: \$10,671,384

5. APPRAISAL:

Appraiser: Richard Larkin (Private Appraiser)
Valuation Date: April 12, 2000
Appraised Value: \$937,200
Highest and Best Use: Rural Residential Development Land

Allocation of Values - Fee Purchase (168 acres):

- a. land: 168 acres @ 4,436 per acre: \$745,200
- b. market data approach used, five comparable sales cited
- c. adjusted value range: \$3,385 to \$5,477 per acre

Allocation of Values - Easement Purchase (40 acres):

Before value:	\$240,000
After Value:	\$48,000
Equals:	\$192,000

Fee:	\$745,200
Easement:	\$192,000
TOTAL:	\$937,200

Appraisal Review: Ron Olson -- June 6, 2000

Comments: Two appraisals were completed for this transaction. The first was by Philip Vander Male and Thomas Kilpatrick (Private Appraisers) on April 7, 2000 with a valuation of \$7,382 per acre for the fee purchase and \$6,750 per acre for the easement purchase for a total value of \$1,621,000. The second appraisal was completed by Richard Larkin (Private Appraiser) on April 12, 2000 with a valuation of \$4,400 per acre for the fee purchase and \$4,800 per acre for the easement purchase. The Reviewer, Ron Olson, approved the Richard Larkin appraisal as a basis of Just Compensation.

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes
Richard E. Steffes

8-23-00
Date

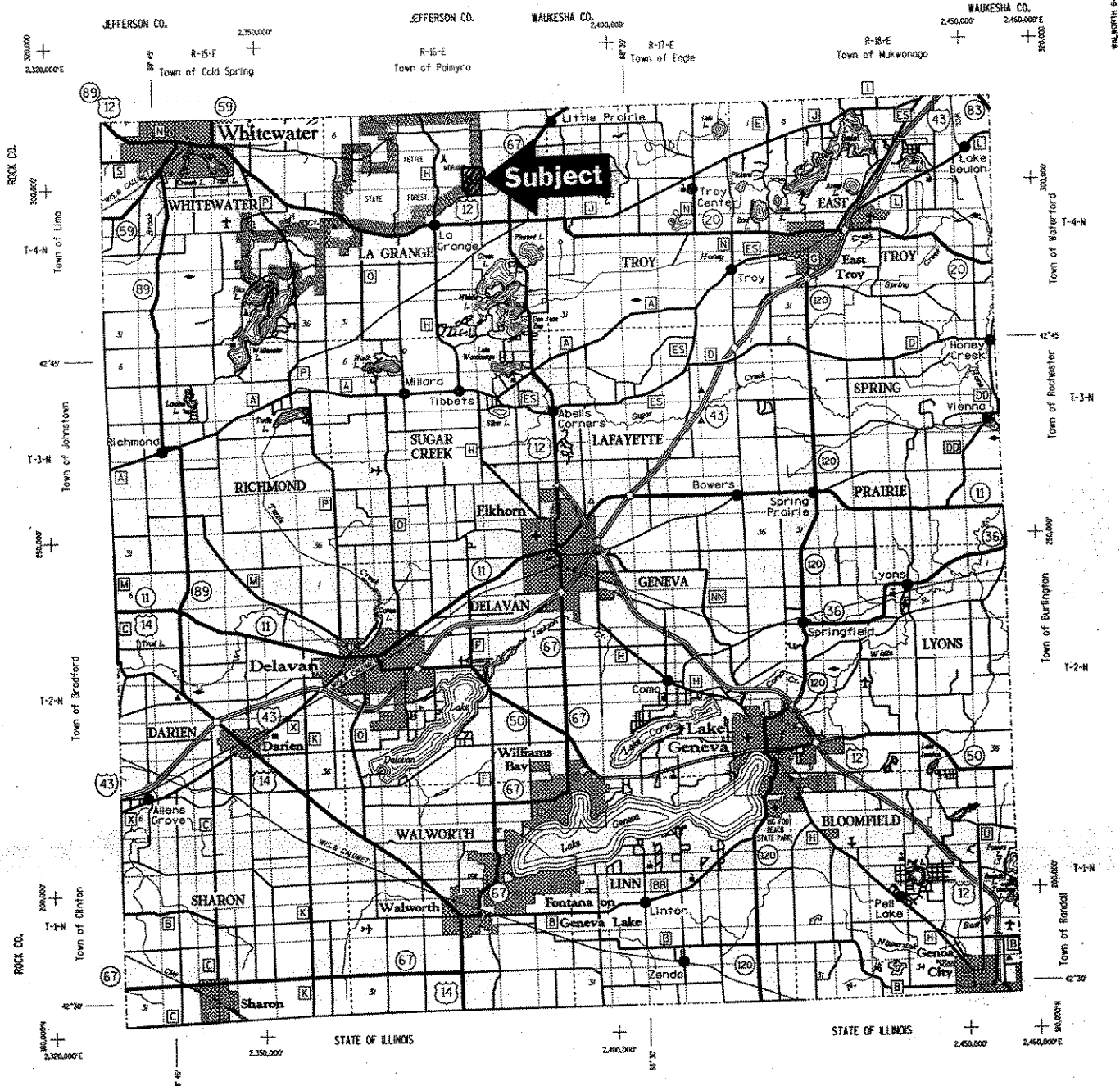
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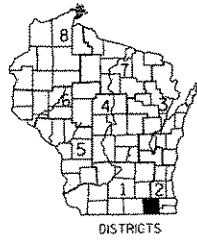
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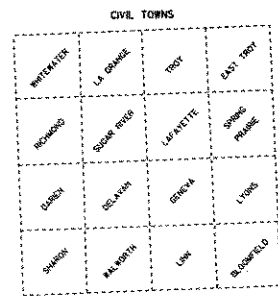


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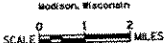
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STATE	315
COUNTY	200
LOCAL ROADS	1504
OTHER ROADS	7
TOTAL FOR COUNTY	1426

Land Area 565 Sq. Mi.
 Population 11,507
 County Seat Elkhorn

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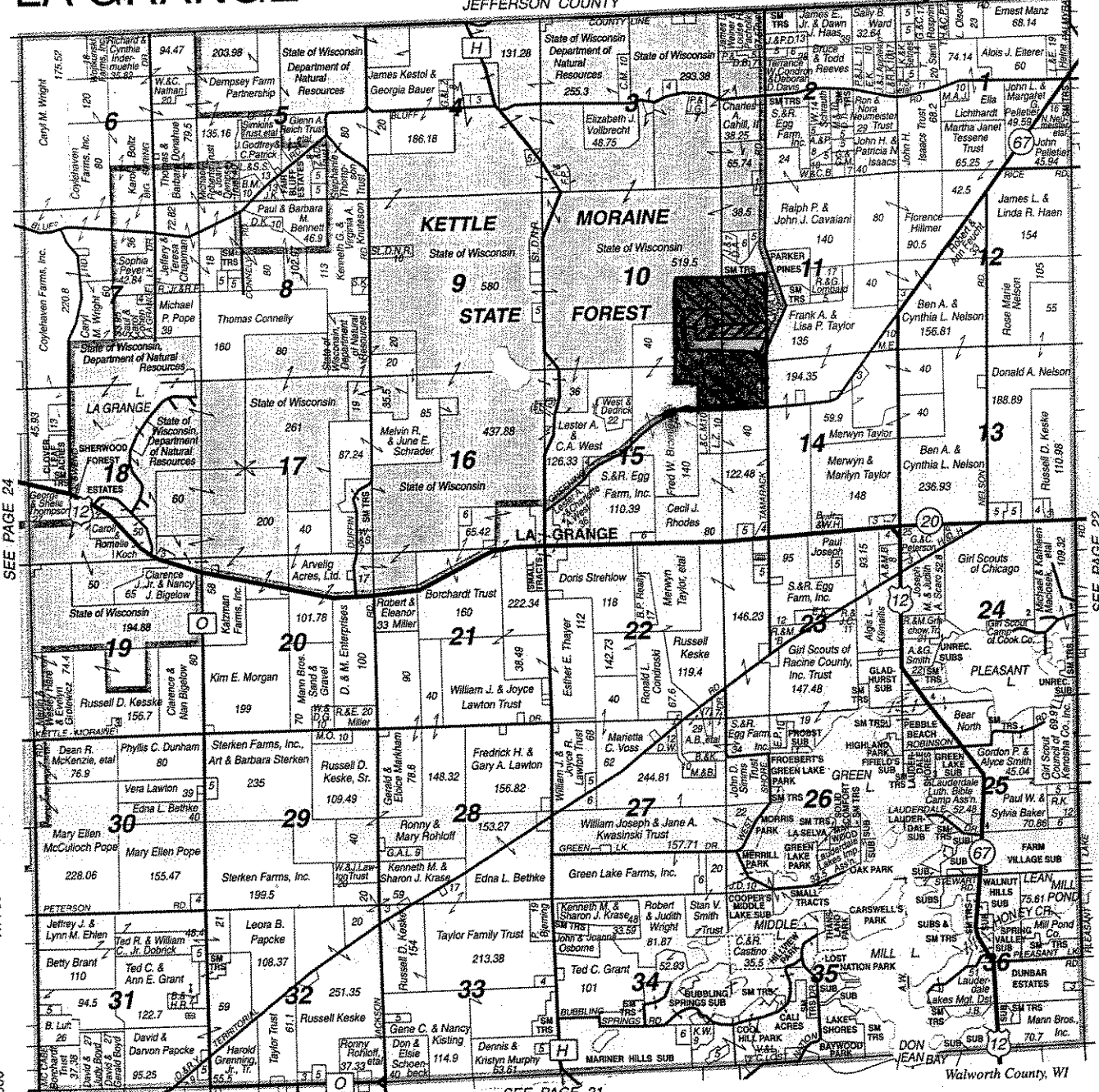
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Easement Purchase



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PROJECT BOUNDARY

ACREAGE GOAL

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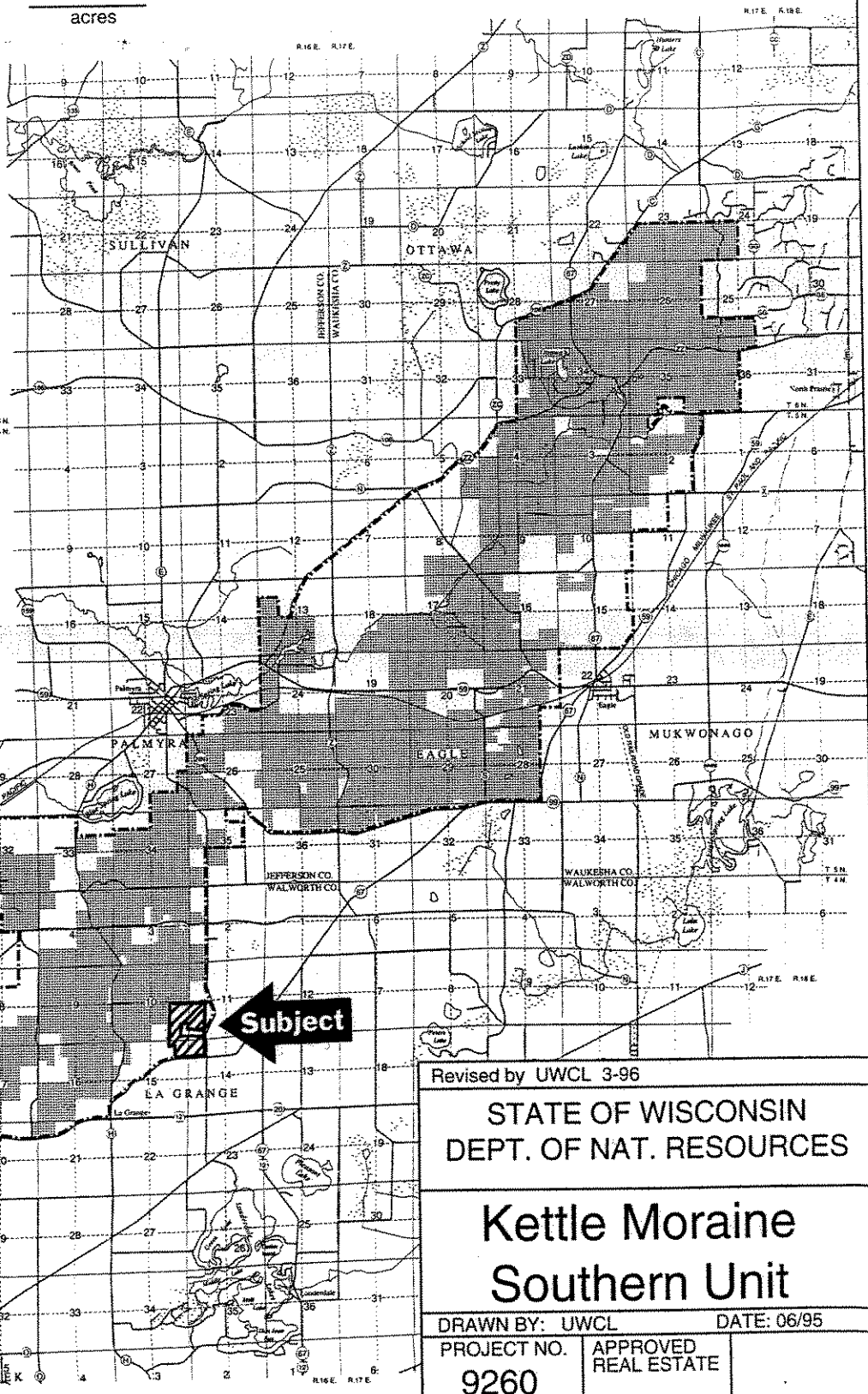
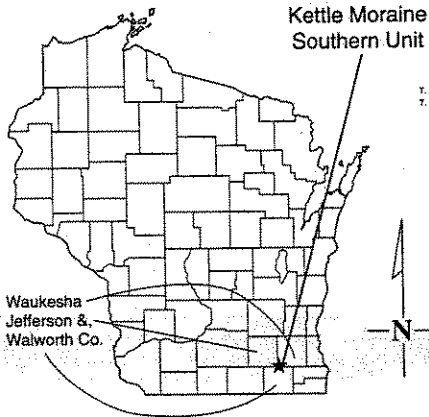
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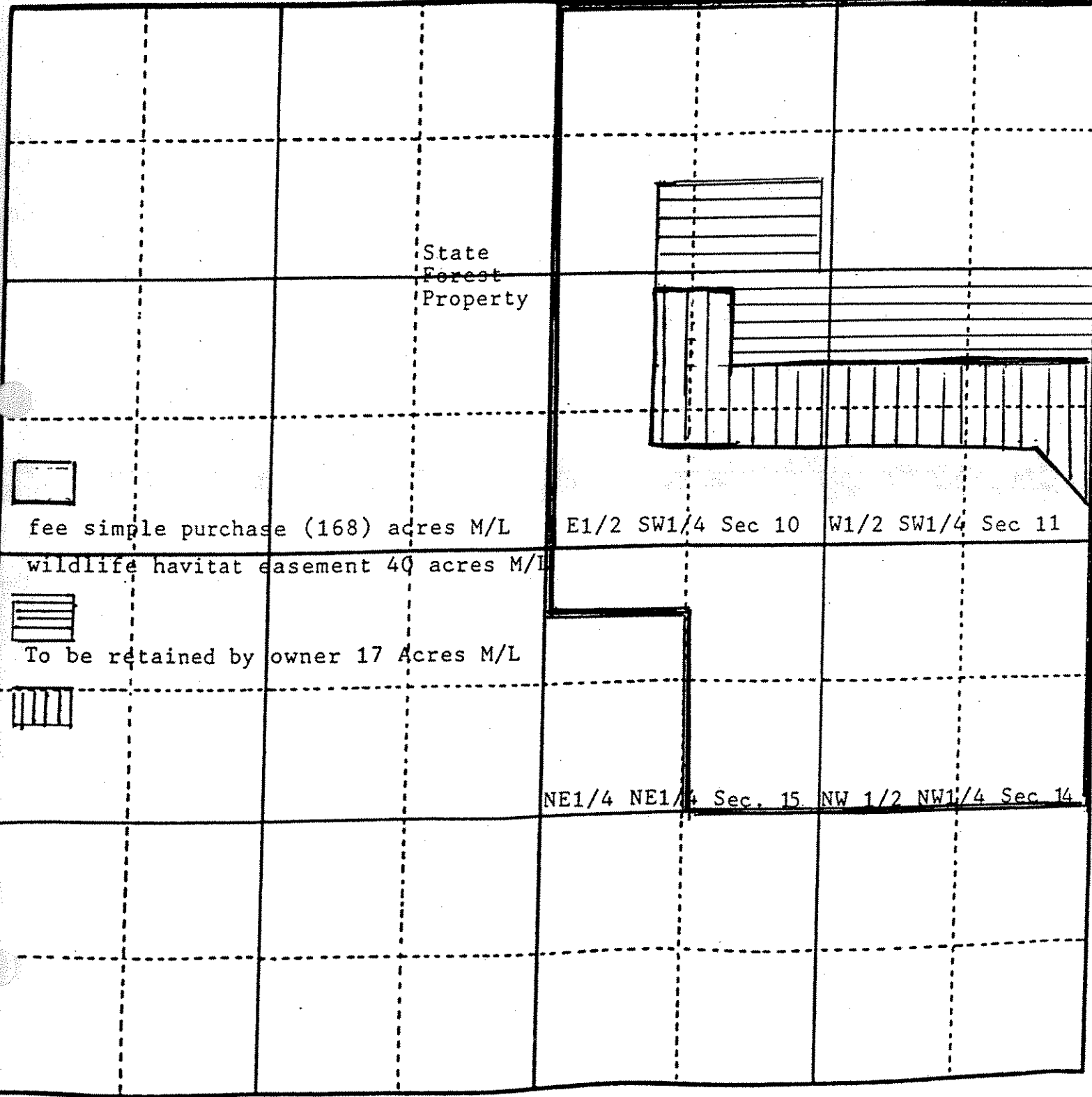
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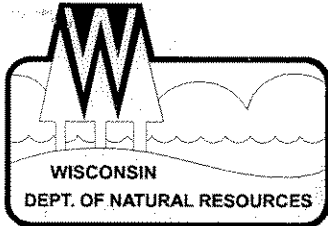
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PROJECT NO.
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APPROVED
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PROJECT Kettle Moraine State Forest - SU		MAPPED BY Walt Adams	
COUNTY Walworth		LANDOWNER Tree Brook Corporation - Donna Hand	
TOWN La Grange		ADDRESS N8925 Tamarack Road Whitewater, WI 53190	
SECTION 10, 11, 14, 15	TOWNSHIP 4N	RANGE 16E	SCALE 1" = 660'
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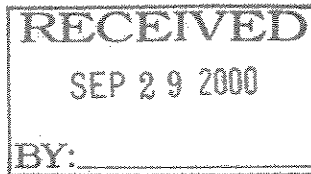


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SEP 29 2000



IN REPLY REFER TO: NA-748

→ Honorable Brian Burke
Member State Senate
Room 316S
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 240-acre land purchase from Tracy Farms, Inc., for \$530,000. 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 September meeting. The land is required for Natural Area Protection and Public Recreation.

The file number is NA-748 and the land is located in Adams 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: August 25, 2000
 TO: Governor Thompson
 FROM: George E. Meyer *George*
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Acquisition, Tracy Farms, Inc., Tract, File # NA-748,
 Option Expires November 1, 2000

FILE REF: NA-748

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Dells of the Wisconsin River Natural Area
 Adams County

Grantor:

Tracy Farms, Inc.
 c/o John Tracy
 P.O. Box 65
 Avalon, WI 53505

Acres: 240.0Price: \$530,000Appraised Value: \$480,000; \$604,750Interest: Purchase in fee.Improvements: Mobile home; well; and septic system (Total Value \$8,000)

Location: The tract is located nineteen miles south of the City of Adams-Friendship, in southern Adams County.

Land Description: The subject area varies from moderate to sharply rolling.

<u>Covertypes Breakdown:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
	Wooded Lowland	20.0
	Wooded Upland	195.0
	Grasslands	<u>24.9</u>
	TOTAL	239.9

Zoning: Agriculture, Conservancy, and FloodplainPresent Use: Outdoor RecreationProposed Use: Natural Area Protection and Public RecreationTenure: 36 yearsProperty Taxes: \$4,398.35Option Date: August 3, 20002. JUSTIFICATION:

The Department proposes to purchase the 239.9-acre Tracy Farms, Inc., property in Adams County for the Dells of the Wisconsin River State Natural Area. Ownership will protect the natural and scientific values of the tract from damage or destruction, allow public access to the parcel, allow natural area management, and consolidate state ownership in this area of the project.

The Dells of the Wisconsin River Natural Area is located at the juncture of Adams, Columbia, Juneau, and Sauk Counties. It consists primarily of a corridor of land along both sides of the Wisconsin River in the scenic Wisconsin Dells Area. The Dells of the Wisconsin River is a popular tourist area. The purposes of the project are to preserve the scenic and environmentally sensitive sand stone bluffs and buttes, which comprise the Dells, and to preserve and enhance a number of threatened and endangered species and habitats found within the project. Presently, approximately 1,100 acres of land and 10 miles of river frontage are in state ownership.

The Tracy Farms, Inc., parcel is approximately 240 acres in size, of which all but 55 acres are within the established project boundary. Covertypes consist of primarily wooded upland, with some open grassland areas as well. The property features approximately 7,000 feet of water frontage on two banks of Witches Gulch Creek and a tributary. This is a Class I brook trout stream. The stream averages 12-15 feet in width and 6-18 inches in depth as it crosses this property. The stream has cold water having a moderate flow over a sand bottom. The stream bisects the property into three parcels in a wishbone fashion. The stream does not significantly restrict access as each upland portion of the property has drivable access off public highways or roads bordering the parcel.

This property has an above average timber stand consisting of oak, jack pine, and white pine, with occasional very large white pines. Also present are scattered species typical of mixed northern hardwoods such as, aspen, birch, balsam, maple, etc. This property is enrolled in the Managed Forest Law program. A very selective timber harvest has been completed in past years on this property. In places, the forest contains oaks with spreading, open-grown forms indicating these sites were former oak/pine savannas, now a rare community type.

The most striking feature of this tract is Witches Gulch Creek and its associated gorge. There are spring seeps along the gorge bottoms. The sand-bottomed creek is clear and cold and supports a population of native brook trout. It flows west to the Wisconsin River through the famed "Witches Gulch", a deep sandstone chasm. Although not as spectacular as Witches Gulch itself, the gorge on the Tracy Farms property is scenic, with occasional rock outcrops and very large white pines. Protection of the Witches Gulch Creek watershed on this property is important to the long-term health of the stream.

There is good road access to the property with approximately 2,800 feet of frontage on STH "13" on the property's western side, and a little over 3,000 feet of frontage on 10th Avenue on its eastern side. Electric and telephone service is available along Hwy. "13" on the property's west line and along 10th Avenue on the east line. Water and sewer would require private systems. There is a 1974 model mobile home, 14 by 68 feet in size, in fairly poor condition on the property with a six inch drilled well and septic system. The mobile home itself contributes very little to the property. However, the well and septic system may contribute up to \$8,000 in value. After purchase, the improvements will be removed and the site restored to a natural condition.

This property has been in the Tracy family since 1964. It has been used as a recreational retreat for family members to hunt, fish and enjoy nature. The Tracy's are selling the property along with other land. Their first option was to sell to the State DNR so that the land would remain undeveloped. However, if the Department does not buy the land, they will sell to another party, which would most likely promote a commercial or residential development on the property. The Tracy's have already received a written offer of \$1,000,000.00 for the entire 414 acres that they own. The interested party would like to construct a racetrack on the property, which would completely change the natural character and ecosystems now present.

The Department recommends purchase of this property to protect the natural values of the site, to consolidate state ownership, to allow natural area management, and to provide access for research, education, and recreation.

3. FINANCING:

State Stewardship bond funds are anticipated:

	Funds allotted to program:	Balance after proposed transaction
Stewardship Bond:	\$1,300,000	\$858,954

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE DELLS OF THE WISCONSIN RIVER NATURAL AREA:

Established: 1994
Acres Purchased to Date: 1,102.61
Acquisition Goal: 2,115.0 Acres
Percent Complete: 52.1%
Cost to Date: \$2,932,065

5a. APPRAISAL:

Appraiser: Norman Mesun (Private Appraiser)
Valuation Date: May 10, 2000
Appraised Value: \$480,000
Highest and Best Use: Seasonal Recreation and Forestry

Allocation of Values:

- a. land: 240 acres @ \$2,000 per acre: \$480,000
- b. market data approach used, six comparable sales cited
- c. adjusted value range: \$1,564 to \$2,394 per acre

Appraisal Review: Phil Lepinski -- June 24, 2000

5b. APPRAISAL:

Appraiser: Rodney Bush (Private Appraiser)
Valuation Date: June 30, 2000
Appraised Value: \$604,750
Highest and Best Use: Residential/Recreation/Commercial

Allocation of Values:

- a. land: 240 acres @ \$2,520 per acre: \$604,750
- b. market data approach used, four comparable sales cited
- c. adjusted value range: \$2,459 to \$2,540 per acre

Appraisal Review: Phil Lepinski -- July 24, 2000

Comments: Two appraisals were completed for this transaction. The first was completed by Norman Mesun (Private Appraiser) on May 10, 2000 with a valuation of \$480,000. The second appraisal was completed by Rodney Bush (Private Appraiser) on June 30, 2000 with a valuation of \$604,750. Through negotiations with the grantor, final purchase value was set at \$530,000.

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes
Richard E. Steffes

8-29-00
Date

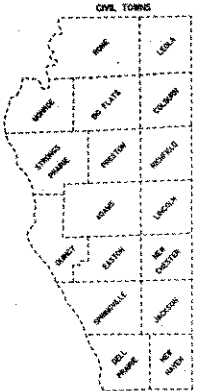
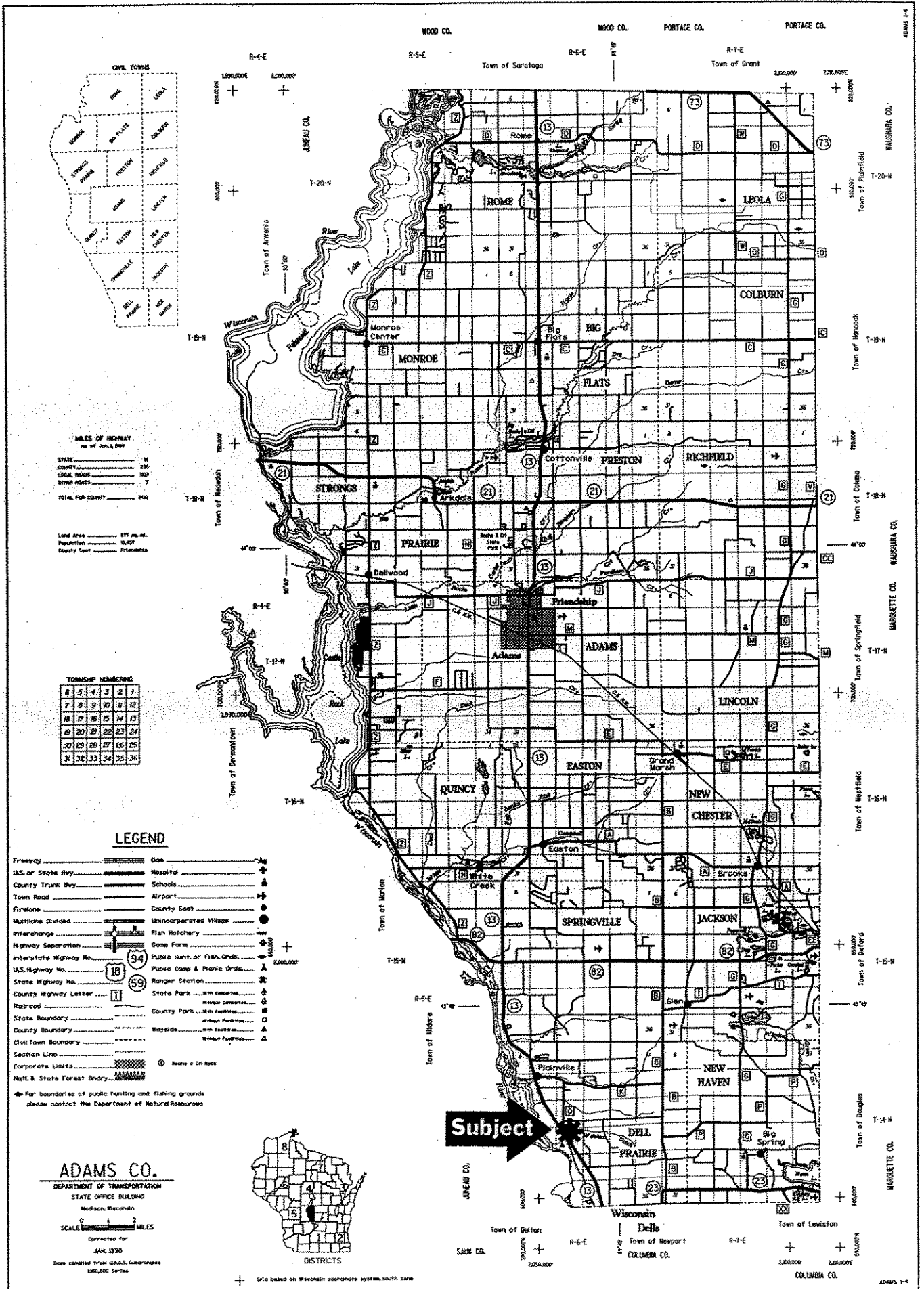
Jimmy S. Christen
Bureau of Legal Services

8-29-00
Date

Steven W. Miller (SSA)
Steven W. Miller

9/1/00
Date

RES:jp



MILES OF HIGHWAY
as of Jan. 1, 1959

STATE _____ 10
COUNTY _____ 235
LOCAL ROADS _____ 309
TOTAL FOR COUNTY _____ 654

Land Area _____ 177 sq. mi.
Population _____ 13,457
County Seat _____ Friendship

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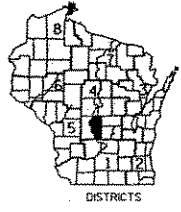
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For boundaries of public hunting and fishing grounds please contact the Department of Natural Resources

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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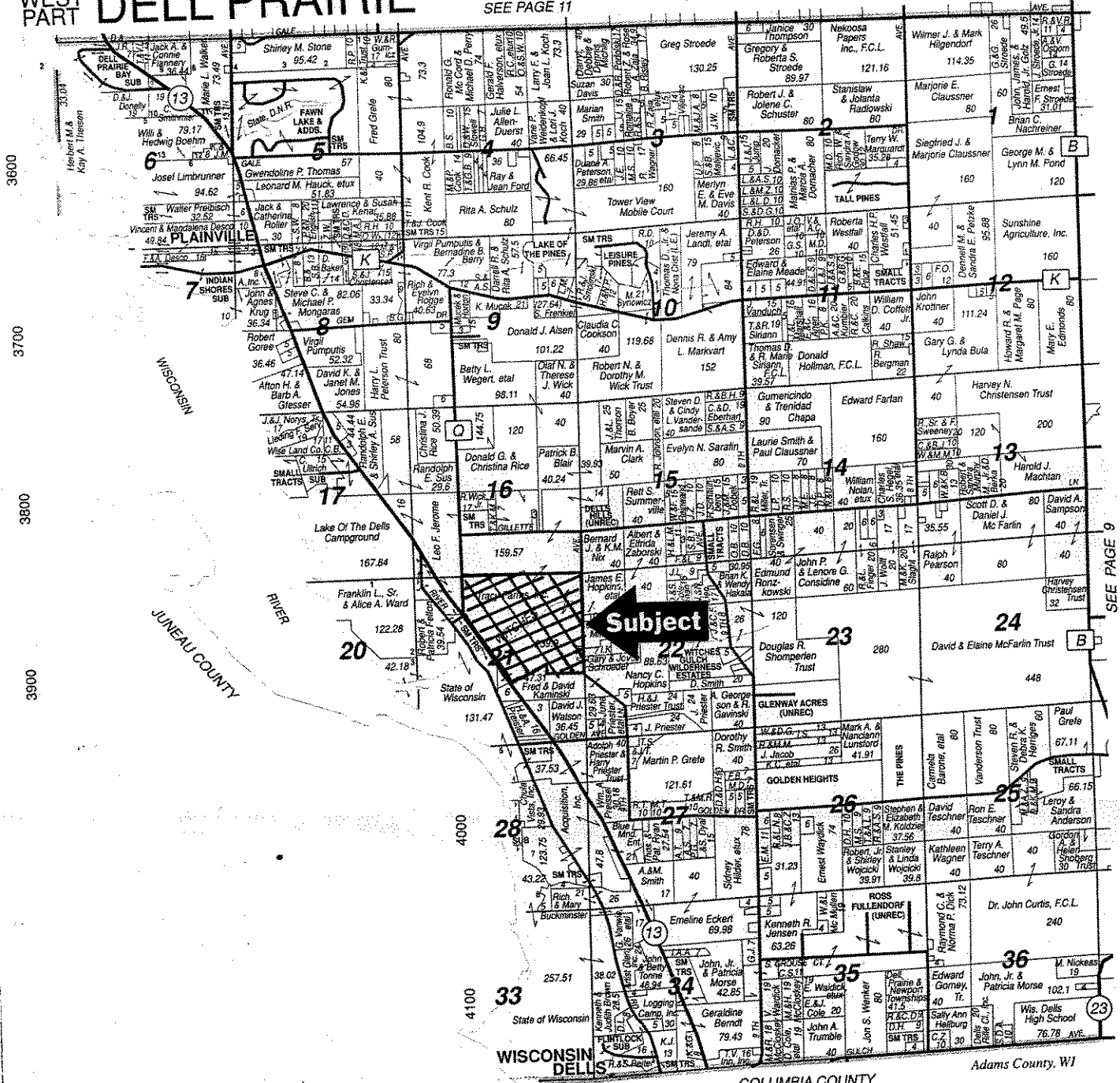


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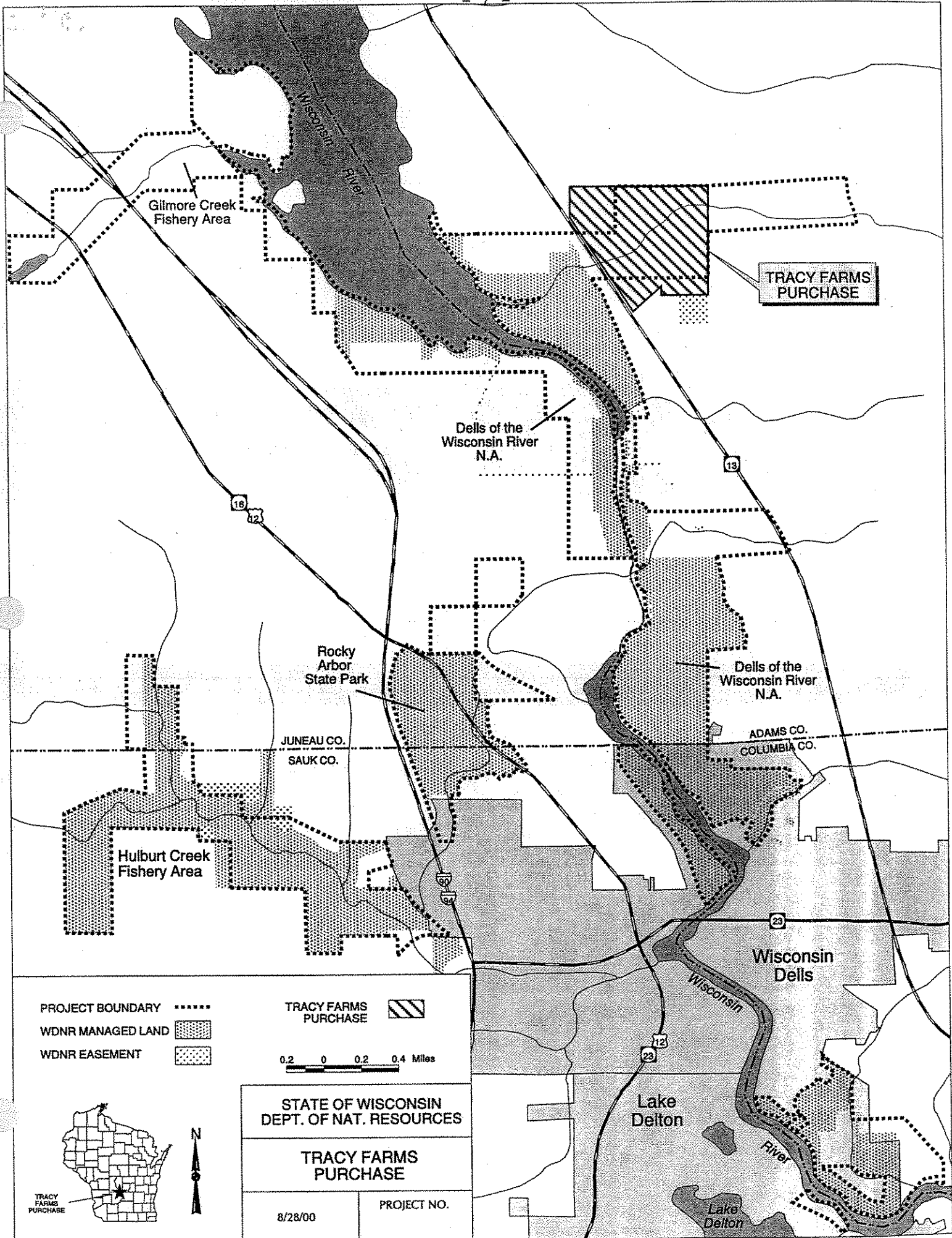
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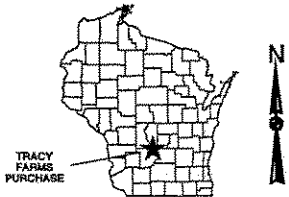
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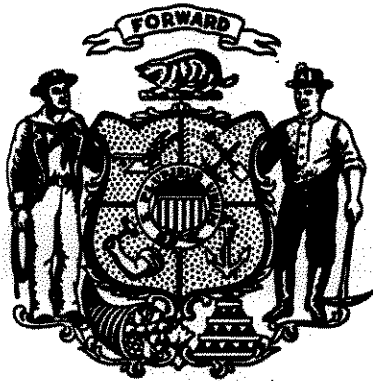
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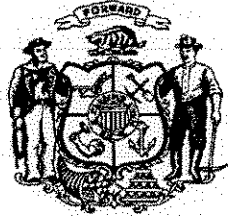


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

October 17, 2000

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 September 27, 2000, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., pertaining to a request from the University of Wisconsin System.

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

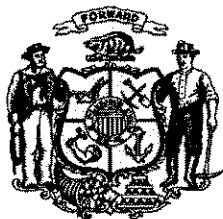
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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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: September 27, 2000

Attached is a copy of a request from the Department of Administration, received September 27, 2000, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., pertaining to a request from the University of Wisconsin System.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Burke** or **Representative Gard** no later than **Monday, October 16, 2000**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like to meet formally to consider it.

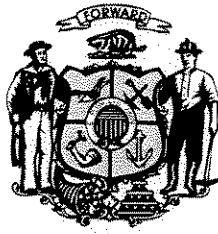
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

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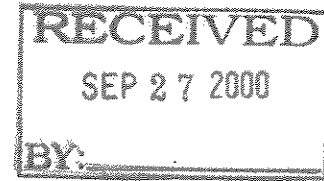
Date: September 27, 2000

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>
UWS 20.285(1)(kv)	University of Wisconsin, stray voltage research				2.00 *

* Project position authority to end on 09/30/04.

As provided in s. 16.515, the request(s) will be approved on October 18, 2000, 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.

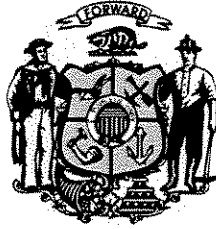
Please contact Vicky LaBelle at 266-1072, or the analyst who reviewed the request in the Division of Executive Budget and Finance, if you have any additional questions.

Attachments

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Date: September 19, 2000
To: George Lightbourn, Secretary
Department of Administration
From: Erin K. Fath *EKF*
Subject: Request under s. 16.505 from the UW System for 3.0 PR-S FTE positions.

REQUEST:

The UW System requests authority to create 3.0 PR-S FTE in the continuing appropriation under s. 20.285 (1)(kv), *Stray voltage research*.

REVENUE SOURCES FOR APPROPRIATION:

Wisconsin 1999 Act 9 (1999-01 Biennial Budget) provided \$175,000 annually in program revenue funding and created a new continuing appropriation within UW System. The \$175,000 is derived from program revenue funds within a new Public Service Commission (PSC) appropriation, s. 20.155 (1)(jm), *Stray voltage research*. The funds are transferred annually to System from the PSC, for the purpose of carrying out research on the effects of stray voltage.

BACKGROUND:

The PSC appropriation under s. 20.155 (1)(jm), *Stray voltage research*, includes "all moneys received by the commission from public utilities and electric cooperatives under s. 196.856". The funds are derived from assessments on public utilities that produce electricity and electric cooperatives, in proportion to their respective electric gross operating revenues derived from intrastate operations during the previous calendar year.

1999 Act 9 directs the PSC to transfer \$175,000 annually to the UW System appropriation under s. 20.285 (1)(kv). Act 9 further directs the UW Board of Regents to "establish a stray voltage research program" [s. 36.25(45)]. However, Act 9 provided no additional position authority to System for the purpose of conducting the research. Because this is a new appropriation within System, there are no existing positions that can be used for this purpose.

While UW System does have the authority to create and abolish positions as needed in some of its program revenue, continuing appropriations, this authority does not apply to the stray voltage research appropriation. Thus, while System has the funding and the directive to conduct the research, they have no positions (or the ability to create them without legislative approval) with which to fulfill their statutory obligation.

Senator Decker was the author of the original motion to provide stray voltage research funding to UW System. The motion initially failed during the Joint Committee on Finance budget deliberations. However, the funding was provided in the Senate version of the 1999-01 biennial budget, and was included in 1999 Act 9. A staff member from Senator Decker's office indicated that the funding was provided to cover the costs of additional FTEs to conduct the research, and that the omission of additional position authority was an oversight.

ANALYSIS:

UW System requests 3.0 PR-S FTE to be used for the purpose of conducting research on the effects of stray voltage, as required by 1999 Act 9. UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) would carry out the research. The project period is estimated at approximately 3 to 4 years (FY01-FY04). CALs indicates the need for the following positions to carry out the research:

- 0.10 FTE Faculty
- 0.50 FTE Research Assistant in FY01, 1.0 FTE Research Assistant in FY02 – FY04
- 0.50 FTE Academic Staff in FY01, 1.0 FTE Academic Staff in FY02 – FY04

In total, CALs estimates it will need at least 1.10 FTE in FY01, and at least 2.10 FTE in the following years to conduct the research. CALs indicates that it may require an additional half-time (or possibly greater) Research Assistant during the later years of the project to complete the research. For the sake of simplicity, the request has been rounded up to 3.0 FTE for all years.

There is no indication that the funding from the PSC will not be available throughout the life of the project. However, it is possible that the funding could be removed as a result of future legislative action. For this reason, it would be prudent to provide the requested FTE as project positions for four years, the estimated duration of the research project.

While CALs anticipates the possibility of needing an additional Research Assistant (0.50 FTE) to complete the project, it seems reasonable to provide only the position authority that CALs is certain will be required of the project. UW-Madison budget staff indicates that CALs could conduct the research with an additional 2.0 FTE. UW System could come forward in the future to request additional position authority for the project, should the need arise.

UW Madison budget staff indicates that the total cost for salaries, fringe benefits and supplies for 2.0 FTE (one Research Assistant and one Academic Staff) would total \$82,000 in FY01, \$124,900 in FY02, and \$99,200 in FY03 (the lower amount in FY03 is due to a reduced supplies budget in the final year of the project).

Conclusion

It appears that the legislative intent of providing the funding was to allow UW System to hire additional personnel to conduct research on the effects of stray voltage. The funding available to System to conduct the research would cover the estimated costs of the requested positions and associated supplies and expenses. It therefore seems reasonable to provide the position authority that System knows will be needed to conduct the research. Since System currently has no position authority in the appropriation for stray voltage research, it is necessary to provide additional position authority, in order to allow System to carry out its legislative obligation. Because the project is estimated to last approximately three years, and because it is not clear whether funding will be forthcoming in the future, it is appropriate to provide the additional position authority as project positions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve 2.0 PR-S project FTEs for four years to UW System for the purpose of conducting stray voltage research. The project positions would terminate in September 2004.



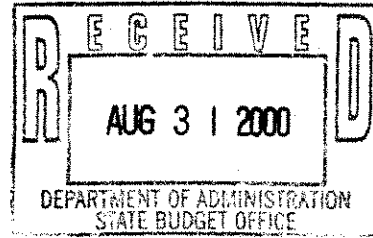
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August 31, 2000



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

George Lightbourn, Secretary
Department of Administration

Dear Senator Burke, Representative Gard and Secretary Lightbourn:

This letter is to request position authority in accordance with s. 16.505 *Wis. Stats.* for the newly created Stray Voltage Research program at UW-Madison. 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 provides \$175,000 Program Revenue annually in a new appropriation, s.20.155(1)(jm), to the Public Service Commission. The appropriation language requires the PSC to transfer the funds annually to the UW System in a new ~~continuing appropriation, s.20.285(1)(kv).~~ Additionally, s.36.25(14) directs the Board of Regents to "establish a stray voltage research program." ~~However, no additional PR position authority was provided within Act 9 for meeting this obligation.~~

The Public Service Commission has transferred the first year of funding to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the second payment is expected later this year. The research will continue into the next biennium with the use of balances. ~~The UW-Madison Stray Voltage Research Planning Committee has recently approved funding of the project, "Exposures of Dairy Cattle to Electrical Events and Their Biological Consequences." The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has determined up to 3.0 FTE will be needed at some point during the project; approximately 1.1 FTE will be necessary to complete the research. However, it may require another half-time research assistant during the second or third year. Therefore, the UW-Madison seeks approval of 3.0 PR FTE for the period of the project, FY's 00/01-03/04, so that the required stray voltage research may be completed.~~

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please direct any questions to Jeff Arnold (265-5792).

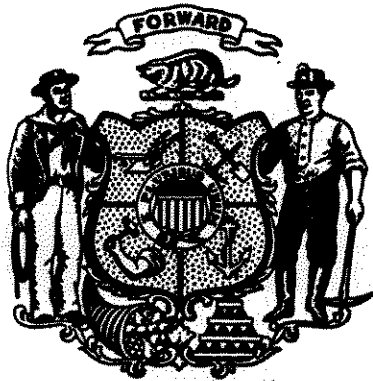
Sincerely,

Doug Hendrix
Acting Associate Vice President for Finance

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